



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 30 January 2022



Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, stricter restrictions are back on all masses. From

27th December 2021, our church can only have 460 people with two-squaremetre rule, mandatory face mask and entry registration apply.

### **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

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

In today's beautiful passage from the first letter to the Corinthians, Paul speaks of the wonders of love-the love which is always patient and kind, which is always ready to forgive, which delights in the truth, and which does not come to an end. As such, love, in its purified form, reflects the character of the divinity, the essence of God himself. Each of us has experienced and participated in love in some way or another. It is a universal even constitutive part of our human condition. But human love is often marred by possessiveness, inconstancy, lust or insecurity, and is therefore but an imperfect image of love, Yet it remains always an authentic and genuine (if, at times, somewhat tarnished) reflection of God's love and a manifestation of the divine essence which is itself love. Let us not be afraid to love, ardently and passionately, all that is noble, beautiful and true, For in whomever and whatever we love, it is God himself who is ultimately both the lover and the beloved.

God 's Word Daily Reflections 2022

**THANK YOU** I am truly grateful to the many, many people who helped me last Saturday when I became unwell. Your concern for me and for Vince is greatly appreciated, as were the follow up texts, calls and offers of assistance. Two values were reinforced for me that night: I am safe in the care of my parish community, and the importance of drinking lots of water in this humid weather!

'I thank my God whenever I think of you; and every time I pray for all of you I pray with joy' Phipippians 1: 3. Jenny Hoban

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE PHONES

HAVE NOW BEEN FIXED

9150 9665 (main phone line), Others: 9150 9663, 9150 0261 & 9150 0258

For email: please use: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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# LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE EFFECTIVE: From 27 December

- 1. Face masks are mandatory in the church, public transport, indoors and in organised outdoor events.
- 2. Congregational singing is permitted but wear mask.
- 3. All attendees are required to use the QR code for signing in. Those who do not have smart phones must sign in on paper, their name and phone number.
- 4. No booking on all masses. Our church can have 460 attendees, including upstairs observing the 2-square-metre rule. There is again limit on how many can attend, weddings, baptisms, funerals with 2-square metre rule. Our church can have have 460 people inside the church.
- 5. Avoid congestion before or after mass; attendees should maintain safe distance when lining up for communion, 2-Square-metre rule applies.
- 6. Sanitise hands before entering the Church.

It might be difficult for some people but we request you to follow the above in order to protect ourselves and others as an exercise of 'love of neighbour'. We hope to get through this difficult time together. Thank you.

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

PARISH DONATIONS Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes, by credit card or tap cashless donations. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated.

We now have the facility for credit card donation through our website:

www.olfkingsgrove.org.au. Please Click on SUPPORT US on the top right of screen, then Donate, and 'Click here to donate to Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove'. There is a drop down arrow to select biller code for the type of donation you wish to give, either Planned Giving, First Collection, Second Collection, etc., then follow the next steps.

Alternatively, for your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784 Account Number: 100000143

Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish,

Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number (if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).

# GROWING IN FAITH Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

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January 2022

31 Mon

Saint John Bosco, Priest

Memorial

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 (323)

### FEBRUARY 2022

1 Tue

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43 (324)

2. Wed

The Presentation of the Lord

Feast

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524) Pss Prop

3 Thi

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)

4 Fr

Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 (327)

5 Sat

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)

6 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11 (75) Pss I



Like most churches, since November 2021, 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 and foyer. 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 Envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:**

Wednesday, 2 February 2022, RSVP 31 January 2022.

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai, Phone: 0410 583 808

Attention please: We need more volunteers: door marshalls and collectors for the Saturday 5:00pm vigil mass; 8:30am and 10:00am masses. If interested, please call the Parish Office or Imelda on 0414 979 241.

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 30 JANUARY 2022

# First Reading

Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

## A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you it is the Lord who speaks."

# **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

# (R.) I will sing of your salvation.

- 1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. (R.)
- 2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me; for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. (R.)
- 3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
  On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother's womb you have been my help. (R.)
- 4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.
  O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. (R.)

# Second Reading 1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in

all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that .I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love

# Gospel Acclamation Lk 4:18

### Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

# Gospel Lk 4:21-30

# A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Jane Gallo, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor;

Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Shirley Farrell, 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 9150 9665).

#### Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Kamala Reddy, Judy Lee, Maximino Ilaya, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillion, Steven Holman, 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:

Mary Rose Pohl, Wan Kei Har, Celia Lagandaon, Gloria Fisher (mother of the Most Rev. Anthony Fisher), Esther Doyle, Noel Freeman, Carmela Lazzaro, Nelly Santos, Salam Hanna, Abla Mader, Vittorio Angelo Stendardo, Peter Maher, John De Bellis, Maggie Duarte, Patrick Quinlan, John Chuck Wan Lee.

Anniversaries: Phyllis Abela, Lisa Stragapede, Chantelle Delboe, Anunciada Resende, Ventura Brito, Julian Mifsud, Ronald Mitchell, John Foxe, Maura Lumapac, Pedro Snr. Lumapac, M. K. Lie, Fr John McSweeney, Patricia Downs, Benjamin Dizon, Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Herbert & Pat Macdonough, Pat Matthews, Eva Munla, Claire Mapps, Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueihi.

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

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Jason Jasmin, Isidoro (John) De Fina; deceased Arcadia Soriano, Juan Agbuya, Joan & John Buckley, Maria Aleixo, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, John Ringo Little, 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.



### PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Rosebank Avenue &** 

**St Albans Road** praying for their needs and intentions.

Our 2022 Parish Calendars are now available for pick up at the Parish office during office hours for those who want a copy. Thank you.

# ROSTERS 5 & 6 February

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	B Deady	T Ormerod
Commentator:	J Deady	N Ormerod
Acolyte:	Michelle	Pak
10:00am		5:00pm
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Tom



# "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 <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1">https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1</a>

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 <a href="mailto:safeguarding equiies@sydneycatholic.org">safeguarding equiies@sydneycatholic.org</a>. 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 on Covid 19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 Delta and Omicron virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives. We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. We pray for our health workers and medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion. Grant them health in mind, soul and body, strength in their commitment and protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to good health soon.

Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need. May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.** 

We fly to Your protection, oh Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, Oh glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen.**