

# 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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 26 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, 26th September  
2021  
will be live streamed.(only  
during lockdown)**

To access: Go to our OLF Parish  
Facebook [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/iyPUQ\\_tJp4Q](https://youtu.be/iyPUQ_tJp4Q)

## REFLECTION

Scripture scholars (perhaps with John 6:60 in mind) sometimes refer to the 'hard sayings' of Jesus-aspects of his teaching which may, at first glance, seem unduly demanding, even unreasonable, to his would-be disciples. In interpreting these 'hard sayings', we must make allowance for the fact that Jesus is sometimes speaking metaphorically and using Semitic hyperbole. If we take literally (as doubtless people have done) Jesus' words, "if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out", we may find ourselves like Dicken's irascible schoolmaster, Wackford Squeers, who 'had but one eye, and the popular prejudice runs in favour of two'. As we reflect on Jesus' 'hard sayings' in today's Gospel reading, we may feel rather discouraged. Even despite our best efforts, our life of faith falls far short of the ideal that he proposes. At such times, we need to turn to the God who is rich in mercy and pray like the father of the boy from whom Jesus expelled an unclean spirit-"I do have faith. Help the little faith I have!" (Mark 9:24). Take heart and say with Paul: "There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:3).

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*

*BLESSINGS  
on the  
Anniversary  
of your  
Ordination*



Congratulations Father Casey as you celebrate your 26th Ordination Anniversary on Thursday, 30 September! Your abiding devotion and faithful service has touched countless hearts and inspired so many souls. What a blessing you are to many of us!



This weekend starts Charitable Works Fund Appeal. A special message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP emphasises the importance of this appeal, and invites you to support our "Gospel message of love, and its fruits in ministries of mercy".

Please consider making a 100% tax deductible donation. Your donation will assist

those suffering with mental illness, mothers facing homelessness and members of our deaf and disabled community. Due to our church still closed, please direct deposit your donation, bank details on page 4, reference: your name or envelope number and CWF. For credit cards, go to our website: [www.olfkingsgrove.org.au](http://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au) then click on Support Us. Alternatively, use your envelope and drop it at Presbytery Intentions Box. Thank you for your generosity.

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## PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS LOCKDOWN:

### *Dear Parishioners,*

We thank God that there are some easing of restrictions in Greater Sydney but all places of worship are still to remain closed till 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, 24 September and Saturday, 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

27 Mon

**Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Memorial**

**Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50 (455)**

28 Tue

**Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**

**Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56 (456)**

29 Wed

**Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Feast**

**Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51 (647) Pss Prop**

30 Thu

**Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church Memorial**

**Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12 (458)**

OCTOBER 2021

1 Fri

**Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Memorial**

**Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16 (459)**

2 Sat

**The Holy Guardian Angels Memorial**

**Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 (460)/Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650) Pss Prop**

**3 SUN TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**

**TIME**

**Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12 (140) Pss III**



Father Stephen, we wish you a wonderful and happy birthday, on Monday, 27 September. May God give you the power, strength, courage, knowledge and wisdom to continue to propagate His words to us, your parishioners and friends.

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 September 2021

**First Reading** Nm 11:25-29

**A reading from the book of Numbers**

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me. Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Jas 5:1-6

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

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**Gospel Acclamation** See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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

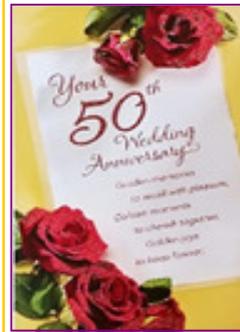
*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name;

and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



Belated golden wedding anniversary greetings to an awesome couple—Veronica and Peter Tierney (Sunday, 19 September). Your love for each other is an inspiration and a great example for everyone.  
**Congratulations!**



**October: The Month of the Rosary**

You are warmly invited to join in saying the Rosary as a community.

**Every Wednesday Evening at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

There is no greater time to start saying the Rosary together than now. Together, OLF Kingsgrove Primary School, OLF Parishioners along with the community of St Ursula's will pray the Rosary for the intentions of our whole community.

**1st zoom Rosary will be October 6th.  
Zoom link will be in our 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING**  
**CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Planned Giving Envelopes are for collection in front of the church for another week 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Friday, 24 September and Saturday, 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:

Netta Donnelly, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Alice Lee, Tyler Byrne, Maricar Estantino, Peter Morgan, Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Mercedes Nardella, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillion, 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 Crillo, 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:

Betty Maguire, Maria Iacono, Remedios Alfoforo, Judith Leishman, Joan Hutchins, Joan Coorey, Asuncion Gucco, Bernie Williams, Eileen Neville, 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, Ryan Smythe, Paul Bateman.

**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:** Thanksgiving intentions for Constanca Alamo & Susana Gener; deceased 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.noethanasia.org.au/protect\\_life\\_nsw](https://www.noethanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw)

Write to your local MP to stop proposed laws.

Tool is available on: [https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_ocp\\_nsw](https://www.noethanasia.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@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.

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.