

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 14 November 2021

REFLECTION

NSW Government and Health Regulations' easing of restrictions started 11 October. Sydney Archdiocese churches opened from Monday, 18 October. Our church reopened from Saturday, 23 October with 5:00pm vigil mass, then usual mass times thereafter.



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH TO PRAY AND REMEMBER ALL OUR DECEASED LOVE ONES, PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS. DURING ALL OF NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE A SANCTUARY TO PLACE ALL THE NAMES OF OUR DECEASED

RELATIVES & FRIENDS. THE NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE BESIDE THE MASS OFFERING BOX OF THE PRESBYTERY AND IN CHURCH FOYER. PLEASE WRITE NAMES CLEARLY. PLEASE DROP YOUR ENVLOPE AND OFFERINGS INTO THE MASS OFFERING BOX IN THE PRESBYTERY OR IN PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS. THANK YOU.

OLF ADVENT RECOLLECTION

Saturday, 27th November 2021 9:15am Mass to 2:30pm **Facilitator: Fr Percival Savare** Please RSVP to the Parish Office for catering purposes. You are all welcome!

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

To assist in preparing the calendar, leaders of various ministries are requested to submit their dates for the calendar to the parish secretary, Katrina or Imelda by 30/11. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation.

Hope is a powerful motivating force for life, and both the first reading and the Gospel offer hope. In Daniel's day, the people were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. In Mark's time, those who chose Jesus were also being driven from the temple, persecuted and killed. Both readings offer hope to the people-and to all who presently choose to follow God. Persecution of Christians continues, and we know that life can be tough: illness, violence, loneliness, etc. Wherein lives hope for us? Well, from Daniel, 'your own people (those whose names are recorded in the Book) will be spared', and from Mark: 'my words will not pass away', and that he, the Son of Man 'will send his angels to gather his chosen'. And even though there are frequent prophecies about the ending of all we know, Jesus says that "nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; only the Father" Hope reminds us that by being attentive to the signs of the times, we will recognise that 'he is near'-in the changing seasons, in the presence of those we love in the wonder of all of creation.

God 's Word Daily Reflections 2021

From last weekend, we have a device where you can give your donation using your credit card by a tap on the Quest Donation Point Tap. There will be 2 at church entrance. It has a set amount of \$5.00. Should you wish to give \$10, tap twice and so on if you want to donate more. Please note that donations made through these are not tax deductible. It will not show your name or envelope numbers on our bank statement. The donation will automatically go into our Parish account. Your tap donation will show as "OLF Parish Kingsgrove" in your credit card statement. This is a secure, cashless donation point used by most Parishes as recommended by the Archdiocese. For tax deductible donations, please continue using your envelopes, direct deposits and online credit cards where you can indicate your name and Planned Giving number. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

Welcome back! It had been fantastic weeks seeing you all once again face to face. We thank God and the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that we are together once more to celebrate our faith and pray together as a community.

For those unaware, we started to open our church last Saturday, 23 October with the 5:00pm vigil mass and from then on, resume our usual mass schedule. We are open with mixed congregations, that is everyone whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or as yet unvaccinated. People who are especially vulnerable, who are vaccinated but anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated, or who are unvaccinated and do not want to risk contact with others, are free to remain at home and join live streamed masses from the cathedral and some parishes. 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 will do all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe. We are again back with 230 people in the church including upstairs with 4 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 recommended 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 <u>wearing of face masks</u> is mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. Congregation singing is not allowed until further notice. We are trying as much as possible to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. Fr Casey and Fr Stephen will be wearing mask during and after mass as required. They know you will understand that they do so for everyone's common protection and compliance.

- Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church reopened for personal prayer from 8:30am to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday from 23 October. Social distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.
- 2. Daily Mass: Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9:15am Friday 11:00am-12:00pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by Mass at 12:00pm. Maximum of 230 people. Social 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 230 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 230 people (4 sq-metre rule inside the church including upstairs, on a first come, first serve basis.

Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 230 inside the church. 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.

- 5. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
- 6. For **funerals** uncapped with 4-square metre rule or 230 people inside our church.
- 7. **Baptisms** can be celebrated uncapped subject to 4-square-metre rule 230 guests inside the church.
- 8. Weddings can be celebrated uncapped with 4-sqmetre rule or 230 guests inside our church.
- 9. Office OPENED Tuesday, 12 October with the usual opening time 8:30am, closing time 4:00pm with one hour break 12:30 to 1:30pm

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

Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church on Fridays after 1pm.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, We are 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.

Though our churches are already open, let us not be complacent as the Delta virus is still around. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer to end this pandemic. We are all one on this journey. **Please continue to check our parish website:** <u>www.olfkingsgrove.org.au</u> as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 9150 9665

May God bless us all. *Father Casey and Father Stephen*

You are welcome to join The **Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** every Monday, 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre.

GOD'S WORD 2022



A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God.

The book includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. It would be a nice Christmas gift to your family and friends. **It's on**

sale at Parish Office during office hours at a discounted price of \$15.00 per copy. It's \$19.95 at other Catholic bookstores. Please call or send email if you can't come during office hours.

GROWING IN FAITH Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

15 Mon Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43 (497) 16 Tue

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10 (498)

17 Wed Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Memorial

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28 (499)

18 Thu

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles 1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44 (500)

or, for the Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33 (679)

19 Fri

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48 (501) 20 Sat

1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40 (502)

21 SUN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Solemnity

Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37 (161) Pss Prop



Women's Social Support Group **Getting Together Once More**

I have booked a table at The Lantern Club for lunch, as a chance for us to catch up at last, after a challenging year. Next year we will have our normal Christmas Dinner.

