



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) - 28 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

My mum always haggled for anything she bought from the market. I used to imagine that we were destitute, only to find out later that she was only trying to stretch the family's budget. In our first reading we find Abraham as he 'haggled' with God in the same way mum haggled with the vendors in the market. But Abraham haggled with God himself and not with vendors in the market. Abraham did not haggle for vegetables, chicken, fish or meat; he entreated God for the salvation of the people of Sodom. Out of his deep compassion towards his people, Abraham pleads with God six times and each time Abraham received positive answer from God. He said he will not destroy Sodom if you stop bargaining at ten? God did not show any sign of exasperation. God never stopped giving; it was Abraham who stopped asking. In the end, not even ten righteous persons were found in Sodom. Only four remained-Lot, Lot's wife, and their two daughters. Lot's wife, alas!, disobeyed God, turned around, and was transformed into a pillar of salt. Thus, finally, only three righteous persons were left in Sodom and soon the city was destroyed. Today, we reflect on Abraham as a missionary to Sodom. He knew that evil was widespread in Sodom, but did not realise its catastrophic proportion. Abraham had to admit the painful truth that he did not know the people of Sodom full well. He also did not know God full well since he put a limit to God's power to forgive. In the end, it was the sin of Sodom that brought about its destruction. Jesus teaches us to persevere in prayer as we dedicate our life to mission. We need not put limits to God's power over our life unlike Abraham. We can keep asking God because he wants to keep giving. When our best efforts are reduced to failure, Jesus admonishes us not to despair: 'Ask Seek. Knock.' In effect, Jesus is telling us: 'Ultimately, it's not about you; it's about me.'

*The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections*

## Charitable Works Fund Parish Appeal

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

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## Couples Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

### 10 years

Colleen & George Tan

### 15 years

Anna & Dean Ferrone  
Celestina & Peter Shori

### 20 years

Tina & Thomas Coorey  
Rosemarie & Damian Hawkins

### 25 years

Therese Abela King & Mark King

### 30 years

Pierrett & Greg Stewart  
Mary & Anthony Gauci  
Maria Luisa & Tony Meogrossi  
Maria & Carmine Torrelli

### 40 years

Rina & Fred Bottaro

### 45 years

Barbara & Geoff Buckley

### 50 years

Diane & John Powell  
Frieda Sampelan & Jack Loho

### 60 years

Antonina & Ignazio Musso

### 65 years

Maria & Frank Iacono

## Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School resumes on 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:

- 04 Aug – *Liturgical Calendar/Lord's Prayer*
- 18 Aug – *The Twelve Apostles*
- 01 Sep – *Sermon on the Mount*
- 15 Sep – *Jesus heals the Paralysed 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](mailto:agnes.man@optusnet.com.au)**

## FROM THE SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

The Confirmation Preparation Program begins this Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of July. There are 50 children enrolled in the program this year.

It commences with an Information Session at 4pm in the Clune Centre followed by the Commitment Mass at 5pm. The candidates would need to be accompanied by one of the parents on both, the Information Session and the Commitment Mass.

Small group preparation starts on the week beginning Monday 5th August and will continue for 4 weeks.

The Confirmation Mass will be held on Saturday 14th September at 10am, celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady.

**Please keep all of the children with their families in your prayers as they begin their preparation.**

*For enquiries regarding sacramental programmes please contact Ana Naduva.*

Phone: 9554 5752 or

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.

## Sunday, 28 July 2019: Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year C

**First Reading** Gen 18:20-32

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

5. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

6. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Col 2:12-14

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

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up

You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel** Lk 11:1-13

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

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."'

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

### MOVIE AFTERNOON

**4 August (Sunday) starting at 1:30pm**

**"The Inn of the Sixth Happiness" – based on a true story of a modern-day saint who dreamt to be a missionary and save hundred homeless children to safety across enemy-held terrain.**

**This film will be showing in McGinley Room (the upper room) in the Clune Centre.**

**Language is English. Duration is two and a half hours.**

**Coffee, tea and snack provided. Free admission, all are welcome.**

### 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





## 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 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 Gucco, 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:

Lyn Cameron, Teresa Ridolfi, Maria Tropea, Mato Puljic, Marcelo Pamintuan SR, Helen Foster, Pui Yu Cheung, Antonietta Ferlito, Maria Pantanella, Lourdes Palma, Purita Rivera, Zenaida and Virginia Agbuya, Nila Tiplady.

**Anniversaries:** Iluminada De Vega, Leonard Dalton, Charlie Nigem, Eileen Tolhurst, Thomas Harte, Antonino Camuglia, Norma Hyde, Robert Lee, Keith Carolan, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Doreen Foley, Adolfo Cardenzana, Harold Montana, Bessie Baker, Nicholas Tuma, Veronica Lay, John Burton, Vittorio Certoma, Peter Mak, Brian Galvin, Leslie McAvinue, Laurie Maguire, Reginald Frost, Hubert Hoban, Mary Pritchard, George Gillier, Luigi Tusa, Antonietta Vitiello, Anna Spit, Elizabeth Johansen, Flo Narramore, Jim Quirk.

**Also For:** Special intention of Maria Aleixo, 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, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

### 3/4 August

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Readers:	P Simon K Doherty	N & T Ormerod
Commentator:	P Lee	P Frederick
Acolyte	Giok	Pak
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:		
Warden:		P Hizon
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Readers	FAMILY MASS	
Commentator:		
Acolyte	Wilson	Tom
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	G Macri	
Warden:	A Macpherson	
Cleaning Roster:	T & N Ormerod, M & W Phillips	
Counters:	J & J Henderson	

### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A & E Hawkins, C & D Farag
Sun 8.30am	:	A Larsen, I Nehme, A Youd
Sun 10.00am	:	A Lansdown, S & R Sicari, J Khouri
Sun 5.00pm	:	A & S Nacarella, P Warner

**The Pilgrim Statue:** will be at the home of Antonia & Stephen Chan, 51 Warrarong Street, Beverly Hills. 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)

### PRAYERS for our Parish:

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



### Next Sunday's Readings:

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

