



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 20 February 2022



Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, from Friday, 18th February, two-square-metre rule had been scrapped; our church can have full capacity. QR code and paper registration check ins will no longer apply on entry.



REFLECTION

“ Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.” This is so hard to do and yet it is fundamental to Christian life. Imagine how happy our world would be if this was lived out on a global scale. And yet, this kind of attitude has to take root at the personal level before it can grow to global proportions. I have to learn to love not only my enemies, but even those who simply annoy me, those who seem to have a grudge against me, act unfairly towards me, or speak ill of me. One of our great models in learning how to do this is St Therese of Lisieux. In her ‘ Little Way ’ she showed us that doing something as simple as taking on the washing up duty for someone in our household who is annoying us can be an act of love. It may not change the person in question, but it changes us. Because when we choose to love, even through small acts of service, it opens our hearts to God’s healing grace and mercy, and this can’t help but overflow.

God’s Word Daily Reflections 2022

MASS TIMES

Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am &
5.00pm

Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm. 2 square metre rule had been scrapped. No booking for all these masses.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday:11.00am -12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd
Sunday of each month.
(Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment
(Please call Parish Office)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE PHONES
HAVE NOW BEEN FIXED**

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9150 0261 & 9150 0258**

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LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE
EFFECTIVE: From Friday, 18 February 2022

1. Face masks are still mandatory in the church, public transport, indoors and in organised outdoor events until Feb 25 but it is highly recommended in our church if social distancing is not possible.
2. Congregational singing is permitted but wear mask.
3. All attendees are no longer required to use the QR code and paper registration upon entry.
4. No booking on all masses. Our church can have maximum capacity. The 2-square-metre rule had been scrapped but for our safety, please maintain reasonable safe distancing.
5. Avoid congestion before or after mass; attendees should maintain safe distance when lining up for communion, even though 2 square metre rule had been scrapped..
6. Sanitise hands before entering the Church. Though easing of restrictions had been announced, we still request you to follow the above in order to protect ourselves and others as an exercise of 'love of neighbour'. We hope to get through this difficult time together. Thank you.

All of these notices might change depending on the Covid 19 situation.

HELP NEEDED!!

Please come and join the Zonta Club of Sydney West at a Birthing Kit Assembly Day in the Clune Centre on Saturday 26th February from 9am-12pm.

This is a fantastic way to make a real difference in the world, as we continue our commitment to lower mother and baby mortality rates in the world's poorest countries. We especially encourage high school students to come along and learn about what goes into a birthing kit!

In accordance with NSW Health Regulations you will need to wear a mask and be vaccinated to attend. Morning tea will be provided. Please email or call Therese Abela-King on tjabelaking1964@gmail.com or ph 0409 554 878 as soon as possible.

Thanks so much!

Market Day Fundraiser at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst

Saturday, 5 March from 8am to 3pm in the Church carpark in Issac St, Peakhurst. The Saturday Foodies & Farmers Market is always a great event and this one will feature a large marquee run by parishioners from St Joseph's Riverwood with fantastic items to delight families. The event holds something for everyone, even an amusement area for children.

All proceeds from the St Joseph's table/s will go towards the **Church's Roof Fund**.

GROWING IN FAITH
Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

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21 Mon

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29 (341)

22 Tue

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Feast

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 (535) Pss Prop

23 Wed

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Memorial

Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40 (343)

24 Thu

Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50 (344)

25 Fri

Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12 (345)

26 Sat

Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16 (346)

27 SUN EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45 (84) Pss IV



Last August, 2021, our Parish was 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. Due to Covid lockdown and restrictions, it was postponed for this month.

There are 2 ways you can complete this survey.

1) **Online Attender Survey** can be done anytime by parishioners 15 years and older from this weekend. Go to attendersurvey.ncls.org.au. Our church code is **TAS07401** Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Kingsgrove. We also invite children aged 8-14 to complete online at childsurvey.ncls.org.au. If you have children with these ages, please review the parents/carers information sheet and encourage them to do the survey.

2) For non online survey, we will have this on 26 and 27 February weekend. Parish Council and volunteers will be at church main entrance to distribute forms for the Attender Survey for ages 15 and older and Child Survey, 8 to 14 years old. Sanitised pens will be provided. Church code is the same **TAS07401**.

