



# 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 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 8 September 2019*

## 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

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month  
7:00-8:00pm (in the oratory)

Friday: 11.00am -12noon

**Baptisms:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

(Please contact the Parish Office)

**Weddings:** By appointment



## REFLECTION

The Gospel shows Jesus on the road to Jerusalem with large crowds around him. Perhaps not all these people realise that Jesus' journey will take to the cross. To wake people gently out of delusion, Jesus tells two stories about rich or powerful men embarking on expensive and dangerous projects at great risk. Jesus wants his audience to understand that to follow him, they must be prepared to risk their most precious possessions, their lives.

The Book of Wisdom reflects about our limited knowledge of the ways of God. Even knowing our own world is difficult enough. For this reason, we are grateful that we are granted God's Wisdom that teaches us how to please God. In a brief letter he wrote to Philemon, the Christian owner of a runaway slave (Onesimus), Paul appeals to the faith that all three men share. Paul must be very tactful in asking Philemon to receive back as a fellow-Christian, a person who was legally his property as a slave, who deserved severe punishment for running away.

In everyday life, we Christians often need great wisdom to know how to act. So we pray with the psalm, 'let us gain wisdom of heart'.

*The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections*

**PLEASE NOTE there will be no 9.15 am Mass on Saturday 14th September, due to Confirmation Mass at 10 am. All are welcome.**



Thank you to all those who gave generously to support the Priest Retirement Fund Appeal last weekend. We collected \$2,605.

## Parish Pastoral Council Proposal

Due to the Safeguarding protocol, the Parish Pastoral Council Committee is proposing a fence to the perimeter of Parish grounds for consultation to the Parishioners.

The proposal will be available at the church foyer and at our website [www.olfkingsgrove.org.au](http://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au). It includes information about the proposed issues, proposed actions and costs.

A parish consultation date has been set after the 10am mass on the **22nd September 2019** for anyone who wish to express any concerns or questions regarding this proposal.

**Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta**

**Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony**

**Pastoral Care Coordinator:** Monique Choueifati: [pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au)

**Sacramental Coordinator:** Ana D Naduva, email: [olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com)

**Youth Coordinator:** TBA

**Secretaries:** Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Bookkeeper, Accounts)

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## Women's Social Support Group

### Lunch at Cronulla RSL



Our next gathering will be a **lunch at Watergrill Bistro at Cronulla RSL**. There will be a couple of train rides and a little stroll.

**Date: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

Trains: Kingsgrove Station at 10.30am Bexley North 10.32am. to Wollie Creek. Train from Wollie Creek to Cronulla 10.59am arriving 11.38am at Cronulla Station.

Cronulla RSL is only 350 metres from the station.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October to Veronica on **0412 216 166** or email [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au)

### Silent Guided Retreat - "Remain In Me"

Would you like to spend a weekend away with God? Join us, for this weekend retreat run by Verbum Dei Missionaries, at Hartzler Park, Bowral, on 20-22 Sept. For more info email [verbumdeisydney@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdeisydney@gmail.com) or Maria: 0402 452 342

### Unclaimed Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/2020 and Tax Receipts are now back at Parish Office for collection during office hours.

**This year, we are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese was able to increase our tax deduction to 30% for the financial year 2019/2020. If you no longer claim tax on your donations and do not require tax receipt for the next financial year 2019/2020, please advise the parish office. Thank you to all contributors for your ongoing financial support.**

### Mass Collection-Reminder

Please keep in mind that the First Collection is used to support the Clergy in the Parish and beyond. The Second Collection is for the maintenance of our Parish and to meet other regular financial commitments. Your support to the Second Collection is much appreciated.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Thursday, 3rd October 2019, 8:00 pm  
RSVP: 30 September 2019



Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz, ph 0414 979 241  
Myrna De La Pena, ph 9759 5761

The Sacramental Program has ended its final week of Confirmation Preparation last week.

**We had the Confirmation Mass rehearsal on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 6pm.**

**On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of September was the Reflection Morning at 9 am to 11 am in the Clune Centre followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the candidates at 11am.**

We ask you to continually pray for the candidates and their families as they wait for the big feast next Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> of September where they will be officially confirmed and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and sent out as witnesses of the Gospel.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in a special Mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September at 10 am with Monsignor Kerry Bayada as the main celebrant.**

**We extend a warm, open invitation to all parishioners for the Confirmation celebration. There is no 9:15 AM mass.**

Please direct enquiries regarding sacramental programmes to Ana on the contacts below.

Ana Naduva Sacramental Coordinator, Phone: 9554 5752

Email: [olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com)



### "Safeguarding in our

**Parish** It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

To make our Parish a safer place, all volunteers in any Ministry in our Parish are requested to use their PC to register for an online training course at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1> If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can contact us via the e-mail address:

[safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au)

John Deacon and Gina Guiffrida, PSSO  
(Parish Safeguarding Support Officer)

### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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

[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@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.

### From the Finance Committee

Parishioners are welcome to visit the Parish office during office hours, preferably on Thursdays and Fridays to look at the Audited Financial Reports of the Parish. Unaudited reports as at 30 June 2019 are also available for perusal.

