



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Third Sunday of Easter (Year A) - 26 April 2020



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



REFLECTION

Jesus accompanies us on our journey of life. That's an easy slogan, but the Emmaus story is a real example. It also parallels our experience every time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the beginning, the disciples go off course; they give up and leave the others in Jerusalem. Our lives are filled with such times of despair and misdirection. The Eucharist also begins by acknowledging our need for God in the Penitential Rite. Then Jesus meets us right where we are with a loving presence, no matter who we are or what we have done. Both in today's Gospel and through the Liturgy or the Word, Jesus shares and explains the scriptures to us. We learn to see God's movements and wisdom through our lives, sometimes only in retrospect. Even then, we may not be fully aware of the person of God present throughout. However, Jesus finally breaks the bread, sharing his life and nourishment for the journey. The Eucharist complete, we are sent out to be his hands and feet. Even when Jesus disappears, the disciples remember and bear witness. In our journeys, Jesus' presence is sometimes obvious or subtle. May we realise his loving companionship as we celebrate life eucharistically. *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



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Dear parishioners,

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

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Prayers from Our Parish to the World

In this time of isolation, when we are deprived of the Mass and Sacraments, we do not fear because we trust in Our God. We are still the Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove Community. As a caring community, we reach out to each other in love and prayers, to our brothers and sisters living in our Parish, the City of Sydney, Australia, and the whole world, Bless and protect us all, guide our leaders, and guide our doctors and scientists in developing a vaccine.

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)

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

APRIL

27 Mon Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273)

28 Tue Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 (274)

Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

29 Wed Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275)

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial) Patron Saint of Italy

30 Thu Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276)

Saint Pius V, Pope

MAY

1 Fri Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277)

or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/
Mt 13:54-58 (559)

Saint Joseph the Worker

2 Sat Easter Weekend

Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69 (278)

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

3 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49) Pss IV



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/projectcompassion.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A 26 APRIL 2020

First Reading [Acts 2:14, 22-33](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. v.11](#)

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Pt 1:17-21](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain,

namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel [Lk 24:13-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



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 (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), Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens).

Parishioners who are Sick: Robert Powell (John Powells brother), Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, 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:

Yolly C. Ventoza, Annie Consunji, Juju Dizon, Ellen Quirk, Laraine Lay, Esther Perez, Regino Tamayo Jr, Ray Mason, Anna Proietto, Arcadia Soriano, Deidre Cilia, Fiona Lee, Honorato Dulalia, Lucia Natoli, Giacomo Brancatto, Desmond Baker, Rosina Certoma, Eliza Ferreira, Lordito Arrogante.

Anniversaries: Caterina Giannocolo, Kevin McGreal, Sr Dorothy, OSB, Hizon-Consunji Family, Paul Zacaropoulos, Joseph Mangano, Patricia Finnimore, William Fernon, Giuseppe Corte, Molly Flanagan, Olive Byrnes, Edith Mulhare, Lew Idle, Phillis Morris, Nellie Santucci, Giuseppe Calcagno, Salud Estavillo, Dorothy Braiding, Maureen Larkin, Gwen Hough.

Also For: Thanksgiving for healing Linna Mitchell, successful surgery for Apolonia Gener, birthday thanksgiving of Fidela Jasmin, answered prayers of Jason Jasmin, 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 and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

ARE
CANCELLED
UNTIL
FURTHER
NOTICE



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.

Prayer Resources during time of Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Sydney has a dedicated webpage with prayers and scriptural reflections to help nurture your faith during these difficult times. You'll find the webpage here- <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/prayer-resources-for-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>



"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

safeguardingequies@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.