

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 8 November 2020



Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, Masses resumed with restrictions. From 23rd October, our church can have 230 people with 4-sq-metre rule.

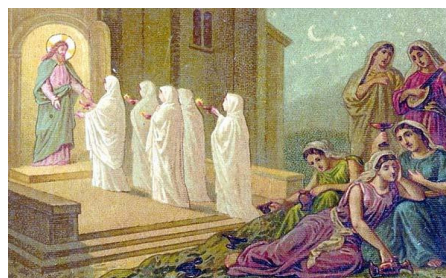
MASS TIMES

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, 8:30 am and 5:00 pm no booking for 210 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with Weekday masses. No booking to all 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)



REFLECTION

There is a strange paradox in Christian revelation. The coming of the Son of God in Jesus and in his life, death and resurrection reveals the overwhelming love of God for humankind, yet Jesus repeatedly demands that we make this love real in our lives. Jesus is warning us that we cannot take God's love for granted. All the bridesmaids, whether sensible or stupid, were caught asleep when the bridegroom arrived but only five were ready with oil. This oil has traditionally been interpreted as love-both of God and of neighbour. The women with oil had prepared for the coming of the bridegroom by the quality of their lives. They had been loving and so could respond to the coming of the bridegroom. St John of the Cross has said, "In the evening of life we will be judged on love." Yes, we will be judged in the love of God but we will also be judged according to how we have loved. We have to practice love in the ordinary circumstances of life so that when the great revelation of love comes at our death, we can respond with love. *God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH TO PRAY AND REMEMBER ALL OUR DECEASED LOVE ONES, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS. DURING ALL OF NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE A SANCTUARY TO PLACE ALL THE NAMES OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS. THE NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.(SO ALL NAMES WILL BE READY FOR THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER) PLEASE

WRITE NAMES CLEARLY. PLEASE DROP YOUR ENVELOPE AND OFFERINGS INTO THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE MASS OFFERING BOX IN THE PRESBYTERY. Thank you

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Dear parishioners,

COVID-19 remains present and highly infectious in the community. With the relaxation of isolation measures from 23rd October, an increase in cases maybe all around. We are therefore encouraged to take necessary precautions and to download the CovidSafe App and abide by the latest public health advice.

Easing of restrictions from 23rd October was announced by the NSW government with churches to allow 300 attendees under the 4-square-metre rule with strict conditions: we must take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. Our church can have 230 attendees with the 4-square-metre rule including upstairs. Dot markers are placed where people should sit. **No more booking required on all masses.**

It is still a requirement that attendees should write their name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on weekdays.

As you would all be aware the government has strongly recommended the wearing of face masks in closed-in places, including places of worship. Whilst this is not compulsory, we would urge you to consider complying for your benefit and that of everyone else too. We are trying as much as possible to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I, for one choose to wear a mask, particularly when distributing communion and when meeting and talking to people. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church is open for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 12:00 noon Tuesday to Saturday**. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.
2. **Daily Mass:**
Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9:15am
Friday 11:00am-12:00pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by Mass at 12:00pm.
Maximum of 230 people. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required.
3. **Saturday 9:15 am morning Mass is followed by Confession until 10.30am.** No booking required.
4. **Weekend Mass, regular schedule resumed, maximum of 230 people. All weekend mass - no Booking required**
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
10:00am
5:00pm

No more live streamed mass from 5 July.

Please come early when attending weekend mass for registration and to secure your seats. We are now allowed 230 people inside the church on a first come, first serve basis

5. All Catholics but priests continue to be dispensed from Sunday obligations but those with low risk and able to do so are exhorted to take reasonable steps to attend.
6. At-risk parishioners (elderly, the sick and those with compromised immune and respiratory systems) should still not attend.

7. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.

8. For **funerals** up to 100 people permitted but will increase to 300 by 1st December.

9. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with maximum of 100 attendees.

10. **Weddings** are permitted with up to 300 people subject to 4-square-metre rule.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

Please remember that you may offer Mass for anniversaries, special intentions, thanks giving or any reason simply by placing your request in an envelope and bringing that to the office or in the mass offering box at the presbytery.

