



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

First Sunday of Lent (Year B) - 21 February 2021

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, easing of restrictions apply on all masses. From Friday, 12 February 2021, our church can have 460 people with two-square-metre rule.



REFLECTION

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to journey into the wilderness with Jesus, a place of encounter and solitude. It was the Spirit who 'drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days...' In the wilderness Jesus prayed, fasted and was tempted by the devil. This difficult experience prepared him and strengthened him for his ministry.

The forty days of Lent are also a time when we can be strengthened for the work that God has prepared for us. Are we aware of the ways that God desires to use our lives to reach out to others? Pope Francis invites us to 'take advantage of Lent as the privileged time to purify ourselves in order to experience the consoling presence of God in our lives'.

Lord, help us to seek moments of being alone with you. Teach us, the value of silence and solitude in our life. Help us to seek you in this time.

God's Word 2021 Daily Reflections



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

Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm no booking for 460 people but needs to register on

entry on main church door; same with weekday masses. **No booking for all these masses**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday: 11.00am - 12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)

Second Rite of Reconciliation—Wednesday, 10 March 7:00pm

We need volunteers to be rostered as main entrance door attendants/wardens at each of the weekend and holy week masses to oversee our compliance with safety directives. If you are interested, please call Parish Office, 9150 9665, Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Thank you.

OLF PARISH CALENDARS 2021 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

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Dear parishioners,

We thank God that for 30 consecutive days, there were no cases of community transmission of Coronavirus. As such, from Friday, 12 February, easing of restrictions was announced.

But we have to continue to be careful and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. **We are again back with 460 people in the church including upstairs with 2 square metre rule.** Indicators are in each pew for the limit of number of people to sit unless from same household. Dot markers are placed where people should sit. **No booking required on all masses but on a first come, first serve basis.**

It is always a requirement that attendees should register before entering the church. It is compulsory that registration now is through scanning the Service NSW QR code using smartphones with Service NSW App. For those with no smart mobile phones please write your name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on Weekdays.

The **wearing of face masks** is no longer mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. But for our safety, I would highly recommend wearing of face masks if social distancing is not possible. We are trying as much as we can to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I will still be wearing mask especially during communion. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection and safety.

Congregation singing is STILL cancelled until further notice.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church is open for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 12:00 noon Tuesday to Saturday.** Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.

2. **Daily Mass:**
Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9:15am
Friday 10:30am-11.25pm, Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, 11:30-12:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass. Maximum of 460 people. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply.
No booking required.

3. **Saturday 9:15 am** morning Mass is followed by **Confession until 10.30am. No booking required.**

4. **Weekend Mass, regular schedule resumed, maximum of 460 people. All weekend mass - no Booking required**
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
10:00am
5:00pm

Please come early when attending mass for registration and to secure your seats. Until further notice, we are allowed **460 people inside the church including upstairs, on a first come, first, serve basis. Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 460.**

5. From Friday, 12 February, dispensation had been again lifted. All Catholics (except those at risk, the elderly, the sick and those with compromised immune and respiratory systems) are once again obliged to attend Sunday mass and Holy Days. If restrictions are once again tightened, and church attendance is limited to one person per 4 square metre rule, the dispensation will again be in place. Those unable to attend mass are encouraged

encouraged to do Prayers at home, read Scriptures or watch live streamed mass on TV and asking God for graces normally received at Holy Communion.

6. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
7. For **funerals** up to 300 people with 2-square metre rule.
8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 300 attendees subject to 2-square-metre rule.
9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 300 guests inside our church. Same with other venues.

All of these notices might change depending on the Covid 19 situation.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

Please remember that you may offer Mass for anniversaries, special intentions, thanksgiving 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.

Please 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

Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

February 2021

22 Mon

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
Feast

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 (535) Pss Prop

23 Tue

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)

24 Wed

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)

25 Thu

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)

26 Fri

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)

27 Sat

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

28 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 (26)
Pss II

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

8:00 pm RSVP: 26 February 2021

Coordinators: Tom and Tina Coorey

Phone Nos.: 9150 6016; 0423 854 633



LENTEN SEASON SERVICES

Stations of the Cross Every Friday from
19 February

11:30am-English
7:00pm-English
1st & 3rd Saturday 6:00pm in Chinese

Wednesday: 10 March
2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7:00pm
(Invited Priests to assist)

Saturday: 27 March Working Bee
from 9:45am

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses
inside the Church. You can bring your own Palm for
 blessing. Palms will be available in the Church to be
distributed by volunteers. No touching.

