



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*The Ascension of the Lord Year B) 16 May 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

Allowing for the eventual gift of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost, fifty days after the Passover, in the Acts of the Apostles Jesus remains with the earliest Church for forty days. Following his ascension, they must wait in the city of Jerusalem, the centre of God's saving history, to which Jesus travelled, where he suffered and rose, and where the Spirit will be given. They are not to worry about when the end of world will come as they have a mission ahead of them. As the physical presence of Jesus ends-to be replaced by the Holy Spirit-he commissions his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They do not understand. They stand gazing into the sky, until the two men in white who were in the empty tomb (see Luke 24:4) appear and instruct them that they must begin their mission, as one day in the distant future Jesus will return.

The author to the Letter to the Ephesians instructs us on how we are to conduct that mission as Church, until we all reach the perfection for which we were made. The Gospel reading comes from a passage added to the Gospel of Mark late in the second century. The author gathers from various earlier traditions to instruct us on Jesus' ascension, and the wonders that will accompany the faith-filled mission that follows Jesus' departure and the gift of the Spirit that we will celebrate next Sunday.

*God's word Daily Reflections 2021*

**CWF May Parish Appeal** The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal will continue this weekend and we need your help. COVID-19 has taken an especial toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney – including those now facing homelessness, single mothers, those struggling with mental health, and our local Aboriginal communities. Special envelopes are available in your seats or at church foyer. Please give generously. Donations of \$2 or more are 100% tax deductible. Thank you.



**This weekend and over the next weekend, as requested by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, our parish had been participating in the 2021 National count of mass attendance. We already did in the past 2 weekends. Thank you to all volunteers for each mass who are doing the count.**

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**Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere**

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**Youth Coordinator: TBA**

**Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday**

**Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Bookkeeper, Accounts)**

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*Dear parishioners,*

There is no known case of community transmission of Coronavirus in the past days but the government announced extension for another week of tight restrictions up until Monday, 17th May, 12:01am.

We are urged 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. **The 2 square metre rule had not been changed so we are still with 460 people in the church including upstairs.**

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 again compulsory in closed-in places, including places of worship and public transport. 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. Everyone should again wear face masks. Congregation singing is not allowed.**

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 change announced on **funerals** so still no cap outside church but still 460 attendees inside our church with observance 2-square metre rule.

8. No change on **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](http://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au) as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: [info@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:info@olfkingsgrove.org.au) or Ph: 9150 9665**

*Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta*  
Parish Priest

## GROWING IN FAITH

**17 Mon Easter Weekday**  
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

**18 Tue Easter Weekday**  
**Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**  
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)

**19 Wed Easter Weekday**  
Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

**20 Thu Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest**  
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

**21 Fri Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**  
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

**22 Sat Easter Weekday**  
**Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious**  
Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

**23 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**Solemnity**

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62)  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/  
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (63) Pss Prop



On Saturday, 22 May, there will be Adoration for an hour, 6:00 to 7:00pm right after the 5:00pm mass here in our church. This is to commemorate Pentecost the following day, 23rd May being **Pentecost Sunday. (please wear something red in celebration of Pentecost).**

For the solemnity of the **Feast of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**, Sunday, 6th June. we will have procession inside the church at the 10:00am mass.



## Pontifical Recognition for Fr. Casey Ureta

“...he was always highly esteemed and appreciated for his witness of a truly faithful and happy priest who finds fulfillment serving the people in joy.

I am happy to announce that the Holy Father has deigned grant him the honour with the gold Medal of Honour, officially known as the “**Benemerenti Medal**”. *(excerpt from the diplomatic speech of Papal Nuncio to Australia, His Excellence Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana at the Apostolic Nunciature during the conferment of the Honour)*

On Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, in a warm and joyful atmosphere, Fr. Hamilton Ureta (Fr. Casey) received the gold Medal of Honour, officially known as the “Benemerenti Medal” from the Holy Father Pope Francis for his meritorious Christian works for the Catholic Church. To wear the Medal is an uncommon privilege.

Fr. Casey was humbled and happily surprised to receive such recognition from the Holy Father.

I have only had one drink with Fr. Casey, and thought I’ll share the joyful news with you dear parishioners, as we congratulate our parish priest. Hopefully, we will soon celebrate this Honour as a faith community.

God Bless.