I really hope you can make this lunch, it would be great to see your smiling faces once more. Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Time: Date: RSVP:

12 noon Wednesday 1st December, 2021 By Wednesday 24th November, 2021. Details for rsvp are below.

If you would you like to come, please rsvp to Veronica Tierney

on 0412 216 166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



"Well, Christmas is approaching and as you can see the Christmas tree has gone up a little early this year. This is because the St Vincent de Paul Society will NEED THE GIFTS RETURNED BY 5 DECEMBER AT THE LATEST so they can be distributed to the families."

Plenary Indulgences during November in time of pandemic The Vatican has granted a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory to Catholics who visit a cemetery to pray for the dead on any day in this month of November. Usually, this happens only when a Catholic visits a Church or Oratory on All Souls Day. The Conditions to receive a plenary indulgence are: detachment from all sin, even venial, sacramental confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the intentions of the Pope. Sacramental confession and receiving the Eucharist can happen up to about 20 days before or after the act performed to receive a plenary indulgence. Catholics who are unable to leave their home, such the sick or elderly, can still obtain a plenary indulgence by reciting prayers for the dead before an image of Jesus prthe Blessed Mother, or by performing a work of mercy by offering their pain to God.

FROM THE SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Due to the lockdown and the COVID19 restrictions this year, the Confirmation four weeks of preparation had to be done online.

Now with the lockdown lifted and restrictions eased, we are happy to announce that the Confirmation candidates will finally be able to do their final preparation and receive their sacrament!

The candidates will be having their Reflection Afternoon today and tomorrow, 13th and 14th November from 1.30pm to 4.30pm in the **Clune Centre.**

All children enrolled in the Confirmation Programme are to attend. Parents are asked to drop the children at the Clune Centre at 1.20 pm and pick them up from the Clune Centre at 4.35 pm.

On Wednesday 17th November, at 6 to 7 pm, the Confirmation candidates would be having their Reconciliation, in preparation to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

We ask you to continually pray for the candidates and their families as they go through their final stage of preparation.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in two special Masses on the 20th of November at 11 am and 2 pm with the Episcopal Vicar, Very Rev. Fr. Maurice

Thompson, as the main celebrant.

Please direct enquiries regarding sacramental programmes to Ana on the contacts below. Ana Naduva Sacramental Coordinator Phone: 9554 5752 Email:

olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com



Christ our Light Sunday School

With the COVID-19 restrictions relaxed, Sunday School is back in Nov 2021.

We will use the Seesaw Classroom to deliver the lessons and will have a face to face gathering before Christmas break. If your child (K – Year 10) have not been registered please use the below QR Code to do so. We will start lesson in the first week of November.



 Parents are expected to share the materials with their young children in simple language after receiving the learning materials.

Enquiry: sundaychool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Jane Gallo, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor; Carmela Lazzaro; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Shirley Farrell, Yuk Hwo Sin: Anthony (Tony) Redford. Anne Sheerin. Caterina Ancona, and Justina De Bellis, (Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes. please call Parish Office).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Maximino Ilava, John De Bellis, Marv Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Tyler Byrne, Maricar Estantino, Peter Morgan, Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Mercede Nardella, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillion, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Joe Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr. (Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Emma Yassa, Magda Braskich, Benjamin Xuereb, Erlinda Swords, Pamela Peters, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna De Fina, John Vella, Peter Wastie, Hilton Smith, Giuppina D'Agostino, Don Khoury, Jeffrey Lovisolo, Salvatore Rizzo, Sal Abela, Ljuba Ancic, Betty Maguire, Margaret Darcy, Mark Fitzgerald, Maria Iacono.

Anniversaries: Vince and Maria Camuglia, Philip Zammit, Kathleen & Joseph Dingli, Lydia Zidaric, John Vella, Ida Taranto, Mary Deacon, Maria Irace, Laureana Encabo, Mr T. L. Tan, Rustico & Florita Maglupay, Isidoro John Defina, Wing Lau Leung, Geoffrey Loe, Mia Murray.

Other names anniversaries of deceased are in the red book located in the church foyer.

Also For: Deceased Cirilo Encabo, Kevin Quintal, Laurie Maguire and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Please note: For mass requests to be put in Bulletin, please drop them in the Petitions Box, in the office, call or send email on or before 12:00 noon on Thursdays.

Sign the No Euthanasia Petition to prevent state-sanctioned killing in NSW Go to: https:// www.noeuthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw Write to your local MP to stop propesed laws. Tool is available on: https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au/ petition 2108 ocp_nsw

For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT), below is our new bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784 Account Number: Account Name:

Reference:

100000143 Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove Name & envelope number (if applicable)

ROSTERS 20 & 21 NOV

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	B Deady	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	J Deady	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Michelle	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	R Lansdown	Youth
Commentator:	N Kevic	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Tom



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT: Wednesday, 1 December, 8pm RSVP: 16 November 2021 Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey ph 9150 6016; mobile: 0423 854 633

PRAYERS for our Parish: As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Narromore Street & New England Drive**

praving for their needs and intentions.





Fr Casey visiting Peg Denny at Huntingdon Gardens with Pat McEldowney and Faye McGreal.

PRIESTS' On behalf of this parish, we thank you for supporting **RETIREMENT** Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. Through FOUNDATION your gift, we are able to continue in our mission to



provide care for our growing number of sick and retired priests in the Archdiocese of Sydney. If you missed the special collection you can still donate visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.



"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 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.