Thank you.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR C) 20 FEBRUARY 2022**

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Women's Social Support Group

Morning Tea Picnic in Carss Park

I thought it would be nice to do something different, so I thought a morning tea in a Park would be a chance to catch up with everyone.

Time: 10.30am

Location: Near the By the Bay Café & Grill, Carss Park If you would like a lift, please let me know.

Date: Tuesday 8th March, 2022

What to bring: A chair Coffee or tea requirement.

Flask of hot water, Morning tea If you want some. I will bring Paper plates and serviettes.

We may be able to get coffee and tea from the café in the park, but best to come prepared.

If it should be raining then we will have to pick another date. I hope you can make it.

If you require a lift or have any questions, my mobile number is **0412 216 166** or you can email on vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Jane Gallo, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Shirley Farrell, Anthony (Tony) Redford, Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, and Justina De Bellis.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Judy Lee, Maximino Ilaya, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Joe Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Priscilla Lopez, Ruben Soriano, Peter Chowne, Josefa Ocampo, Martinus Setiawan, Guido Di Marttia, David Lynch, Mary Rose Pohl, Wan Kei Har, Celia Lagandaon, Esther Doyle, Noel Freeman, Carmela Lazzaro, Nelly Santos, Salam Hanna, Abla Mader, Vittorio Angelo Stendardo.

Anniversaries: George/HiamKhoury, Fernando Ferreira, Helen Chakty, Ramon Chakty, George Ghostine, Rosina Certoma, George & Therese Mir, Emily Khoudair, Hercules Malesci, Phyllis Abela, Esmena Elefante, Lisa Stragapede, Chantelle Delboe, Anunciada Resende, Ventura Brito, Julian Mifsud, Ronald Mitchell, John Foxe, Maura Lumapac, Pedro Snr. Lumapac, M. K. Lie, Fr John McSweeney.

Other names anniversaries of deceased are in the red book located in the church foyer.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Gener-Jasmin family, Deceased Betty & Laurie Maguire, Gloria Fisher, Ken Walker, Joan & John Buckley,, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Please note: For mass requests to be put in Bulletin, please drop them in the Petitions Box, in the office, call or send email on or before 12:00 noon on Thursdays.

Bulletins are printed or sent electronically on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Thank you.

Our 2022 Parish Calendars are now available for pick up at the Parish office during office hours for those who want a copy. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

Thursday, 3 March 2022, 7:00pm
RSVP 1 March 2022.

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz 0414 979 241
Myrna De La Pena 0490 410 896

ROSTERS 26 & 27 February

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	T Abela-King	N Ormerod
Commentator:	K Doherty	T Ormerod
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie
10:00am		5:00pm
Reader:	T Coorey	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Tom



"Safeguarding in our Parish It is my responsibility and your responsibility!"

Most of the members of our Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Sacramental Programme educators, Youth Ministry, Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counters undertook Safeguarding training in 2019. If you are new to these Ministries and have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.

The Safeguarding Office of our Archdiocese has decided that a 3 yearly **Refresher Training** is required for members of these ministries, i.e. those trained in 2019 or earlier.

Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 concerns the Safeguarding Office has decided to present all training for the first six months of 2022 either online or via zoom.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training **on line** via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations). Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training prior to 2020.

Volunteer Refresher training is also available via a 1 hour **Zoom**. Volunteers will simply need to register their attendance as soon as possible by emailing safeguardingtrain-ing@sydneycatholic.org for a Zoom training session which are available 9 to 10am on Thursday 22 Feb or 31 Mar, or 3 to 4 pm on Fri 11 Mar or Mon 16 May, or 4 to 5pm on Wed 6 Apr.

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 safeguardingequities@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.

Open Your Heart and Home to Foster Care

Family Spirit of Catholic Care Sydney seeks all types of carers, from long term or short term to part time/weekend respite carers.

You are invited to next Foster Care Information Session online on Wednesday, 23 February, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Those interested, please register on this link:

<https://www.familyspirit.org/our-services/foster-carer/information-nights/>