

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

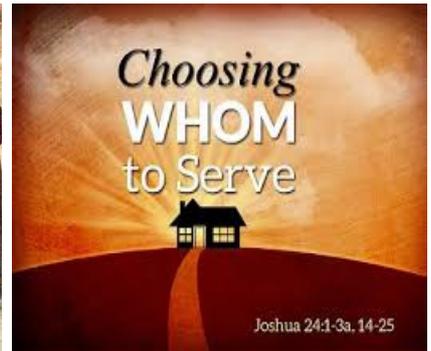
Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 22 August 2021



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



Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

REFLECTION

Today's first reading and Gospel present 'crossroads' scenes. Just as the tribes of Israel must decide whether they will persist in following the Lord God, so must Jesus' disciples consider their future in the face of a difficult teaching. In both cases, the memory of divine fidelity is integral to their decision to stay the course. The Israelites remember the faithful God who delivered them from slavery. Meanwhile, Simon Peter admits that their only authentic option is to trust what they have already come to believe: Jesus has the message of eternal life; he is the Holy One of God. Crossroads are part of our lives too. On those days when being faithful involves a difficult or unpopular choice, may the deep memory of God's steadfast love anchor our commitment and see us through.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2021

10am Mass

Sunday, 22nd August 2021

will be live streamed.

(only during lockdown)

To access: Go to our OLF Parish

Facebook page [https://](https://www.facebook.com/olfkingsgrove/)

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use YouTube link:

<https://youtu.be/MKFZdnNc0pA>

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

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 is 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 were mailed last 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

23 Mon Weekday

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22 (425)

24 Tue

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Feast

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 (629) Pss Prop

25 Wed

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32 (427)

26 Thu

1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51 (428)

27 Fri

Saint Monica

Memorial

1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13 (429)

28 Sat

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30 (430)

29 SUN TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125) Pss II

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 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>



**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
22 August 2021**

First Reading Jos 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9
(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything.

Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



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:

Samar & Carlos Munoz, Tyler Byrne, Maricar Estantino, Maria Iacono, Betty Maguire, Peter Morgan, Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Jocelle De Vera, Mercedes Nardella, Michael & Eileen Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Joan Coorey, Aileen Munoz, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Joe Millen, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, 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:

Sr Mary O'Sullivan osu (Mother Colman-past principal of St Ursula College), Samia Mitri, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna Defina, Fr Ric Fernando sdb, Ryan Smythe, 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, Incensio Sy, Peter Fang, Connie Sebial Naumanen, 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, David Pagnacco, Tony Bottaro, Filippo Solazzo, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Joseph Darman, Laurie Maguire, John Ringo Little, Harry Scott, Leonard Dalton, Eileen Tolhurst, Thomas Harte, Antonino Camuglia.

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions for Wilson and Margarita Villamala; deceased 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.



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Account Number: 100000143
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Reference: Name & envelope number
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"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. 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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