



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August 2021*



Complying with the NSW Government and Health Regulations, church is closed and all Masses have been cancelled until further notice.



## REFLECTION

What do we Catholics mean when we express our conviction that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory? Are we simply heaping praises upon Mary for her 'specialness'? Or is there something deeper at stake? In fact, like all Marian teachings, the Assumption speaks of the saving love of Christ that envelops our human lives. 'For the Son of God became human, so that we might become God' is a saying of the Church Fathers (cf. Catechism, 460). Mary, the 'first disciple' of Jesus Christ walks with and before us in our own path of Christian discipleship. Her singular participation in her Son's resurrection is an anticipation of *our* resurrection. *Who Mary is, we are becoming*. One day we, too, will live forever with God in heavenly glory. The Assumption is a compelling celebration of Christian hope, an affirmation of the human body, and deep-down encouragement in our earthly struggles.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*

**10am Mass  
Sunday, 15th August  
2021**

**will be live streamed.**

**(only during lockdown)**

To access: Go to our OLF Parish Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/olfkingsgrove/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/olfkingsgrove/live_videos/) to connect to YouTube or use YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/JP-dCoFdfBk>

### A CALL FOR PRAYER INTENTIONS:

In coming weeks, a group of Youth parishioners will be praying for the sick and vulnerable members of our community, including those already listed in the bulletin. If anyone would like to join the live video chat, please contact the parish office. Email: [info@olfkingsgrove.org](mailto:info@olfkingsgrove.org)

We would also like to extend an invitation to all who wish to send in names to include in our prayer intentions. If you have anyone in mind who you would like us to pray for any reason, please contact the parish office. May the Lord keep you all healthy and happy at this time. God bless, OLF Youth

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## PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS LOCKDOWN:

*Dear Parishioners,*

Following the directives from the Prime Minister and as affirmed by the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, all places of worship are to remain closed from 6:00pm, Saturday, 26 June to 28 August or until further notice.

This is an understandably difficult and painful decision for all Catholics and all people of faith. We adhere to this decision in order to assist in stopping the spread of the Delta strain coronavirus.

Accordingly, we are implementing the following measures:

1. The church is closed. There will be no public Masses nor liturgies, outdoor until further notice. There will be one live streamed mass this Sunday, 10:00am.
2. Catholics are dispensed from Sunday obligations during the lockdown period.
3. Funerals will still be conducted but with a limit of 10 people and need to comply with social distancing of 4-square-metre rule and mandatory wearing of face masks for all attendees.
4. Weddings are not permitted.
5. Baptisms are not permitted, except in case of emergency.
6. Anointing of the sick, and sick calls generally, are permitted in case of emergency.

### Pastoral support

Whilst we are dispensed from our Sunday obligations there are ways we can still honour Sundays in these difficult times. Masses will be available for viewing live streamed in various churches within the Archdiocese or join ours at 10:00am this Sunday, details on front page. Others, please check: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/>

●If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, Father Casey and or Father Stephen are available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

●At present, the situation is fluid and we are considering what can and cannot be done to support our community. We will keep everyone informed as decisions are made relating to ways to help you pastorally, particularly the vulnerable and those who are in need.

●It seems that because the new Delta strain of virus is so infectious, we are being asked to be even more cautious than during the previous year's lockdown. Hence, Parish office will be closed until further notice.

●Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church on Fridays after 1pm.

●At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic when so many people have already been affected financially, we understand how difficult things are, however we ask that you please continue to support the parish if you can, as we still need to maintain the church. Donations can be made via credit card, or direct deposit through our website. Alternatively, Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) with our bank details on **page 4**. The new sets of envelopes for the financial year 2021/2022 are ready to be picked up when church and office will open after lockdown. The tax receipts will be mailed this week. Should you wish to give your donation without your set of envelopes, you may use any envelope with your name and envelope number written on it, then place your donation in the presbytery Mass Offering Box. Thank you for your kind contributions.

●Father Casey and Father Stephen will continue to celebrate daily and weekend Mass privately and offer Masses for the sick of the parish and for the whole community and the world. If you wish to offer a Mass for a loved one, you may bring the Mass request envelope and place it in the presbytery Mass Offering Box and either Father Casey or Father Stephen will offer the Mass privately.

●We encourage you to continue praying, to read and ponder on the Sacred Scriptures, to pray the Rosary and your favourite devotions individually and, ideally, as a family too.

●Let us connect with one another spiritually by pausing for a minute of silence and praying one Hail Mary at 12:00 noon every day. These are challenging times, please do not be disheartened. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer. We are all one on this journey. May God bless us all.

