

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Second Sunday of Easter (Year B) Divine Mercy Sunday- 11 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.



REFLECTION

The Second Sunday of Easter, marks the end of our solemn eight days of reflection of the mystery of the resurrection. Today we are told the story of Thomas and Jesus. Thomas is very like us, an ordinary person with doubts and fears in his life, struggling for faith. Having experienced the reality of Jesus' death, he doubts the reality of Christ's resurrection. He needs proof. Verifiable proof!

When Jesus himself provides that proof, Thomas proclaims, ' My Lord and my God '. This is the first proclamation of the divinity of Christ and at the same time it is an affirmation of the reality of his humanity. And just as his divinity was humanised, so now his humanity is glorified. However, notice that the text does not tell us that Thomas did what Jesus suggested. It seems that when he is faced with the truth of the resurrection, Thomas no longer needs to feel the wounds of Christ for himself. It no longer matters. His Lord and his God is welcoming him into full faith and Thomas accepts gladly.

Pope Francis tells us, ' The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms...With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and start anew. ' How can we embrace the resurrection more fully? In what way can we provide help for those who still doubt? How do we acknowledge their doubts and help their faith in Christ grow.

God's word Daily Reflections 2021



MASS TIMES

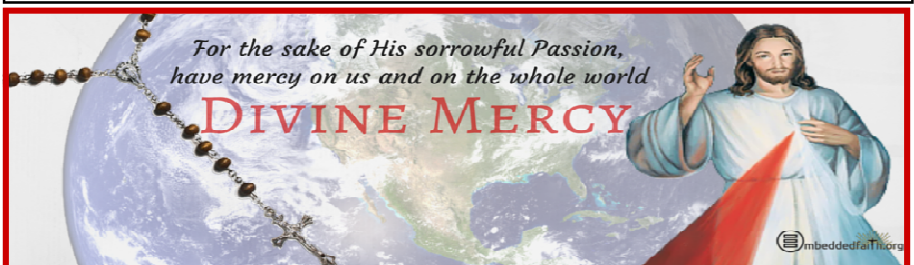
Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 9:15am
Wednesday: 9:15am
Thursday: 9.15am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil
5.00pm
Sunday: 8:30am 10am &
5.00pm

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)



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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.

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

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. 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.
9. **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

A memorial mass will be held for the late Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Archbishop of Kampala, Uganda, here at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Wednesday, 14 April 2021 at 6:30 pm, to be presided by Bishop Richard Umbers. You are welcome.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

April 2021

12 Mon Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II

13 Tue Easter Weekday

Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268)

14 Wed Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)

15 Thu Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)

16 Fri Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)

17 Sat Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)

18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 (47)Pss III

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Tuesday, 11th May 2021 7:00 pm

RSVP: 6 May 2021

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414

979 241; Myrna De La Pena ph 0490 410 896





The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!

We are still in the "Octave" of Easter that I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who supported us in our 2021 Lenten Journey to Easter. Let me offer my sincerest thanks to the Liturgy Group:

Jenny & Vince Hoban, David Ivers, Judy Fleming, John Deacon, Mary Tan (flowers); Mary Leung with RCIA Team, Choir and Youth Group Alyssa, Emily, Sebastian, Rocco, Christopher, Mark and Michelle for the Stations of the Cross; English and Chinese groups; Covid Safe Registration, collection wardens: Imelda, Carina, Flor, Myrna, Tess, Pressy, Malou, Carlo, Margot, Ysabel, Cecilia, Agnes, Anita, Benny, Monique, Antonia; altar servers: Jeremy, Ella, Anthony, Michael; all the different choir groups, readers and commentators. There are many more I might have missed mentioning, but our Lord God knows your good deeds. To organise and coordinate all our activities and liturgies during this time of the pandemic is not easy and simple. Thank you to all for making our holy journey to Easter a great success! **Happy Easter! "To Him be Highest Glory and Praise."**

Fr Casey

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.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY- 11 APRIL, 2021

At Our Lady of Fatima Church, Kingsgrove
on 89 Shaw St Kingsgrove (near Train Station)

2.00pm Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Divine Mercy Prayers & Confession

3.00pm 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



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



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



Thank you for supporting us this year as we demonstrate how love and compassion for our global community can transform lives.

You have responded to St. Oscar

Romero's invitation to "Be More," putting your compassion into action to support some of the world's most vulnerable communities. By aspiring to be more, you have helped change lives.

Thank you for your generous support to Caritas Project Compassion 2021 Lenten appeal. We banked \$9,098 including credit cards donation.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion #projectcompassion 1800 024 413

Prayer Meeting recommencing 6:30pm Monday 12 April. Come and give thanks to Our God for all blessings you have received, with the **Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group**. Monday 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the courtyard adjacent to the church). Enquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.

ARE YOU READY?

The new roster for readers will begin in May. If you are feeling confident enough to return to your ministry, please contact the Hobans. Thank you. jenniferhoban@bigpond.com



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 **Illawarra Parade & Irwin Crescent** 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), 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, 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, 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:

Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Lou Rovali, Sheryl Aienza, Dra. Rosette Santiago Hizon, 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 Schnejderberg, George Ghostine, Teresa Lai-Wah Leung, Araceli Esmilla, Gemma Santiago.

Anniversaries: Maria & Antonio Pasquariello, Phillipo Sollazo, Arnulfo Pan, Sr Madeleine Carroll osu, Rosa George, Pius Thomas, Cirilo & Laureana Encabo, Ariel Fiorini, Ellen Quirk, James Batman, Lyle Clark, Mark Rovali, Vincent Carroll, Mary Lum, James Yam, Matthew McCann, Margaret Wilson, Maria Portelli, Doug Patulny, Arthur Brown, Francis Schiff, Angela Dwyer, Jean Boldan, Ellen Stewart, Mary Haavisto, Teresa Avila Bui, Alice Walsh.

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

ROSTERS 17 & 18 April

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	S Camporeale	P Lee
Commentator:	L Corbett	E Russo
Acolyte:	Christopher	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	J Deacon	Youth
Commentator:	M Policarpio	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Kelvin

In collaboration with Grief Care Australia, OLF Caring and Support Group would like to invite you to attend a free 3hrs interactive session on Saturday 15th May 2021 at 10am in the Clune Centre to gain an awareness on the importance of understanding loss and companionship.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP on: (02) 9150

Being a Companion to Those in Grief

Facilitated by Grief Care



Join us to learn more about how we can create caring communities for those experiencing loss, grief, bereavement and trauma.

An interactive and dynamic 3 hour workshop that is designed to draw on our own innate individual wisdom as well as to inform.

The workshop aims to provide a safe space where participants can explore:

- Contemporary understandings of loss, grief, trauma and bereavement, including 'living losses'
- The role of the Companion
- Communicating with those in grief
- Responding to the uniqueness of families and individuals
- Self-care and boundary-setting



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.



"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@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.