

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C) - 12 May 2019

MASS TIMES

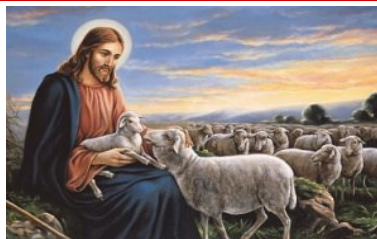
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am &
5.00pm

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
(Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

Herbert, Marshall McLuhan is best remembered for the aphorism, 'The medium is the message.' In our culture, communication is not limited to the message sent through a medium: the medium is already part of the message. Communication is not just 'media'; it has become a 'culture'. Applying the thought to the Gospel, we can think of a parallel saying, 'The messenger is the message.' And we can apply this to Jesus. The Synoptic Gospels present him as the 'messenger', and his message is the 'Kingdom of God' that enters the lives of human beings with his presence. Jesus tells the parable of the Lost Sheep to teach us that in the Kingdom of God, every person is important. In Luke, it is one of the three parables of the 'lost' addressing them. Heaven rejoices over just one sinner who repents (cf Lk 15:7). In Matthew, the parable is told to remind the believers to search for the lost among their members. It is not the will of the heavenly Father that one of the little ones be lost (cf Mt 18:14)

In the Gospel of John, the parable becomes reality. The story of the Shepherd's care for the sheep is incarnated in the person of Jesus himself. Jesus is, as were, the parable. The messenger is also the message. The shepherd who seeks out the lost sheep becomes the Good Shepherd in John (cf Jn 10:11). The Good Shepherd 'lays down his life; for the sheep and 'knows' the sheep. This implies a deep intimacy that unites Shepherd and sheep, an intimacy that speaks of readiness to offer one's life for the other. Elsewhere, Jesus says, 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends' (Jn 15:13).

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections



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**FORMATION AND TRAINING COURSE FOR:
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the community in one or more of the following ways:
distribution of the Eucharist at Mass
taking Holy Communion to the sick/housebound
conducting a Communion Service where a priest is unavailable for Mass

For those who are interested in this Ministry (and those wishing to attend the Acolytes Training Course), a two-night training course will be held:

When: Wednesday 5th & 12 June, 2019

Time: 7-9pm

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
89 Shaw Street
Kingsgrove. NSW. 2208

(Please note: both sessions are to be attended to receive certificate)

Required documentation for registration:
Completed registration form (available from the church foyer and Parish Office)
Endorsement by the Parish Priest
Copy of your Baptismal Certificate

Enquiries: Liturgy Office 9307 8366 or Fr Casey

This course would also be an opportunity for current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes to renew their understanding of their ministry, as well as to support and mentor those undertaking training.

Trade Winds Tea and Coffee

This weekend will be the final sales of Trade Winds Tea and Coffee after Mass. A huge congratulations and thank you to all our regular customers over the last 23 years. You have supported Fair Trade with over \$31,000 in sales and over \$1,000 in donations to several community-based works in Sri Lanka and Timor Leste. But the number of sales no longer make the stall worthwhile. You can still purchase Trade Winds products directly at <https://www.tradewinds.org.au> or by calling 1300 755 228. For the next month or two the remaining stock will be available, initially from Thea Ormerod (9150 9713) and then from Julie Deady (9150 9948).

PRAYERS for our Parish:

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



From the Youth Coordinator Sue Lomi

I remember kneeling at the tomb of one of my favourite heroes: Venerable Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan (*who was arrested in 1975 by the Communist Government of Vietnam and imprisoned for 13 years- 9 of them which was spent in solitary confinement*) and weeping uncontrollably. I was a mix of emotions, the most prominent of them being one of overwhelming gratitude for his witness and his incredible strength. His words and spirituality sustained me throughout my youth and have often carried me through some of the most trying moments in my life up until now. In his book 'The road to hope' he wrote:

"Only one moment exists for you in all its beauty and that is the present moment. Live it completely in the love of God. If your life is built up like a large crystal from millions of such moments, it will be a wonderfully beautiful life. Can't you see how easy it could be?"

Jesus needs us in the present moment. To give our love to everyone, to smile at everyone, to forget the accidental and to focus on the essential things in life: family, community, kindness, compassion. Living in the present moment with meaning and purpose in the ordinary means, loving radically because our hearts and our minds are constantly transcending the ordinary trifles of life. Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote: *"The important thing is not how many actions we perform, but the intensity of love that we put into each action."* Let us not be anxious, bewildered or uncertain; Let us not wait; Let us begin to 'live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love'



I just wanted to inform all the Youth of the Parish of the NEW TIME for youth group. YOUTH GROUP will be on every Friday 7:30pm till 9:30pm in the Clune Centre from the School Term. We encourage families to bring their kids from Year 5 to Year 12.

***Next Week Friday 17th of MAY we kick off our new Youth Group meet up time with a MOVIE and PIZZA NIGHT! Please bring along your \$5 for your Pizza.**

NB: Parents we will be registering the kids for Youth Group that evening so please don't forget to sign them up. PAX TIBI, Sue Lomi- OLF Youth Coordinator.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Tuesday 5 June 2019, 8:00 pm;
RSVP 3 June
Coordinator Contact :
Margaret & Brian Blades
Ph: 0419 844 560



Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School had resumed last 5 May for Term 2.