*Father Casey and Father Stephen*

## GROWING IN FAITH

### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

#### August

16 Mon (Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time)

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22 (419) Pss IV

17 Tue

Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30 (420)

18 Wed

Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16 (421)

19 Thu

Saint John Eudes, Priest

Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14 (422)

20 Fri

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church  
Memorial

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 (423)

21 Sat

Saint Pius X, Pope

Memorial

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12 (424)

22 SUN TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69 (122) Pss I

On Tuesday evenings in August, the Parish Renewal Team is offering an **online leadership formation series** for all serving in parishes and those seeking to serve. Led by the Asia Coordinator at The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, Fr David Braithwaite SJ, the series will focus upon basics in Christian leadership and how we can grow as people who lead others to Christ. Two sessions had been done with more than hundreds joining. You are invited to join the next 2 last sessions. Topics are:

17 August: The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual Practice of Making Better Decisions

24 August: Love that Risks: Creating Communities of Growth and Innovation

To register go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/> or for more information contact Tania Rimal at [tania.rimal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:tania.rimal@sydneycatholic.org).

## The Assumption of the of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15 August 2021

### First Reading

Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10

#### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.*

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it.

Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 44:10-12. 16. R. v.10

#### (R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words:

forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)

2. So will the king desire your beauty:

He is your lord, pay homage to him.

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;

they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)

### Second Reading

1 Cor 15:20-26

#### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven,  
and the angels of God shout for joy.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Lk 1:39-56

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said:

'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.

Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him.

He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.

He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy— according to the promise he made to our ancestors—of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

### Vinnies Winter Appeal

Regrettably the indefinite COVID lockdown has forced us to cancel our plans to undertake our traditional Winter appeal at masses this year. However the needs of the poor continue and your assistance is requested to help us to help them. A web donation page to be set up by Vinnies specifically for our OLF Kingsgrove Winter Appeal. The link to the site is below. Or if you prefer you can use the QR code below which will take you straight to our donation page. Many thanks for your ongoing support to the neediest in our community.

*Bernard Deady*

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/winter-appeal-4>





## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler (Huntingdon Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Patricia North (Southaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Shirley Farrell, (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care); Anthony (Tony) Redford (Pathways Cronulla Pines), Anne Sheerin (Holy Spirit Croydon) Caterina Ancona (Estia Health Bexley), Justina De Bellis (St George Aged Care).

### Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Maria Iacono, Betty Maguire, Peter Morgan, Noa Rose, (newborn baby), Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Jocelle De Vera, Mercedes Nardella, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillon, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Joan Coorey, Rose Aves, Aileen Munoz, Fr Ric Fernando, sdb, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Joe Millen, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Angelo Taranto, James Crlito, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr.

### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Paul Bateman, Joanne Dick, Maria Ferraro, Catalina Mitchell, Mark Chiu, Michael Skennar, Patrick Lehane, Filippa Stillone, Margaret McCafferty, Esme Trainor, Joseph Semiana, Robert Howe, Rita Maini, Enzo Bettini, Inocensio Sy, Peter Fang, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Maria Rowena Andin, Hernando Saclayan, Restituto Alarca, Jesus Cadiz, Franklin Cadiz, John Fick, Valentina Pamittan, Gregorio Waban Snr., Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon.

**Anniversaries:** Portia Mariano, Annette Fleming, Brother Charlie Aquilina, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Joseph Darman, Laurie Maguire, John Ringo Little, Harry Scott, Leonard Dalton, Eileen Tolhurst, Thomas Harte, Antonino Camuglia.

**Also For:** Wilson and Margarita Villamana, Martin Hardman, Rustico and Florita Maglupay, Kevin Quintal and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

**Sign the No Euthanasia Petition to prevent state-sanctioned killing in NSW**  
Go to: <https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/>

**BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING**  
**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## ROSTERS

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### Prayers against the Spread of Corona Virus

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask for your protection against the COVID-19 Corona Virus, that has claimed many lives and has affected many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion and of those governments and private agencies that must find a cure and a solution to this pandemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

### PRAYERS from Our Parish to the World

In this time of isolation, when we are deprived of the Mass and Sacraments, we pray for each other and trust in Our God. As a caring community of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, we reach out to each other in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in our Parish, the City of Sydney, Australia, and the whole world. Bless and protect us all; guide our leaders; guide and protect our doctors, nurses and medical providers; and inspire scientists in developing ethical and safe vaccines.



For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below is our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784  
Account Number: 100000143  
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove  
Reference: Name & envelope number (if applicable)



### "Safeguarding in our Parish

**It is my responsibility and your responsibility!**

Are you a part of the Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Youth Ministry, a Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counter?

To protect our children and youth, if you have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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