



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Easter Sunday (Year B) - 4 April 2021

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, easing of restrictions apply on all masses. From Monday, 29 March 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

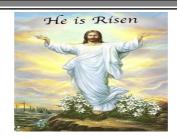
Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm no booking for 460 people but needs to register on

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)

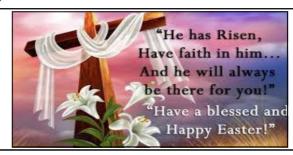


REFLECTION

This Sunday begins the Octave of Easter, eight solemn days when we reflect on the reality of the resurrection. Essentially, one grand narrative begins in heartbreak but ends in joy. A disconsolate Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb alone while it is still dark. We can almost feel the weight of her sadness. And sadness becomes confusion when she sees the stone rolled back. At her news, Peter and John run to the tomb, enter it and see the linen headpiece rolled up. An insignificant detail you might think. But, in this narrative it is hugely significant. According to the customs for eating in the Ancient Near East, a linen napkin rolled up and left in its place was a way of telling those serving the food that you would be returning again. John uses this little thing to proclaim the resurrection.

It is also noteworthy that none of the Gospels report someone witnessing the resurrection act as it happened. This explosion of God 's eternal love into history is simply too great to be contained or confined by human words. It remains in the realm of mystery, in the realm of God. The effects of the resurrection make a real and decisive impact on the faith and hope of the disciples. If Jesus is resurrected, then they too will be resurrected, and so will we. Indeed, our resurrection is hapening here and now, but it is not yet complete until the second coming of Jesus. Are we living a resurrected life? Are we proclaiming by our everyday lives that we know and have come to believe that we share in this mystery of God 's eternal love?

God 's word Daily Reflections 2021



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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, the government announced further easing of restrictions from Monday, 29 March.

But we still 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 still 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 and public transport. 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 during communion. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection and safety.

Congregation singing is now allowed provided 2 sq metre rule is observed.

- 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 over 460.

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

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

- Anointing of the sick will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
- No more cap for **funerals** but still observe 2-square metre rule.
- 8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 460 attendees subject to 2-square-metre rule.
- Weddings can be celebrated with 460 guests inside our church. No more caps on 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 April 2021

- **5 Monday within the Octave of Easter** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 (261) Pss Prop
- **6 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter** Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 (262) Pss Prop
- **7 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter** Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 (263) Pss Prop
- **8 Thursday within the Octave of Easter** Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 (264) Pss Prop
- **9 Friday within the Octave of Easter** Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 (265) Pss Prop
- **10 Saturday within the Octave of Easter** Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266) Pss Prop

11 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31 (44) Pss Prop

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 7th April 2021 8:00 pm

RSVP: 5 April 2021

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai

Phone no: 0410 583 808



LENTEN SEASON SERVICES

Holy Saturday: 3 April 9:00am RCIA Liturgy;

7pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 4 April - 8.30am, 10.00am &

1:30am

(NO EVENING MASS)

(Please note: Daylight Savings ends at 3:00am, 4 April,

Easter Sunday)



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-11 APRIL, 2021

At Our Lady of Fatima Church, Kingsgrove
on 89 Shaw St Kingsgrove (near Train Station)
200pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Divine Mercy Prayers & Confession
300pm Benediction
3:15pm Feast of Mercy Holy Mass

with Blessing of the People & Divine Mercy Images

For Divine Mercy information & Prayers visit www.trustandmercy.com

We invite all Expectant Parents for a blessing on Sunday 2nd May 2021 at the 10am Mass.



The Parish Pastoral Council and RCIA Group will hold a Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for our Parish, Easter Sunday, 4 April after 8:30am, 10:00am,

and 11:30am mass. Please support this worthwhile initiative. Thank you.

The Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting again from Monday 19th April 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

"As a caring faith community, we give thank and pray for all our friends and faith family members who are celebrating the Holy Week

and the Resurrection of Our Lord with us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, especially our new catecumens. Bless them, protect them, and fulfil their needs. We also pray for protection over our parishioners who are travelling."



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 and side doors. For those who had taken boxes and envelopes, please return them with your donation as soon as you can if you were not able to give them on Holy Thursday mass.

Donations can be made also by visiting:

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or call 1800 024 413. Donations are 100% tax deductible. Thank you.

Good Friday Holy Land Collection 2021

Through this collection on Good Friday, 2nd April, at 3:00pm mass, as encouraged by Pope Francis, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the church in the Holy Land and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. Should you wish to donate by credit card, please use envelopes provided and at church foyer. Please give generously though not tax deductible. Thank you.

Appeal for Children's Liturgy of the Word - Leaders and helpers

If you have been thinking about getting more involved in parish life but cannot commit too much of your time, the Children's Liturgy Team Ministry might be just the thing for you this year.

We require leaders for Yr kinder to Yr 6, as well as helpers. The only requirement is that you are 18 years or older and willing to provide a Working With Children's Check.

Mentoring will be provided to you if you are new to the ministry, by an experienced leader.

The commitment required is a maximum of two Sunday mornings, once a term; the reward for all those involved is immeasurable.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry or have any questions regarding Children's Liturgy of the Word please contact Ana on the email or telephone number below.

Ana Naduva Sacramental Coordinator

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Email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com



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**



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), 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); 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:

Fr Ric Fernando, sdb, Dra. Rosette Santiago Hizon, Leonardo Pagano, 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:

Parma Spata, Vicente Sandoval, Jimmy Virata, Claire Hoare, Randy Aquino, Esme Roberts, Jim Carlo Alivia, Jack Minahan, Pietro Testa, Gemma Santiago, Dr Hermilo Jasminez, Ligaya Dungca, Pat Parkinson, Tony Iannella, Antonio Pinto, Emily Khoudair, George Mir, Adrienne Schneijderberg, George Ghostine, Teresa Lai-Wah Leung, Araceli Esmilla, Gemma Santiago.

Anniversaries: Maria Aleixo, Filippo Sollazzo, Arnulfo Pan, Eng Heng Tan, Mary N.C. Ng, Rosa George, Suzie Adolphe, Jessie Hicks, John Tangye, Olga Favero, Joan Chandler, Marie Laker, Jean Brightman, Edward Schofield, Patricia Silcock, John Quinn, Anne Peak, Mary Caulfield, Kathleen Carroll, Shirley Gleeson, Cecil Smith, Beryl Brooker, Filippo Mazzucco, Anna Da Luz, Lillian Hillard,

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions Gener-Jasmin family: deceased John Ringo Little, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 10 & 11 April

5:00pm8.30amReader:V HobanS FisherCommentator:J HobanR Naderuzzam

Acolyte: Ella Leslie
10:00am 5:00pm

Reader: Kalifa Family Youth

Commentator: Kalifa Family

Acolyte: Kelvin Wilson



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**.

Can You Picture Yourself Being a Foster Carer?

Family Spirit are seeking safe and stable homes for children for up to 6 months or more. To learn more about becoming a foster carer, please register for their upcoming online information session: Wednesday, 28 April, 12:30 to 1:30pm by email: connect@familyspirit.org.



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



"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
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.

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-equiies@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.