

# 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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 29 August 2021*



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

**10am Mass  
Sunday, 29th 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/7PHRKKWv6Sk>

**Joan Coorey's Funeral will be on Wednesday, 1st September 2021, at 10:00 am. It will be live streamed:**

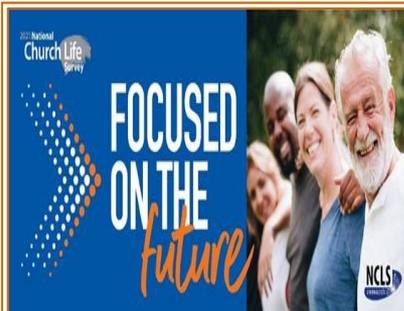
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## REFLECTION

Which is more defining of a Christian disciple? Inner thoughts or outer actions? The heartfelt faith conviction, or the act of service or worship which gives it expression? How about both! As Christ's body, we are incarnational, sacramental people. Our existence is more than bodily activity, we have rich spiritual depths. Yet we do not aspire to be angelic spiritual beings; we are human beings immersed in the physical world and its history. The love of God and neighbour in our hearts is to be embodied and enacted on earth. But what if we start to bear inner resentments, grudges, hatreds? No matter how privately held, these seeds, if left unattended, will grow and infect the conduct of our outward, visible lives. Today, make an examination of conscience. Uproot a toxic attitude; plant and nurture a seed of love and gratitude.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*



Our Parish is invited to be part of the 2021 National Church Life Survey. The survey will assist us plan for a better future for our Parish. We are encouraged to participate. The results will provide Parishes, the Diocese and the Australian Churches as a whole with a rich resource for reflection and

pastoral planning. It will be held in October or November. More details will follow closer to the date.

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## PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS LOCKDOWN:

### *Dear Parishioners,*

It is sad to hear that lockdown in Greater Sydney had been extended that all places of worship are to remain closed from 6:00pm, Saturday, 26 June to end of September 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. We thank those who had made their donations via EFT.** 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 12 August. 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 2021

30 Mon

1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30 (431)

31 Tue

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37 (432)

#### SEPTEMBER 2021

1 Wed

Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44 (433)

2 Thu

Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11 (434)

3 Fri

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Memorial

Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39 (435)

4 Sat

Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5 (436)

#### 5 SUN TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37 (128) Pss III

## 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>



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29 August 2021**

**First Reading** Dt 4:1-2. 6-8

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

*You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.*

Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

**A reading from the letter of St James**

*Be doers of the word.*

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jas 1:18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’

He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’



## 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:

Netta Donnelly, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Alice Lee, 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 Ravaillon, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, 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 Crito, 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:

Joan Coorey, Bernie Williams, Rufino Hilario, Sr Mary O'Sullivan osu (Mother Colman-past principal of St Ursula College), Sr Peg Gallan osu (Oder of St Ursula), Giuseppe Giuliano, Avelina Aguilar, Samia Mitri, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna Defina, Alden Santiago, 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, Inocensio Sy, Peter Fang, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Jesus Cadiz, Franklin Cadiz, John Fick.

**Anniversaries:** Alfia & Antonino D'Agata, Portia Mariano, Isidoro John Defina, Maria Aleixo, Bela Simoes, Annette Fleming, Brother Charlie Aquilina, David Pagnacco, Tony Bottaro, Filippo Solazzo, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Martin Hardman, Joseph Darman, Laurie Maguire, Harry Scott, Leonard Dalton, Eileen Tolhurst, Thomas Harte, Antonino Camuglia.

**Also For:** Thanksgiving & intentions for Raymond Jasmin, Wilson and Margarita Villamala; deceased 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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