

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) - 31 March 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

Thursday 24 January 2019

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

(Please contact the Parish Office)

Weddings: By appointment

(Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

Can you recall a moment or event that marked a dramatic change in how your life unfolded thereafter? Your story took a critical turn. Something important changed forever. What was, was no longer. Today's readings speak of such a threshold moment. When the Israelites enter the promised land, the *manna* stops falling; they are now fed from the produce of the Land itself. For St Paul, to embrace the life of Christ is so utterly transformative that he speaks of becoming a "new creation". In the Gospel of the prodigal son, Jesus describes the Father's love as an experience of over-the-top forgiveness and radical reconciliation; a movement from death to life, from being 'lost' to being 'found'. In the light of these readings, consider where 'newness' is breaking into your life at this time. What and who is being changed? Can you trace the footprints of grace in the experience?

God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS

There will be a blessing for Expectant Parents on Sunday 5 May at the 10am Mass.

Morning Tea will also be provided after mass.

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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

LENTEN SEASON SERVICES

Fridays: 11:30AM & 7:30pm
Stations of the Cross

Tuesday: 9 April
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7:30pm

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses (in the Parish Courtyard)

Saturday Vigil: 13 April 5.00pm

Sunday: 14 April –8.30am, 10.00am
5.00pm

Holy Thursday: 18 April - 7.30pm Mass of
The Lord's Supper & Washing of
the Feet. (Adoration in the Church
until 12:00am)
**(No morning Mass. Chrism Mass
at St Mary's Cathedral)**

Good Friday: 19 April 10am Stations of
the Cross 3pm - Commemoration of
the Lord's Passion (Fasting &
Abstinence exemption for those
who are sick or over 65)

Holy Saturday: 20 April - 7pm Solemn Easter Vigil
(No morning Mass)

Easter Sunday: 21 April - 8.30am & 10.00am
(NO EVENING MASS)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 28 APRIL, 2019

**At Our Lady of Fatima,
Kingsgrove**

2:00pm *Adoration of the Holy
Eucharist
Divine Mercy Prayers &
Confession*

3:00pm *Benediction*

3:15pm *Feast of Mercy Holy Mass*

For Divine Mercy Information & Prayers visit:
www.trustandmercy.com

"The Redemptorist Community Kogarah is seeking a part time cook (30 hours) Monday to Friday. For further details, please call Stephanie Machee (02) 9553 3777"

PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

The 8.30 am Sunday Mass is in urgent need of new readers to become part of the roster. Proclaiming the Word is a rewarding and privileged ministry and every assistance is given to those joining it. If you are able to assist, please contact Vince and Jenny Hoban on 9502 4257. Many thanks.

From the Youth Co-ordinator- Sue Lomi

I walked the streets of Kings Cross on Wednesday with a group of parents from both our primary and high school. We followed a man called Rob Holt who had been living on the streets and had given up entirely on life. His struggle with alcoholism and addiction was his anaesthetic to numb the pain of his loneliness, his fears and the rejection of the world. Rob's story was one of the most extreme I have ever heard- his pain, his life choices, the consequences, the loss of his ideals, the loss of self, the loss of hope shocked me to my core. Rob tried everything this world could offer but he remained utterly unsatisfied and unfulfilled. What then brought him back to life from the brink of absolute destruction?

What brought him back was the kindness found in simple human conversation, a conversation which opened to several more over the years. These conversations restored Rob's dignity because he was finally being treated like a human being again and not a number or a problem that needed to be 'fixed'. When I think of Christ in the Gospels, I think of His conversations with tax collectors, prostitutes, the righteous, His disciples, His mother Mary and many more and it's easy to see that Christ's conversations were deliberate acts of love. They always spoke the truth, they always were full of compassion and they reflected how He loves us intentionally. We too can be intentional in loving our neighbour through the simplicity of a conversation that reflects the Divine present in us.

"Sometimes it is heard, I have tried everything, and nothing fulfils me. Be alert, that is not true. You have not tried everything. You need to go to the source that can quench your thirst: *If anyone thirst, let him come to me and drink*, Jesus said. All who have tried know what truth is." (St. JP II)

Let us begin!

The Youth would like to extend a huge thank you to the Parishioners for their support in the cupcake sales for their upcoming Youth Camp. They were able to fund raise an amazing \$1,292. Thank you and God bless.

OLF Youth

Y-Factor Youth Camp: Please contact Sue via email if you have any further questions regarding Youth Camp: youth@olfkingsgrove.org.au

ATTENTION ACOLYTES AND SERVERS

Rehearsals for the Easter Liturgies 2019 are as follows:

Wednesday 10 April @ 7pm – Good Friday
Thursday 11 April @ 7pm – Holy Thursday
Tuesday 16 April @ 7pm – Easter Vigil

The purpose of the rehearsals is for acolytes to familiarise themselves with the liturgy, allocate roles and ensure all that is needed for the liturgy is located and prepared. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday 3 April 2019, 8:00 pm; RSVP 29 March
Coordinator Contact : Paul & Clothilde Elsibai
Ph: 0410 583 808



Women's Social Support Group April Outing

Our April gathering will be a combined morning tea and a "Birthing Kit Workshop" for our charity ZONTA. Under Therese's guidance we will be putting together Birthing Kits.

It will also be an opportunity to bring along items for the "Share the Dignity-Aunty Flow Speaks" drive, donations of ladies sanitary items, any toiletries and handbags as well as old bras. There will be a morning tea so please bring a plate.

If you are coming with a friend, one plate will be great. Invite anyone you think might want to come along and help this worthy cause.

Time: 9am start in the Clune Centre.

