



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary Mackillop) Virgin 8 August 2021



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



REFLECTION

Two themes, 'poverty' and 'trust' leap out from the readings for Mary Mackillop's feast day, both befitting Australia's first saint. Poverty in itself is a lack, a harsh suffering, even a death sentence for those like the widow of Zarephath (first reading), as well as many families that Mary Mackillop served in the 19th century in Australia. From another perspective, poverty can be embraced as a gospel path, as a way to draw close to the poor and to God who loves the poor. This path refers not only to the vocations of people like Mary Mackillop, but to an attitude to life itself: the willingness to trust not in material possessions but in the steadfast love of God (Gospel), the decision to let go of personal security in order to reach out to others (second reading). Mary Mackillop lived life on all these fronts. She knew the bitterness of material impoverishment, she embraced God's love for the poor, and she boldly trusted in God to use her life and gifts in the service of the gospel.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2021

**10am Mass
Sunday, 8th 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/ to connect to YouTube or use YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/pZJhWX0kBUM>



**FEAST OF MARY
MACKILLOP
SUNDAY
AUGUST 8**

No Masses will be celebrated at Mary MacKillop's Place. The Chapel remains closed, Prayer resources are available on the website—<https://www.marvmackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>

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Saint Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) Prayer

Ever generous God, You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop, we ask that you grant our request (insert request). We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness. Ever generous God hear our prayers. We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen. St Mary MacKillop, Pray for us. **Amen.**

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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 and Tax Receipts are ready to be picked up when church and office will open after lockdown. 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

9 Mon

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 (413)

10 Tue

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Feast

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop

11 Wed

Saint Clare, Virgin

Memorial

Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 (415)

12 Thu

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)

13 Fri

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 (417)

14 Sat

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Memorial

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 (418)

15 SUN THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY Solemnity

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 (621) Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622) Pss Prop

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. Bishop Richard Umbers attended the first evening and introduced Fr Braithwaite. Next sessions topics include:

- 10 August: Leadership for Mission: Responding to Christ's Sacred Heart
- 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 Rimac at tania.rimac@sydneycatholic.org.

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First Reading

A reading from the first book of Kings

The jar of meal shall not be spent according to the word of the Lord spoken through Elias.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 623:1-8](#)

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Col 3:12-17](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Bear with one another, forgive each other.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with

you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 27:55](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mt 6:25-34](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Do not worry about your life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat,

nor about your body and what you are to wear.

Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not worth much more than they are?

Can any of you, however much you worry,
add one single cubit to your span of life?

And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields;
they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith?

So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat?"

What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

"Public School children's SRE - Learning From Home Lessons

Catholic Scripture taught in Public Schools is called Special Religious Education (SRE).

To access learning from home lessons, for kindergarten through to year 12, please go to the following link;

<https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lesson>
The lessons are extremely well done and are worth parents having a look at as well as their Public School children completing them."

Thanks and God Bless,

Peter Coleman



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:

Betty Maguire, Noa Rose, (newborn baby), Jocelle De Vera, Mercedes Nardella, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, 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, Michael & Eileen Neville, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, 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:

Joanne Dick, Maria Ferraro, Catalina Mitchell, Mark Chiu, Michael Skennar, Patrick Lehane, Filippa Stillone, Margaret McCafferty, Catalina Mitchell, 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: 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: 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.

Joanne Dick's Funeral on Friday 6th August at 10:30 am will be live streamed:

<https://youtu.be/AAG8yvWO6hw>

**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:

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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@equiies@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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