Saturday Vigil: 27 March 5.00pm

Sunday: 28 March –8.30am, 10.00am
5.00pm

Holy Thursday: 1 April - 7.00pm 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: 2 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: 3 April 9:00am RCIA Liturgy;
7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 4 April - 8.30am, 10.00am &
11:30am
(NO EVENING MASS)

Lenten Retreat Day

SATURDAY 13th MARCH

Facilitator: Fr Percival Savare, OSA

9:15am Mass

9:45am Tea/Coffee

10:15am start session till 2:30pm

All Welcome Please book at Parish Office

Please note: we changed our way of gathering your First, Second Collection and other donations. Volunteers will collect at each row with long handled collection bags. We thank Mary and Hugh Seeto for making and providing these collection bags. Thank you for your ongoing support.

You're invited to St Ursula's College Campus Tour on 1-4 March 2021, 9AM-11:00AM, By Appointment only, Book via: stursulakingsgrove.org. See flyers at church foyer and side entrance door.

PROJECT COMPASSION
BE MORE

Please take home a Project Compassion box and or a set of donation envelopes

and support Caritas Australia this Lenten Season themed "Be More". These are at the church foyer. Through your generosity and by aspiring to be more, you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. You can donate through these boxes and envelopes or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call 1800 024 413.



On Ash Wednesday, copies of **Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples, a Lenten Companion** were distributed. It is a practical resource that can be used in private prayer or group discussion, and includes: 1) Gospel for each Sunday of Lent and Easter Sunday; 2) Spiritual Reflection; 3) Questions to encourage spiritual reflection; 4) teachings on the role of Lent in Spiritual Renewal; 5) Stations of the Cross; 6) Examination of Conscience before Confession. Please use this with your family in your Lenten journey towards Easter. There are still few copies left at church foyer.



Theatre Party
Organised by the Women's
Social
Support Group

COME FROM AWAY

Date: **Wednesday 25th August, 2021**

Time: **1pm**

Location: **Capitol Theatre**

Cost: **\$75.00**

Payment Date: **Friday 23rd June 2021**

This production is based on the remarkable true story of what happened when hundreds of planes were diverted from their US destinations to towns in Canada immediately after the 9/11 attacks. The town of Gander was one of the towns that took 38 planes and the story is based on real events that happened on this island in Canada and what the people of that island did for these passengers.

If you wish to go to the above Theatre Party 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.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

"Welcome everyone to our live celebration of the Mass and the joy of receiving the Blessed Eucharist. As the caring Community of OLF Kingsgrove, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in **Farrell Road & Flat Rock Street** praying for their needs and intentions."





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper and Millie Czerny (Huntingdon 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), Patricia North (Southhaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), 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); Anthony (Tony) Redford (Pathways Cronulla Pines), Victa Hanzel (RFBI Lakemba Masonic Village).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Leonardo Pagano, Ramon & Caridad Hizon, Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Rosa Alaso, Rhose Cunningham, David Burrell, Joanne Dick, Caterina Ancona, Joe Millen, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Betty Maguire, Michael & Eileen Neville, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben & Lena Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Adrienne Schneiderberg, George Ghostine, Teresa Lai-Wah Leung, Araceli Esmilla, Nestor Reforma, Ana Pelaez, Gay Chan, Miguel Ventosa, Ramona & Danilo Feliciano, John Foxe, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Warlito Del Pilar, Carolina Augusta Braga, Monica Cherry, Govind Reddy, Rosemary Cooley, John Fisher, Bishop Geoff Robinson, Raffy Hizon, Abla Nader, Kerry Single, Robert Powell, Fernande Cantrell, Edmund Pew.

Anniversaries: Helen Chakty, Ramon Chakty, Carmelo Di Francesco, Mariano Stendardo, Santo Livolsi, John McCafferty, Lucia Natoli, Reginald Clarke, Rachael Metcalfe, Frederick Goodwin, Winifred Brooks, Mark Brennan, Victor Crowder, Frances Nolan, Angela Tusa, Patricia Browne, Lloyd Talbot, Shirley Grill, Maria Villareal, Edward Kearney, Madeline Thomas, Rosaleen Byrne, Josephine Cullen, Giuseppe Tesoriero, Maria Gregorio, Maria Villareal, Marjorie Hanson.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Owen/Peronace family, Simon, Mary Fick family, Valerie Okwechime, Choeu family; deceased John Ringo Little, Paul & Reymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 27/28 February

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	T Abela-King	S Fisher
Commentator:	M Millen	R Naderuzzam
Acolyte:	Wilson/Christopher	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	C Pighin	
Acolyte :	Tom	Anthony



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 pandemic. 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!

Are you a part of the Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Youth Ministry, a Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counter?

To protect our children and youth, if you have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

If you are over 18, you also need a Working with Children (WWC) approval that you can apply for online.

Volunteers do not need to pay for the WWC.

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who have already attended Safeguarding Training and supplied details of their WWC to the Parish Office.

During June, the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office is asking adults, youth and children to participate in a staying safe online 5 minute CyberSafety

Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can approach Fr Casey, or email John Deacon and Gina Giuffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) via the email

address safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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 safeguardingequities@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.