Please continue to check our parish website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 9150 9665

Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

November

9 Mon

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Feast

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671) Pss Prop

10 Tue

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10 (492)

11 Wed

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

Memorial

Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19 (493) Pss Prop

12 Thu

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Memorial

Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25 (494)

13 Fri

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Memorial

2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)

14 Sat Weekday

3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8 (496)

15 SUN THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21(157) Pss I

We need volunteers to be rostered as main entrance door attendants/counters at each of the weekend masses to oversee our compliance with safety directives. If you are interested, please call Parish Office, 9150 9665, Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Alternatively, fill up the form at the church foyer. Thank you.



THE MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to Thy protection, implored Thy help, or sought Thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto Thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To Thee I come; before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions; but In Thy mercy hear and answer me. **Amen**



A true "ecological debt" exists, particularly between the global north and south, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment, and the disproportionate use of

natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time. ... The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating for farming.

I would like from the outset to show how faith convictions can offer Christians, and some other believers as well, ample motivation to care for nature and for the most vulnerable of their brothers and sisters. If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn "realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith". It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

PRAYERS for our Parish:

"Welcome everyone to our live celebration of the Mass and the joy of receiving the Blessed Eucharist. As the caring Community of OLF Kingsgrove, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in **Alston & Arinya Streets** praying for their needs and intentions."



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 2nd December 2020
8:00 pm RSVP: 30 November
Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey
Phone: 9150 6016
0423 854 633



Update on Vinnies Petition for more social housing.

Late in 2019/early 2020 many Our Lady of Fatima Parishioners supported a petition by the St Vincent de Paul Society to the NSW Parliament to increase the amount of Social Housing.

The target of 10,000 signatures was met 2 weeks ago and the Independent MP for Sydney, Alex Greenwich, agreed to table it in the Legislative Assembly later that day. When the Parliamentary schedule allows, a debate will follow.

We are hopeful that the petition and direct advocacy to MPs will help ensure the NSW Government understands the need for more social housing and knows that there is significant community support for more investment. Indeed, recent media reports give us hope that there may be additional funding in the NSW Budget next month.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you so very much for those who signed the petition

Regards
Bernie

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS - First Reconciliation First Holy Communion Confirmation

ENROLMENT PACKAGES are available in the foyer of the Church and from the Parish Office.

Completed enrolment forms may be returned to the Parish office or emailed to the Sacramental Coordinator, Ana Naduva

On email:
olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com
Closing Date: 18th December 2020

Charitable Works Fund 2020 Pastoral Appeal

Will take place next weekend 14 & 15 November.

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal, our premier charity. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them. Let us show our Christian solidarity for one another by sharing what we can with our neighbours. Thank you.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper and Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), Esme Roberts (St Mary's Hostel, Berkeley) Maria Ryan (Bupa, Clemton Park), Mike Skennar (Maronite Sisters Village, Dulwich Hill), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Patricia North (Southaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Monica Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care).

Parishioners who are Sick:

Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Caterina Ancona, Carol Braga, Betty Maguire, Eileen Neville, Rosemary Cooley, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Robert Powell (John Powell's brother), Angelo Taranto, James Crlito, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Joan McAndrew, Fredesvinda Consunji, Anna & Sam Proietto, Audrey Schneiderberg.

Anniversaries: Pat Taylor, Peter Najm, Hugh Byrne, Allen Savage, Gaetano Parisi, John Scott, Terence Clarke, Eric Hotz, Maurice Moore, Stephen Parker, Paul B Welsh, John Kane, John Martin, Jane MacGregor, Ivan Lee, Juliette Buhagier, John Ricketts, Lance Geisler.

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Joan Neilson, Constanca Alamo, Juanito & Apolonia Gener, Gebron Gebron, prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



ROSTERS 14/15 November

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| | 5:00pm | 8.30am |
| Reader: | B Deady | S Fisher |
| Commentator: | J Deady | R Naderuzzam |
| Acolyte: | Michelle | Pak |
| | 10:00am | 5:00pm |
| Reader: | C Pighin | Youth |
| Commentator: | T Pighin | |
| Acolyte: | Michael | Anthony |



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.**



"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>

If you are over 18, you also need a Working with Children (WWC) approval that you can apply for online.

Volunteers do not need to pay for the WWC.

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who have already attended Safeguarding Training and supplied details of their WWC to the Parish Office.

During June, the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office is asking adults, youth and children to participate in a staying safe online 5 minute CyberSafety Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can approach Fr Casey, or email John Deacon and Gina Giuffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) via the email

address safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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.