



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 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 12 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, 12th
September 2021
will be live streamed.
(only during lockdown)**

To access: Go to our OLF Parish Facebook https://www.facebook.com/olfkingsgrove/live_videos/ to connect to YouTube or use YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/yYCbTD7Y6NM>

REFLECTION

Walking northwards Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples a question which continues to resonate through the ages: 'Who do people say I am?' If we are serious in proclaiming our Christian faith, it is a question to which we must provide a sincere personal response not only in a creedal statement but also in the manner of our daily life. Jesus was probably well aware of the negative terms with which his enemies described him. To them he was a blasphemer, a false prophet, a law-breaker, a glutton and drunkard and even a madman. Others saw him more positively as John the Baptist or Elijah. Both to the blind man at Bethsaida (John 9) and to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well (John 4), he was a prophet. Jesus answered his own question in a series of seven 'I am' statements in John's Gospel in which he claimed to be: the bread of life, the light of the world, the door of the sheepfold, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, and the way and the truth and the life. In responding to Jesus' question today and seeking our own true identity, we might also ask Jesus, 'Who do you say I am?'

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.

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.

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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 every 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 and Credit Cards. The new sets of envelopes for the financial year 2021/2022 will be available for collection in front of the church for another week, Friday, 10 September and Saturday, 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

13 Mon

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Memorial

1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10 (443)

14 Tue

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Feast

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

15 Wed

Our Lady of Sorrows, Memorial

1 Tm 3:14-16 (445)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639)

Pss Prop

16 Thu

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs Memorial

1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50 (446)

17 Fri

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3 (447)

18 Sat

1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15 (448)

19 SUN TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37 (134) Pss I

PHONE LINES DISCONNECTED

Last week, Telstra Services connected our phone lines to the NBN network. It was working for a few days but since Monday, 6 September, our phone lines were not working with message that they had been disconnected. Telstra had been notified immediately. Please send us email instead: info@olfkingsgrove.org until phones are back to normal. For urgent matters, please call Katrina on 0410 970 050. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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12 September 2021**

First Reading Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Planned Giving Envelopes are for collection in front of the church for another week, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday, 10 September and Saturday, 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, Maria Iacono, (Estia Health Bexley), Justina De Bellis (St George Aged Care).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Netta Donnelly, Jun Ureta, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyan) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Alice Lee, Arturo Agbuya, Tyler Byrne, Maricar Estantino, 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, 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:

Judith Leishman, Joan Hutchins, Joan Coorey, Bernie Williams, Shaun Moloney, 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, Incensio Sy, Peter Fang.

Anniversaries: Italo & Adriano Giannoccolo, Frances Herenda, Alfia & Antonino D'Agata, Reynaldo Girado, Zosimo Osmena, 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 Alfredo Ureta, Snr., 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.

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

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

ROSTERS

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Prayers against the Spread of Coronavirus

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask for your protection against the COVID-19 Delta strain 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.**

Safeguarding Sunday, 12 September 2021



This week the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney celebrated National Child Protection Week for the fifth year in a row, and today, the week culminates with the celebration of Safeguarding Sunday. The celebration of this past week, leading up to Safeguarding Sunday, has provided us with an opportunity to reflect on how we can improve the ways we care for, protect and listen to the Children and Young People in our communities.

To help us reflect, the Safeguarding Office has developed two new resources; the *Children's Activity Book* and *A Guide for Young People to Better Understand their Wellbeing*.

Additionally, the Safeguarding Offices of the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Diocese of Parramatta and the Diocese of Broken Bay, have collaborated on the development of a resource. Entitled *Children and Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities*, this guide promotes community awareness to support, engage, listen to and communicate with Children and Young People.

These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding website: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

I encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Young People.

An Invitation to Join Our Intercessory Prayer Group (IPG)

IPG was established in our Parish about 40 years ago. We pray for those who are in need of our prayers, including those listed in the Parish Bulletin. We pray for a variety of intentions, not just the sick & dying, eg; buying or selling a house; pregnancy or trying to become pregnant; those seeking employment, or having difficulties with their employment. Anything at all.

Requests can be made to me via email or phone or personally. I email our group, usually monthly, sometimes more often.

For members who don't have computers, I hand deliver or post them. If you would like to join us or if you have a prayer request my details are:

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Please join us. This is a very worthwhile but easy ministry.

Thank You.