



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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 5 September 2021



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

**10am Mass
Sunday, 5th September
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/HeWeZn5nD6Q>

REFLECTION

The prophet Isaiah, more than seven centuries before Jesus' birth, wrote of a coming of age when the surviving remnant of his displaced people would rebuild peace and justice under the leadership of a future descendant of David. He pointed to the signs that would accompany this new age in such verses as the following: 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened/the ears of the deaf unsealed/then the lame shall leap like a deer/ and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy' (Isaiah 35:5-6). If we know the Gospel narratives well, we will have no trouble in relating such texts to healing events in Jesus' ministry. These are some of the criteria that Jesus himself invoked when asked by John the Baptist's disciples if he was the long-awaited Messiah (Luke 7:22). The situation of the pagan deaf mute in today's reading was similar in some respects to that of the leper in Jesus' day. Unable to communicate freely with others, he lived a life of social isolation. Unemployable, he was completely dependent on the charity of others. Note how sensitively Jesus interacts with the man, using relevant physical contact in a context where mere words would have meant nothing to him. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*

Sydney Catholic Archbishop, Anthony Fisher OP, has launched the Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal. The appeal will raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocese resources of education, health and welfare to Afghan families and individuals fleeing their homeland in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. The UN and aid agencies are preparing for a Syria scale refugee crisis. The appeal means that those who find their way to Australia will have support and resources waiting for them. These dark times remind all of us that we really are our brother and our sisters' keeper. **We urge you to donate, go to: Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal. For further information go to: <http://justiceandpeace.org.au/>** Thank you on behalf of the archbishop and those most vulnerable people for your support.

A Father's Day Prayer

God,

Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

Happy
FATHER'S
Day

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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 permitted but only 5 guests.
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 will be available for collection in front of the church for 2 weeks, Friday, 3 and 10 September and Saturday, 4 and 11 September, 10am to 4:00pm. You can place your donations with your envelopes in the presbytery Mass Offering Box.** The tax receipts were mailed last 12 August. Thank you for your generous 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

September

6 Mon

Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

7 Tue

Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19 (438)

8 Wed

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636)

Pss Prop

9 Thu

Saint Peter Claver, Priest Memorial

Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38 (440)

10 Fri

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42 (441)

11 Sat

1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

12 SUN TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 50:4c-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35 (131) Pss IV

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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First Reading Is 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

(R.)

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever,

Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation cf. Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



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.

Planned Giving Envelopes are for collection in front of the church for 2 weeks, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday 3 and 10 September; Saturday 4 and 11 September.

Please sanitise hands before and after getting your envelopes. Please no loitering around.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyan) Lee, 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 Ravaillion, 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 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:

Joan Coorey, Bernie Williams, Shaun Moloney, Rufino Hilario, Sr Mary O'Sullivan osu (Mother Colman-past principal of St Ursula College), Sr Peg Gallan osu (Order of St Ursula), Giuseppe Giuliano, Avelina Aguilar, Samia Mitri, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna Defina, Alden Santiago, Ryan Smythe, Paul Bateman, Joanne Dick, Maria Ferraro, Rufino Hilario, 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.

Anniversaries: Alfia & Antonino D'Agata, Reynaldo Girado, 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: Special intentions for the Coorey family; deceased Maria Patane, 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/protect_life_nsw

Write to your local MP to stop proposed laws.

Tool is available on: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocr_nsw

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. 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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