Date: Saturday 13th April 2019.

If you would you like to come, please *rsvp* by

Friday 5th April to **Therese Abela-King**

on 0409 554 878 or tjabela_king@optusnet.com.au

Theatre Parties



Organised by the Women's Social Support Group
MURIEL'S WEDDING

MURIEL'S WEDDING Theatre Party has been booked for **Wednesday 31 July**

2019 at 1:00 p.m. It will be at the Lyric Theatre, The Star, Pyrmont. **Cost: \$90.00** per ticket.

Tickets must be paid for by **Monday 27th May 2019.**

CHICAGO

CHICAGO Theatre Party has been booked for **Wednesday 28 August 2019 at 1pm.** It will be at the **Capitol Theatre,** Haymarket, Sydney.

Cost: \$69.90 per ticket.

Tickets must be paid for by **Friday 21st June 2019.**

If you wish to go to either of these Theatre Parties please contact **Veronica** on **0412 216 166** or email

vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our

Organised Theatre Parties,

including friends, husbands, relatives etc. Our special theatre party prices are for adults only.



"Safeguarding in our Parish

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

We are a community of parents and grandparents, children and youth, aunts and uncles. We want our parish to be a safe home for all of us. To assist our community John Deacon and Gina Guiffrida have agreed to take on the PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) role. If you have concerns you wish to raise, you can contact them via the e-mail address safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

PRAYERS for our Parish:

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



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

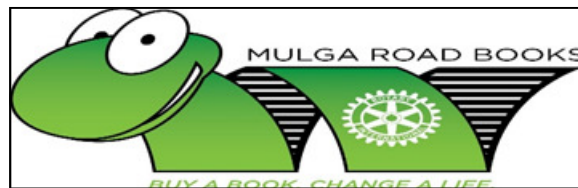
Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis center in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. The Aboriginal-controlled service gives patients the opportunity to stay connected with their culture. They do this through traditional healing practices and income-generating activities, such as making bush balms and soaps. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential health care, employment and training for First Australians like Micaela.

Lives change when we all give 100%. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or

phoning 1800 024 413.



Mulga Road Books is a not-for-profit book store located in Oatley. the book shop sells pre-loved and collectable books of all genres including religious books.

The book shop was opened as a major project for fundraising, with all money going directly back into the community. All books are donated to the store by members of the public.

What makes Mulga Road Books so special is not just its inspiring philosophy of 'buy a book, change a life,' but the countless volunteers who are committed to making a difference in their community. through the power of books.

Address: 89 Mulga Rd, Oatley

Phone: 80346269

Email: mulgaroadbooks@gmail.com

Could you help a child in care?

We urgently need compassionate people to provide short-term foster care. To learn more, come to our information night. Tuesday 2 April 2019, 5:30pm-8pm
Marist 180 36 First Avenue Blacktown NSW 2148

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 of the Second Collection is much appreciated.



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 Lozzaro (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).

Parishioners who are Sick: Betty Maguire, Netta and Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, John Gouveia, Larissa Anne Salt, Bo Mercado, Portia Mariano, Grace Padlan, Ramon Syquia, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Zon Gueco, Terese Mitry, Ben Xuereb, Emma Hogan, 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, Anna Fiamingo, Samar Munoz, Paul Moras, Mauro Aguilar, George Mir.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased: Nadim Nehme, Irene Silva, Elizabeth Coluccio, Elia Coluccio, David Wastie, Margerty Tallen, Beverly Brophy, Mary Lowe, Michael Guassardo, Keith Watson, Tina Lam, Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), Len Wicks, William McCafferty, Annette Cluff, Amy Quinn, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Daisy Crowder, Felisa Borromeo, Connie McInerney, Manuela Martins Loule, Terence Clark, Ruby Maglalang-Alvir, Walter Nunez, Renato Opilas, Eleanor Zante, Kristopher Santos.

Anniversaries: Max Fleming, Edward Lee, Maria Alexio, Joseph Liu, Mary Ng, Arnulfo Pan, 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, May Grant, Rosina Briscoe-Hough, Kwok Ke Lam, Michael Conlon.

Also For: Filippo & Annunziata Di Paola, Michele Raffaele, Irene Silva, Giuseppe, Bartolo, Mariana Tesoriero; Angelo, Vincenzo, Annunciata, Tilla Cusumano; Domenico, Vittoria, Natale Storniolo, Laurie McGuire, Winifred & Ralph McCreanor, Catarina, John & Robert Vella, Patrick & Mary McCafferty, Maria La Spada Snr, Maria & Joseph Natoli, Rosaria & Giovanni Natoli, Antonio Natoli, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

6/7 April

	5:00pm	8:30am
Readers:	J & J Henderson	E Russo L Xuereb
Commentator:	K Doherty	M Nigem
Acolyte	Thomas	Pak
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:		
Warden:		P Bozic
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	L Lee S Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	M Guiffreda	
Acolyte	Michael	Kelvin
Music:	10 AM Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	G Macri	
Warden:	J Policarpio	
Cleaning Roster:	A Xuereb, K Widjojo, M Setiawan, S Sunarto	
Counters:	L & D Wallworth	
Lawn mowing:	G Borg, G Stewart, B Kauter	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A & E Hawkins, C & D Farag
Sun 8.30am	:	A & S Nacarella, P Warner, R Mulia
Sun 10.00am	:	D Pighin, J Kim, S & H Tandaovong, E Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	A Larsen, J & J Ung, N Ng

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Freda & Guy Cassar, 4/15-17 Ellerslie Road, Bexley. 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, 3 April.

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

Next Sunday's Readings: Yr C: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