- 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 2 are:

19 May – *Elijah Prays* 02 Jun – *Daniel & the lion*

16 Jun – *Jonah & the whale*

We look forward to meet our old students and welcome new students. Enrolment forms are in the foyer of the Church.

Please complete and bring along on the first lesson. Enquiry: Anita Sicari - 0403 183 151

Or marggphil@yahoo.com.au



Thank you to those who booked in, paid deposits and those who had confirmed they are joining but not submitted their booking forms. We are now complete to follow the footsteps of Jesus in Holy Land and Jordan!

Charitable Works Fund 2019 Pastoral Appeal

The parish wishes to express its thanks to our parishioners who supported last weekend's Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. However, we will continue the appeal this weekend as we did not reach half of our parish quota. To give is to trust in God, His love that embraces us all and His power to provide. Thank you for making that choice. Donation of \$2 or more are 100% tax deductible.

Federal Election Guide 2019

For the first time, The Archdiocese invited political parties to provide responses to a series of questions about their stance on some of the most critical issues at stake at next weekend's election. These issues include religious freedom, education and care for the vulnerable. Their responses form the basis of the Federal Election Guide available at the church foyer. Please take a copy.

Seeking new helpers for Baptism Preparation evenings. If you think you could give 1 hour of your time, 3 or 4 times a year, to assist with baptism preparation, please contact Tina Coorey on phone 0423 854 633.

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 of the Second Collection is appreciated.



"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 attend a Safeguarding Workshop, to be held in the Clune Centre on Sunday 5th May at either 1pm or 3 pm. If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can contact us via the e-mail address:

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.

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.



"What is Safeguarding?"

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who attended Safeguarding

Training last Sunday and especially to Gina, Nino, Kathleen and Jenny for their assistance in setting up the workshop. Because some could not attend, another workshop will be run in June or July (watch this notice for the date). Alternately, volunteers can use their PC to register for an online training course at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>



Theatre Party

Organised by the Women's Social Support Group

MURIEL'S WEDDING

MURIEL'S WEDDING Theatre Party has been booked for Wednesday 31 July 2019 at 1:00 p.m. It will be at the The Lyric Theatre, The Star, Pyrmont. Cost \$90.00 per person.

Tickets must be paid for by Monday 27th May, 2019.

If you wish to go to this Theatre Party please contact Veronica on 0412 216 166 or email

vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our Organised Theatre Parties, including friends, husbands, relatives etc.



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) Marjorie Boyd & 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 Lozzaro (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).

Parishioners who are Sick: Norman & Caterina Ancona. Milly Cerney, 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, Bo Mercado, Portia Mariano, Grace Padlan, Ramon Syquia, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Zon Gueco, Terese Mitry, Ben Xuereb, Emma Hogan, Honorato Letran, Raiyne Saunders, 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, Anna Fiamingo, Samar Munoz, Paul Moras, Mauro Aguilar, George Mir.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Anna Khattar, Chu Yan Yeung Lo, Agnes Sngay, Rev Fr Leo Baker, Paula Giulac, Anne Marie Denny, Christopher Cassaniti, Nadim Nehme, Irene Silva, Elizabeth Coluccio, Elia Coluccio, David Wastie, Gerry Bongabong, Fr. Joel Victorino, Stephanie So, Ric Manabat, Guadalopec Cabacungan, Fr John Pearce.

Anniversaries: Jamila Doueishi, Evelyn Yammine, Juanita Manapsal SY, James Cregan, Thomas Traynor, Nancy Fazzari, Sylvia Stephens, Frederick Hollman, Nancy Howard, Maria Sollazzo, Francis Butler, Vito Scardino, Ethel Tangye, Charles Poulton, Mary Rattray, Ruby Gibbs, Veronica Simpson, Jack Appleton, Patrick Evans, David Hutchens, Joseph Demech.

Also For: Bob & Joe Natoli, Michael & Pipiana Ibasco, Hizon & Consunji Family, Mary Fick and Family, Filippo & Annunziata Di Paola, Michele Raffaele, Maria Aleixo, Irene Silva, Giuseppe, Bartolo, Mariana Tesoriero; Angelo, Vincenzo, Annunciata, Tilla Cusumano; Domenico, Vittoria, Natale Storniolo, Laurie McGuire. and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

18/19 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	J & J Henderson	M McCafferty M Nigem
Commentator:	P Lee	V Dick Leslie
Acolyte	Win	Thea/Margolit T Valdoria
Music:	Mary/Agnes	
Holy Good Store:	Nelochana	
Warden:		P Bozic
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	T & C Pighin	
Commentator:	R Sharf	
Acolyte	Anthony	Kelvin
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	M Ravaillion	
Warden:		
Cleaning Roster:	L Paglia & The Italian Group	
Counters:	J & J Henderson	
Lawn mowing:	A Macpherson, B O'Neill, E Dimakis	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A & S Nacarella, P Warner, R Mulia
Sun 8.30am	:	N Seveviratne, B & B Hayward
Sun 10.00am	:	A Lansdown, C Coorey, R Sicari, J Khouri
Sun 5.00pm	:	A Larsen, I Nehme, A Youd, Y Esteban

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Pauline & Terry Fenech, 24 Marcella 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, 5 June.

(Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM, before mass)

Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 14:21-27; Apolc 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

