



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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 19 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, 19th 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/LMoOOyRVpnw>

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.

REFLECTION

Passing through Galilee, en route to Jerusalem with the Twelve, Jesus told them that ignominious death at the hands of his enemies awaited him, after which he would rise again. Not surprisingly, this provoked an animated discussion among these often uncomprehending disciples who seemed to be more concerned about their future prospects and their personal status within the group than about Jesus' imminent demise. When they reached Capernaum, where Peter's mother-in-law lived, Jesus put them on the spot by asking what they had been arguing about. With good reason they were embarrassed and chose not to respond. At this point in their commitment to Jesus, lacking the simplicity and candour of a child, they had yet to understand, much less accept, the true nature of Jesus' mission as God's 'Suffering Servant'. Unmindful of his predilection for the poor and the outcast, they also failed to comprehend that the glory of God could shine forth most brilliantly in the face of the crucified Christ. In our day Pope Francis has frequently drawn attention to Jesus; words. "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all"- words we must take to heart, clergy and laity alike.

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.

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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 2 weeks, Friday, 17 & 24 September and Saturday, 18 & 25 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

20 Mon

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs, Memorial Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18 (449)

21 Tue

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Feast

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop

22 Wed

Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)

23 Thu

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio) Memorial

Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9 (452)

24 Fri

Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22 (453)

25 Sat

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)

26 SUN TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137) Pss II

PHONE LINES FIXED

On Wednesday, 15 September, Telstra had informed us that phone lines had been fixed and back to normal. However, calls are diverted to Katrina's phone due to office closure since lockdown. We are committed to serving you for your enquiries, please continue to call us or send us emails: info@olfkingsgrove.org.

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First Reading

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **(R.)**
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

A reading from the letter of St James

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start?

**BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Planned Giving Envelopes are for collection in front of the church for another 2 weeks, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday, 17 & 24 September and Saturday, 18 & 25 September.

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



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, Justina De Bellis (St George Aged Care).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Maria Iacono, Netta Donnelly, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Alice Lee, Tyler Byrne, Maricar Estantino, Betty Maguire, Peter Morgan, Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Mercedes Nardella, Michael & Eileen Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Angelo Taranto, James Critto, 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, Samia Mitri, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna Defina, Alden Santiago, Ryan Smythe, Paul Bateman, Joanne Dick, Maria Ferraro, Rufino Hilario, Catalina Mitchell.

Anniversaries: Juana Hilario, Pacita Ramos, Limo Maini, Emma Tasselli, Italo & Adriano Giannoccolo, Frances Merenda, Alfia & Antonino D'Agata, Isidoro John Defina, Maria Aleixo, Bela Simoes, Annette Fleming, Brother Charlie Aquilina, David Pagnacco, Tony Bottaro, Filippo Solazzo.

Also For: Deceased Alfredo Ureta, Snr., Maria Patane, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Please note: For requests for mass offerings to be put in Bulletin, please drop your offerings in the Petitions Box, call or send email on or before 6:00 pm Wednesdays. Bulletins are printed or sent electronically on Thursdays.

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 ocp nsw>

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.**



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.



"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 equities@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.

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.