



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 21 July 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

It is not difficult to find a Martha in a typical family celebration where food is always aplenty. Behind the delectable dishes, there is always an excellent and hardworking cook, perhaps a parent or grandparent who calls the shots in the kitchen where younger relatives or neighbours willingly lend helping hands. In the Gospel, Jesus did not plan to go to a big gathering. He simply wants to enjoy the company of his friends Martha and Mary. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where he must encounter the religious and political leaders; he has disturbing premonitions, yet knows that his direction is towards the holy city. Feeling the inner turmoil, the company of familiar faces and kindred spirits are a solace indeed.

The Gospel paints Mary in a discomfiting, even scandalous, posture. She is seated at the feet of Jesus! To the Jews, no self-respecting woman would sit at a man's feet, and Jesus is not even a blood relative! He is treating her as a disciple, equal in status to any of the male disciples to follow him. In contrast to the listening Mary, Martha is of a different mould, very practical and result-oriented. Martha represents the typical overworked person who has little time left over for introspection or personal leisure. Jesus invites Martha to let go of her anxiety and, like her sister listen to him speak. After all, he did not come for a grand meal; he simply came to be among dear friends. Maybe Jesus wants to enjoy their company one last time.

Jesus' loving 'reprimand' of Martha can enlighten us every time we lose focus in the pursuit of our daily tasks and duties. We must learn to sit at the feet of the Divine Master. And we must return to this posture especially when we are in the thick of our mission. It sounds simple, essential, yet something that we can easily ignore. We all need a spiritual compass, otherwise we will keep running around doing work for God but neglecting the God of work.

The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections

Catholic Mission Church Appeal

Our thanks go to all of you who opened your hearts and gave generously towards the Catholic Mission Appeal. Because you chose to give, you have given hope to those who are most in need of your generosity and compassion. We collected and sent a total of \$4,929.75. We will pray for you who came out of yourselves in loving service to others; that you can be instruments of God's love here in our parish and wherever you go.

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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Walk with Christ

In light of it being the Feast of Corpus Christi we ask all parishioners to save the date for a very special celebration for all Sydney Catholics.

Please join your fellow Sydneysiders in the Walk with Christ annual Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Sydney on the Feast of Christ The King on November 24 at 2.30pm.

Thousands of people took part in last year's joyful public proclamation and act of worship to invoke Christ's blessing upon our beautiful city.

Meet at the corner of Martin Place & Pitt Street at 2.30pm on November 24.



Women's Social Support Group

Our Next Outing –

“Driverless Train”

Discovery Tour & Lunch at a Chatswood Café.

Date: Monday 5th August 2019

Train from Kingsgrove **9.45am** – Bexley North **9.47am**.

Train from Central at **10.25am** to Chatswood, Sydney Metro from Chatswood at **11.01 am** to Tallawong & return to Chatswood at **12.18 pm** for lunch.

Then Chatswood back to Central and then Kingsgrove.

If you wish to go please **RSVP to Veronica by Friday 28th July on 0412 216 166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**

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 appreciated.

From the Finance Committee

The 2018 Audited Financial Reports of the Parish were recently received. Parishioners are welcome to visit the office during office hours, preferably on Thursdays and Fridays to look at the reports. Unaudited reports as at 30 June 2019 are also available for perusal.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Beresford Parade & Berith Street** praying for their needs and intentions.



Planned Giving Envelopes 2019/2020

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are available for collection from last 3 weekends. Please ensure you check your name with corresponding address and pick up the correct one. If you are not a member of the Planned Giving, you may contact the Parish office to join the Planned Giving Program.

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.

Instead of envelopes, you could opt for monthly deduction using your credit card which is more economical and efficient for the Parish.

Tax receipts for Planned Giving, CWF, Project Compassion and Priest Retirement Fund up to 30 June 2019 for are now available for collection from the church foyer.

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.

Charitable Works Fund Parish Appeal

In the coming weeks, the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will be holding a CWF Parish appeal, **3rd and 4th August 2019**, and the Development and Fundraising Office turns to you for your continued support in facilitating this appeal.

Your assistance helps raise funds for many of our important works across the Archdiocese of Sydney, including providing family counselling, sharing the gospel to youth, forming our seminarians, outreach to Aboriginal communities and support for our Catholic deaf community.

The agencies which provide the above services includes CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, our seminaries and the Ephpheta Centre.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Thursday, 8 August 2019, 8:00 pm
RSVP: 5 August 2019

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



Sunday, 21 July 2019: Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

First Reading Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart;

he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel

Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



"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

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.

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? CatholicCare's Home Care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.



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 (Southaven 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: Josie Wenko, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, 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, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Zon Gueco, Terese Mitry, Christine Paull, Portia Mariano, Ben Xuereb, 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, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Teresa Ridolfi, Maria Tropea, Mato Puljic, Marcelo Pamintuan SR, Helen Foster, Pui Yu Cheung, Antonietta Ferlito, Maria Pantanella, Lourdes Palma, Nila Tiplady, Purita Rivera, Barry Davidson, Anna Fiamingo, Giuseppina Tasselli, Domenico Stanco.

Anniversaries: Victor Abela, Elizabeth Coluccio, Ah Moy Chung, Rosa Livolsi, Damien Lynn, Lillian Davis, Charlie Nigem, Kenneth Hyde, Esther McCarthy, Connie Cheng, Mary Watts, Ernest Munro, Thomas Rodgers, Nicola Lisi, Raffaele Triani, Kathleen O'Grady, Harold Shaw, Doris Warham, Clement McDermott, Moira Beavis, Eileen Ahern, Vittoria Rumigz, Anna Goff, Joseph Darman, Harry Scott.

Also For: Special intention of Saed, Nina Angeles Moncay, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, Kevin Quintal, Rustico and Florita Maglupay, Laurie Maguire, John Buckley, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Jamil Khouri & Family, Haia Khour & Family, Hizon & Consunji Family, Mary Fick and Family, Bartolo,

ROSTERS

27/28 July

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| | 5:00pm | 8.30am |
| Readers: | M Millen P Lee | M Lee J Touma |
| Commentator: | J Deady | M McCafferty |
| Acolyte | Anthony | Teresa/Lichaa |
| Music: | Mary/Agnes | Grant |
| Holy Good Store: | M Burgess | |
| Warden: | | N Ormerod |
| | 10:00am | 5:00pm |
| Readers | B & R Sharf | |
| Commentator: | C Pighin | |
| Acolyte | Michelle | Michael |
| Music: | 10am Choir | Youth |
| Holy goods Stall: | | |
| Warden: | | |
| Cleaning Roster: | A Xuereb, K Widjojo, M Setiawan, S Sunarto | |
| Counters: | M Millen, T & M Burgess | |

Altar Servers:

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| Sat Vigil | : | L Kasses, M Kelly, J Lui, M Chung |
| Sun 8.30am | : | R & C Doan, K Loho |
| Sun 10.00am | : | A Larsen, I Nehme, A Youd, Y Esteban |
| Sun 5.00pm | : | A Lam, A Greensmith, J Yazbek |

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Jocelyn & Clem de Vera, 73 Shaw Street, Bexley North. 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, 7th August.

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

A St George Deanery Rosary Prayers by a Group is held inside our Saint Bernadette Carlton Church on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30pm. One of the primary intentions of the Rosary prayer group is to pray for the sick and dying patients in our local St George Public and Private Hospitals. All welcome!

Gary Cartmer
Chaplain, St George and RPA Hospitals

Next Sunday's Readings:

Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

