



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A) - 29 March 2020



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



REFLECTION

Jesus' act of reviving Lazarus from the dead appears to have been something he undertook only with a degree of reluctance. Not only did he delay his going to see him, but spoke of his revival as a matter of 'waking one who sleeps'. Moreover, we read in the next chapter of John's Gospel that Lazarus was put to death very shortly thereafter. In effect, he gained very little by being revived, but underwent all the sufferings of physical death a second time. The miracle perhaps benefitted those who witnessed it more than poor Lazarus himself! It behoves us to accept physical death as an integral part of mortal life, something neither to be dreaded nor to be mourned excessively. Since Christ, who is Himself the Resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come, let us view physical death, not as an inexplicable tragedy, but rather as a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginably greater. *God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*

Position Vacant: Youth Coordinator,
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Kingsgrove.
Part-time position, working 20 hours/week.
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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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PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 VIRUS:

Dear parishioners,

Following the directives from the Prime Minister and as affirmed by the Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Anthony Fisher, all places of worship are to remain closed from Monday 23rd March until further notice. This is an understandably difficult and painful decision for all Catholics and all people of faith. We adhere to this decision in order to assist in stopping the spread of the virus.

Accordingly, we are implementing the following measures:

1. The church is closed. There will be no public Masses nor liturgies, neither indoor nor outdoor until further notice.
2. Catholics are dispensed from Sunday obligations as per the Archbishop's directives.
3. Funerals will still be conducted but with a limit of 10 people and need to comply with social distancing rules.
4. Weddings will be conducted but with a limit of five people and need to comply with social distancing rules.
5. Baptisms will be postponed until further notice.
6. Holy Communion will be given only as a Viaticum for extreme cases.
7. In relation to reconciliation, individuals may request personal reconciliation by contacting the office and making an appointment with either Father Casey or Father George.

Pastoral support

Whilst we are dispensed from our Sunday obligations there are ways we can still honour Sundays in these difficult times. Mass will be available for viewing on TV, Sundays 6am on channel 10. Mass will also be live-streamed from St Mary's Cathedral (please check www.sydneycatholic.org for updates and resources)

- 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 present the situation is fluid and we are considering what can and cannot be done to support our community. We will keep everyone informed as decisions are made relating to ways to help you pastorally, particularly the vulnerable and those who are in need.
- The Parish office will remain open until further notice.
- Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church on Fridays after 1pm.
- At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic when so many people have already been affected financially, we understand how difficult things are, however we ask that you please continue to support the parish if you can as we still need to maintain the church. Donations can be made via credit card, please obtain a Planned Giving form from the office. Alternatively Electronics Funds Transfer (EFT) with our bank details on **page 4**. Envelopes with your donations may be placed in the presbytery Mass offering box. Thank you for your kind contributions.
- Father Casey and Father George will continue to celebrate daily and weekend Mass privately and offer Masses for the sick of the parish and for the whole community and the world.
- If you wish to offer a Mass for a loved one, you may bring the Mass request envelope to the office or place it in the presbytery Mass offering box and either Father Casey or Father George will offer the Mass privately.

- We encourage you to continue praying, to read and ponder on the Sacred Scriptures, to pray the Rosary and your favourite devotions individually and, ideally, as a family too.
- Let us connect with one another spiritually by pausing for a minute of silence and praying one Hail Mary at 12pm every day.

These are challenging times, please do not be disheartened. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer. We are all one on this journey, may God bless us all.

Father Casey and Father George



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.**



"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 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 29th March 2020
Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

First Reading [Ez 37:12-14](#)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 129. R. v.7/](#)

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Second Reading [Rom 8:8-11](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL [Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.'

'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,

and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.



Women's Social Support Group
Tour of Elizabeth Bay House

Due to the Coronavirus we are cancelling this tour.

When it is safe for us to go on public transport again, then I will re-book the tour. I am sorry about the cancellation of this tour but I think it is best for everyone's health at this time.

Best wishes Veronica Tierney



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Go Further Together**".

Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by phoning 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion.



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), Ellen Quirk & 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: 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, Ray Mason, 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: Anna Proietto, Arcadia Soriano, Deidre Cilia, Fiona Lee, Esme Elefante, Lucia Natoli, Giacomo Brancatto, Desmond Baker, Rosina Certoma, Eliza Ferreira, Lordito Arrogante, Maria Di Benedetto, Brian Gammel, Noel Spinks, Filomena Palisoc, Freddie Paragas.

Anniversaries: Max Fleming, Angelo Paino, Anthony Field, Edward Lee, Joan Cantlon, Kevin Conaghan, Maria Graziana, Parmy Fazzari, Irene Robinson, Edward Moore, Agnes O'Regan, Sr Bernadette Smith osu, Mary Ng, Giovanni Natoli, Mary Myers, Catherine Goodwin, Nellie De Lyall, Suzanne Sims, Joyce Davis, Evasio Corino, Mavis Walshe, Marie Ohlrich, Monica Manning, Ellen Rorison.

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

ROSTERS

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 502 5001
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish,
Kingsgrove
Reference: Name & envelope no
(if applicable)

**OLF PARISH CALENDARS 2020 ARE
AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM
THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**Next Sunday's Readings: Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66**