*Fr. Stephen*



### **Women’s Social Support Group** **INVITATION TO ANY WOMEN NEW TO** **OLF PARISH.**

**We would like to extend an invitation to any new women in our Parish who might like to come along and share in some of our outings and events.**

**Our group comes together for many social occasions for various activities; such as lunches, dinners, morning teas, tours, theatre parties and a Christmas Party Dinner at the end of the year.**

**The idea of our group is mainly social and to enjoy each other’s company. We have lots of laughs and fun. Sharing in each other’s life experiences can be a wonderful experience, as we travel on this journey of life we are all on.**

**There is nothing like sharing a meal or a cup of tea and enjoying some lovely chats with some wonderful ladies.**

**You do not have to attend every event, you just come to the ones that you can. There are no heavy commitments with our group, just a chance to spend time together.**

**So please watch for our notices and we love to have you come along and join us.**

**I hope to see you at our next event.**

***Veronica Tierney* (Ph: 0412 216 166)**

### **1st Holy Communion – 2021**

#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation has begun!**

We had the Commitment Mass last Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15 am, and the children are now having their Small Group preparation sessions which began on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and will run for four weeks until the 6<sup>th</sup> of June.

The children with at least one parent are required to attend these sessions.

#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion is scheduled to take place on Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 10.30am.**

Photos of the children preparing for the sacrament are displayed at the back wall of the Church.

**Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they do their preparation towards receiving Jesus’ saving love in the Eucharist for the first time.**

*For enquiries regarding the sacramental programme, please contact the Ana on the contacts below.*

Ana Naduva

Sacramental Coordinator

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**“A message to the Ministry Leaders:** A friendly reminder to please submit a brief information pack that describes the works being undertaken by the ministry and share any recent achievements that you are most proud of. Please also include a photo (or two) of the people involved in the ministry. This is part of the new initiative of the PPC to bring more

awareness and greater participation in all the fantastic works being undertaken in the various ministries within the parish. The PPC is aware that so many people are generously giving their time to volunteer in a range of ministries that are having a positive effect on the lives of many people, both within the parish and outside of it. We would like to acknowledge these wonderful works and call them out across the various platforms that are available to us.

We kindly ask that you please try and complete this request as soon as possible.”

Thank you. *Paul Elsibai* (PPC Chairman)

#### **MINISTERS OF COMMUNION**

If you are required to minister Communion at Mass but have not brought a mask with you, please be advised that masks are available on the Credence shelf beside the organ.



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler (Huntingdon Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), 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), Caterina Ancona (Estia Health Bexley), Justina De Bellis (St George Aged Care).

### Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Filippa Stillone, John Ivers, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillon, David Ivers, Steven Holman, Carina Garcia, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Joan Coorey, Mark Anthony (Toby) Salvador, Connie Sebial Naumanen, Gil Palad, Flor Ramos, Rose Aves, Aileen Munoz, Fr Ric Fernando, sdb, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, John & Maureen Dowd, Elisa De Guzman, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Joanne Dick, 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 Crillo, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, 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:

Emilia Perez, Valentina Pamittan, Joan McCreanor, John McCreanor, Dr John Byrne, Marianna Natoli, Sydney Dixon, Ted Cooper, Maria Ryan, Charito Hilario, Smriti Victoria, Robert Wong, Mario Carta, Vicente Co, Jr., Gaudencia Mendoza, Archbishop Cyprian Kizito Lwanga, Fr Reg Wilson, Cardinal Edward Idris Cassidy, AC.

**Anniversaries:** Thersio Pagunuran, Leopoldo Perez, Ricardo Perez, Juanito Gener, Yuet Wah Wong-Leung, Juanita Manapsal SY, Eileen Ogilvie, Francis Scanlon, Agnes Monaghan, Ignacy Tymkin, Millie Simon, Catherine Twyford, Fr Peter Guirien, Amelia Twain, Carol Leydon, Gevevieve Morrissey, Cecile Wren, Mary Fick, Maria Pennisi, Augustina Palamana, Joan Collins, Eileen Charlier, Luigi Roberto, Winifred Weir, Martgolit Phillips, Alice Hamsy, Luc Bertules, John Brightman, John Taylor, Margaret Jones.

**Also For:** Thanksgiving and intentions of Joan McCreanor, John McCreanor, Pinkie Jasmin; deceased Comemoracion, Eufrazio, Emora & Maritess Pagunuran, John Ringo Little, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS 22 & 23 May

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	V Hoban	S Fisher
Commentator:	J Hoban	S Wong
Acolyte:	Michelle	Pak
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	T Coorey	Youth
Commentator:	S Sicari	
Acolyte:	Wilson	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>

**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](mailto: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.

### 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 **Laycock Street & Lundy Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions."



### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 2nd June 2021 7:00 pm  
RSVP: 28 May  
Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey  
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