**Sunday, 8 September 2019: Twenty Third  
Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C**

**First Reading**

Wis 9:13-18

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.  
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?  
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you  
not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from  
above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth been  
straightened and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons  
of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like  
yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the  
night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which  
springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up  
and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may  
gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for  
ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult  
and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be  
upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading**

Phlm 9-10, 12-17

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon**

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,  
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for  
a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing  
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back  
to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own  
self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could  
have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in  
the chains that the Good News has brought me.  
However, I did not want to do anything without your  
consent; it would have been forcing your act of  
kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you  
have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was  
only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a  
slave any more, but something much better than a  
slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how  
much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a  
brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common  
means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel**

Lk 14:25-33

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

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my  
disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he  
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me  
without hating his father, mother, wife, children,  
brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot  
be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross  
and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a  
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to  
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he  
laid the foundation and then found himself unable to  
finish the work, the onlookers would all start making  
fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to  
build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king  
marching to war against another king would not first sit  
down and consider whether with ten thousand men he  
could stand up to the other who advanced against him  
with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king  
was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue  
for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my  
disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**Christ our Light Sunday  
School**

Sunday School resumed Sunday, 4 Aug for Term 3.

- Kindy & Primary to attend lessons.

- High school students to be helpers

- Parents & parishioners to join the Sunday Mass  
Reading Sharing Group.

All are to gather in the Clune Centre at 8:50am for  
9:00am start. Parents are to pick up their children at  
9:50am for 10:00am Mass.

**Dates and topics for Term 3 are:**

**15 Sep –Jesus heals the Paralyse Man**

We look forward to meet our old students and  
welcome new students. Enrolment forms are in the  
foyer of the Church. New students please complete  
and bring along on the first lesson.

**We are also looking for additional teachers.  
Resources and materials are provided for use in  
the lessons. Anyone likes to join the Sunday  
School team, please contact Anita or send an  
email to Agnes.**

**Enquiry: Anita Sicari - 0403 183 151**

**Or agnes.man@optusnet.com.au**

**Prayer Meeting**

**Come and give Him thanks for all He has given  
you. Worship and Praise Him with the **Living Water  
Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** this Monday  
6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune  
Centre (entry via the courtyard adjacent to the  
church). **Inquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56****



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Parishioners living in retirement:

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), Leila Pearson, Ellen Quirk & Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper (Huntingdon Gardens), Patricia North (Southhaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Moncia Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Patricia Byrne (Ferndale Gardens, Mortdale); Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Noel Spinks, sick (Bupa Bexley Nursing Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Eileen Gehrig (Uniting Mirinjani Nursing Home).

**Parishioners who are Sick:** Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Margaret McCafferty, Gary Burrows, Ray Mason, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Esme Elefante, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, Linda Swords, Aurelia Robers, Lina Feliciano, Alida Banks, Lynne Langley, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, John Gouveia, Larissa Anne Salt, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Ben Xuereb, Christine Gale, Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Lola Jay Nehme, John Yassa, Baby Vivienne Marnell, Anna Rudan, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivanka Andrijic, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Gerry Rebeiro, Marjorie Boyd, Peter Finneran, Maria Buda, Lyn Cameron, Mary Umbers, Paul Dizon-Jasmines, Teresa Ridolfi, Maria Tropea, Mato Puljic, Helen Foster, Pui Yu Cheung, Maria Portia Mariano.

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo Scali, Rocco Marando, Alfredo Paragas, Kathleen Hewett, Charles McCafferty, Henry Morris, Cecil Burns, Edward Gallagher, Angelo Fonti, Winifred Saunders, June Nevin, Thomas O'Donoghue, Gino Smigliani, Milly Tully, Kevin Byrne, Carl Quinn, David Paull, Patricia de la Motte, George Foley, Kevin Cantrell, Beryl Driscoll, Alice Collins, Ellen Lyons, Helen Din, Aileen Rogers, John Taylor, Helen McCarron, Alfred Gallo.

**Also For:** Special intention of Simon Ghosen, Laureana and Cirilo Encabo, Annunziata Di Paola, Nina Angeles Moncay, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, Kevin Quintal, John Buckley, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Mary Fick and Family, Bartolo, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

### 14/15 September

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Readers:	B & J Deady	S Fisher S Wong
Commentator:	M Millen	V Dick
Acolyte	Kelvin	Jeremy
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Thea/Margolit
Holy Good Store:	Nelochana	
Warden:		D Fisher

	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Readers	T & C Pighin	
Commentator:	S Sicari	
Acolyte	Michelle	Giok
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	T Valdoria	
Warden:		
Cleaning Roster:	T & N Ormerod, M & W Phillips	
Counters:	P Yip, K Chan, M Rana	

### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A & E Hawkins, C & D Farag
Sun 8.30am	:	N Seneviratne, B & B Hayward
Sun 10.00am	:	A Lansdown, S & R Sicari, J Khouri
Sun 5.00pm	:	A Lam, A Greensmith, J Yazbeck

**The Pilgrim Statue:** will be at the home of Carina & Alex Garcia, 29 Berith Street, Kingsgrove. Rosary is recited each evening from Monday until Friday at 7.30pm. All friends and neighbours are most welcome.



### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONAL PRAYER AT OLF CHURCH KINGSGROVE

Please join us every first Wednesday of the month, immediately after the weekday morning Mass, around 9:45 AM for special prayer session of devotional prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The next session will be on Wednesday, 2nd October. (Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before mass)

### PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Edward & Elizabeth Streets** praying for their needs and intentions.



### Next Sunday's Readings:

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17;  
Lk 15:1-32

