



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Divine Mercy & Second Sunday of Easter (Year A) - 19 April 2020



Complying with the NSW Government and Health Regulations, all Masses have been cancelled until further notice.



REFLECTION

Look out for two of Jesus' front-page headlines: PEACE and LIFE. Over and over again we hear in the Gospels that Jesus came to bring us peace and life. Peace can be overused; we might say, 'Be quiet and give me some peace!' But Jesus announces a peace that comes from a deep place and embraces all of creation. At Christmas, the angels proclaimed peace for the whole earth. At Easter, Jesus' first words are "Peace be with you." On an individual level, we can claim this peace for ourselves. Someone once shared a handy phrase to bring to mind in difficult situations "Keep calm, Christ is risen!" And on a communal level, we can invite God's peace, God's shalom, to heal our world's divisions. This is also Divine Mercy Sunday, when we recall God's mercy revealed in Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Rather than simply contemplating it, Jesus calls us to go and share his mercy with all who are in need. This truly brings *life* to both the giver and receiver. John's Gospel concludes that believers will have life through the name of Jesus. Let us receive and share his gifts of peace and life today. *God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*



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



Divine Mercy & Second Sunday of Easter

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Dear parishioners,

Thank you for joining us in the celebration of Holy Week services. We have received wonderful feedback from parishioners explaining that watching Mass live-streamed from our church makes it feel like home and helps people feel connected to the parish. We are blessed to have generous people in our community who have helped us to make the process of live-streaming possible. We thank in particular Chris Sison, Nilanga Seneviratne, Aben Ureta, Mona Chiha, Ray Ghanem. A big thank you also to all who volunteered during Holy Week: readers, musicians, singers and the youth group.

During this time of pandemic restrictions, all Sunday masses will be live streamed at 10am from our parish <https://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au> and click on YouTube or Facebook link. Please join us.

Also, in order to further that connection, we would very much like you to send us a photo of yourself or your family. An A4 printout would be ideal as these will then be stuck onto the seats to create a virtual congregation. You may bring these to the office or slide them under the door of the meeting room next to the presbytery.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

REGARDING SACRAMENTS

- If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, Father Casey and Father George are available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.
- At the moment, **Anointing of the sick and Holy Communion** will be administered only as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
- **Funerals** will still be conducted but with a limit of 10 mourners and need to comply with social distancing rules. A memorial Mass can be celebrated at a later date.
- **Weddings** will be conducted but with a limit of five people and need to comply with social distancing rules.
- **Reconciliation** is by appointment. Please contact the parish.

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.

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

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

PARISH DONATIONS

Thank you in advance for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes or by credit card. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated.

For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784

Account Number: 5025001

Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number (if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction)

OLF CHURCH MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Work to repair the roof has begun. Let us pray that this will resolve our ongoing problem of water seepage in the church.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

20 Mon Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II

21 Tue Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268)

Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

22 Wed Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)

Saint Theodore of Sykeon

23 Thu Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)

Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

24 Fri Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

Sts. Mary of Cleophas and Salome, disciples of the Lord

St. Mary Elizabeth Hesselblad, foundress of the Bridgettines

25 Sat Saint Mark, Evangelist

Feast



Every year, we give our Project Compassion Boxes donation during the Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper but due to church closure, please give your donation boxes at the office, or if envelopes, at the Mass Intentions Box of the Presbytery. Alternatively, please call the office 9150 9665 or Caritas— 1800 024 413 if giving by credit card or visiting www.caritas.or.au/project-compassion.

Donation can also be given by cheque, direct deposit or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), bank details above, reference: your name & Caritas. If claiming 100% tax deduction, please call office or send email for your name, address and phone number. We will accept donations up to 15 May. Your generosity will assist many of the world's most vulnerable communities. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. Thank you.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 19 APRIL 2020

First Reading [Acts 2:42-47](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1](#)

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Pt 1:3-9](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are

sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel [Jn 20:19-31](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." After saying this he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, "We have seen the Lord", he answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. "Peace be with you" he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe." There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



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 epidemic. 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.**



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, (Huntington 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), Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper (Huntingdon Gardens), Patricia North (Southhaven 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), Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens).

Parishioners who are Sick: Robert Powell, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Linna Mitchell, Peter Nair, Maureen Tinker, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, Raiyne Saunders, Linda Swords, Angelo Taranto, Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Ben Xuereb, Christine Gale, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Ellen Quirk, Laraine Lay, Ray Mason, Anna Proietto, Arcadia Soriano, Deidre Cilia, Fiona Lee, Esme Elefante, Honorato Dulalia, Lucia Natoli, Giacomo Brancatto, Desmond Baker, Rosina Certoma, Eliza Ferreira, Lordito Arrogante, Maria Di Benedetto, Brian Gammel, Noel Spinks.

Anniversaries: James Batman, Lyle Clark, Mark Rovali, Vincent Carroll, Mary Lum, James Yam, Matthew McCann, Margaret Wilson, Maria Portelli, Doug Patulny, Arthur Brown, Francis Schiff, Angela Dwyer, Jean Boland, Ellen Stewart, Mary Haavisto, Teresa Bui, Alice Walsh.

Also For: Thanksgiving from Gener-Jasmin family, for the deceased Filippo Sollazzo, Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Mylah Hizon-Libre, Rofina Certoma, Bartolomeo & Joe Natoli, Simon Ghosen, Giuseppe Stillone, Marietta and Narciso Aquino, Tony Chan, Therese, Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family, Mary Ann Grace Tesoriero, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Portia Mariano, Filomena Palisoc, Victoria, Domenico Beth Conlon, Juan, Estela & Zenaida Agbuya and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

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CANCELLED
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE



Forward Invitation

for the event of

Ellen Elizabeth Quirk

The event will be held on 20th April
from 2.00pm to 3.00pm
at
The Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel

If you wish to join the live streaming funeral service from your home, please send your name and email address to pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au, to receive an access code.



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

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.

Next Sunday's Readings: Third Sunday of Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

