



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Second Sunday of Lent (Year B) - 28 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.



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)

REFLECTION

To contemplate the scene of the Transfiguration we need to "go up the mountain with Jesus", leaving behind our worries and concerns. On the mountain, Jesus appeared to Peter, James and John in all his glory as the Son of God. Peter wanted to hold on to that experience and stay on the mountain, offering to build a few tents!

It was while he was praying to his heavenly Father that Jesus was transfigured. The same can be the case for us. Each time we pray and seek to be in communion with the Father, we too can experience being transfigured or transformed by God's presence. Very real changes can take place when we encounter Christ in prayer. An inner transformation can take place as our faith, hope and love are restored or renewed. And even a physical change can happen: the glow returns to our eyes, we smile again, and our shoulders are no longer weighed down. Jesus' communion with his Father in the prayer of Transfiguration strengthened him to face the cross. We too, need experiences of tasting heaven on earth in order to face the challenges of the cross in our own life. Lord, help us to taste and see the heaven on earth. Lord, transform us!



Pope Francis announced that from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021 as the **Year of St Joseph** in honour of the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being named as patron of the Universal Church.



Welcome to Fr Stephen Onyekwere who is from the Diocese of Wagga Wagga, NSW. Currently enrolled as a full-time student as Notre Dame University. He is assigned as a part-time assistant at OLF Church to do priestly ministry.

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

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Part time Parish Assistant—Fr Stephen Onyekwere

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Dear parishioners,

We thank God that for many 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.

- 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.
- 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

5. From Friday, 12 February, dispensation had been again lifted. All Catholics (except those ar risk, the eldely, 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

March 2021

1 Mon

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

2 Tue

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

3 Wed

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

4 Thu

Saint Casimir

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

5 Fri

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

6 Sat

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

7 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 (29)

Reminder

Men's Ministry Network Breakfast at St Thomas More Brighton-Le Sands Saturday, 13th March

Starting with 8am registrations, Adoration, 9am mass with Bishop Umbers

The topic is—St Joseph and the Masculine Genius Bookings are essential at sydneycatholic.org/maximus1 Tickets are \$20

For more information call parish office: 9567 3589

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)

PROJECT COMPASSION

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.

WHICH RITE IS RIGHT?

The Church offers three Rites for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance, all of which allow for contemplation of the ways in which we have fallen short of our baptismal commitment.

I: Offers the individual time one-on-one with a priest who prays with the penitent, helps him/her examine their life and offers spiritual guidance.

II: Shows more clearly the communal nature of sin. The community shares Scripture, examines conscience together and, as one, gives thanks for the infinite mercy of God. The individual confession is witnessed by the community who pray for each penitent. Out of consideration for others, one or two areas of concern are confessed. If longer is needed, the First Rite should be approached.

III: Rarely used, it takes place where the number of penitents makes individual confession impossible, or in exceptional circumstances where time is of the essence e.g. in war.

On Wednesday 10 March at 7pm we will prepare ourselves for Easter as a community by celebrating the Second Rite.

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

CATHECHISTS WANTED

We need two Cathechists to teach years 3 & 4 at Kingsgrove Primary School. Lessons are on Thursdays, 2pm to 2:30pm, and are easy to follow. No previous teaching experience is required and training and support is provided.

As well as enriching the faith of some great children, you will enrich your own faith. You will also be doing something worthwhile to support our Community of Faith here at Kingsgrove. We hope you are able to assist. Enquiries: Peter Coleman 9787 2554

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 Fleming & Forrester Streets praying for their needs and intentions."



A BIG THANK YOU TO GIOK & WIN WINARTA

Giok and Win Winarta have been quietly working away in our Parish for many years. Giok and Win then took up the role of Acolyte and with great

commitment began their roles in the Parish serving at many masses and big celebrations. They also served as acolytes for many funerals of fellow parishioners.

They never made a fuss and always just got on with what they were doing in all areas of Parish Life with love and devotion to God and our Parish. They were always there to assist our Parish Priest or any visiting Priests with their normal dignity and faith.

They never have a bad word to say about anyone.

They have both decided to retire from the ministry of Acolyte after lots of wonderful years of service. They are making way for our wonderful young people coming through in this ministry.

A big Thank You to you both. May God bless you both for all that you have given of yourselves.



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), Anne Sheerin (Holy Spirit Aged Care, Croydon).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Rosa Alaso, Rhose Cunningham, 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:

Antonio Pinto, Adrienne Schneijderberg, 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: Felicadad Cadiz, Isabel Cadaoas, Ottavio De Benedetto, Lucia Natoli, Maureen Kane, Carmelo Di Francesco, Rosaria Malfitano, Joan Hamilton, Joseph Patterson, Maureen Fulton, John McArthur, Alan Fazzari, Sr Agnes McDermott osu Gaetanina Soccio, Ronald Clarke, Claudio Leone, Maria Pulone, Wing Sang Leong, Dorothy Hollis, Ting Kwan Yee, John Williams, Jack Lord, Esther Sage, Teresa Walsh, Irene Moroney, Raymond Denny, Norman Shepherd, Nell Gooley, Giovanni Immarrata, Michael McEnroe.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Owen/ Peronace family, Simon, Mary Fick 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 6/7 March

 5:00pm
 8.30am

 Reader:
 L Corbett
 P Lee

 Commentator:
 S Camporeale
 E Russo

 Acolyte:
 Alyssa
 Pak

 10:00am
 5:00pm

 Reader:
 M Policarpio
 Youth

Reader: M Policarpio
Commentator: T Coorey

Acolyte: Jeremy Michael



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 <u>safeguardingPSS</u> <u>O@olfkingsgrove.org.au</u>

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 safeguarding equiles@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.