

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C 15 May 2022

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. 2 square metre rule had been scrapped. No booking for all these masses.

Rosary at 8:45am, Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday

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

Filled with the love of God, Paul and Barnabas 'opened the door of faith' to many whom they encountered in the cities they visited. By their love, joy and zest to God, the eyes, ears and hearts of many were opened. They are clearly following Jesus' new commandment to "love one another as I have loved you". As Jesus did, they too spread the Good News of God among the people. They too witnessed to the love and presence of God in their hearts for their very actions. It bears reflecting, how deeply I have been impacted by the love of God? Do others know that I'm a disciple of Jesus by the love I share with others? Do people recognise Jesus in me? Do I recognise Jesus in others? I pray that I may be a living sign of God's love in the world today, that I may be one who opens the door of faith and love to those I encounter.

God's Word Daily Reflections Year C



WELCOME TO OUR FATIMA FESTIVAL! Special welcome to our distinguished guests: BISHOP DANNY MEAGHER, Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Sydney; HON CHRIS MINNS, MP, Member for Kogarah; HON LINDA BURNEY, MP, Member for Barton. Have a blessed feast day!

Please Sign an Petition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW (located in the Church Foyer)

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW.

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder.

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Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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Dear Parishioners,

According to the Official Church calendar, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is celebrated on the 13th of May. In previous years, we began our celebrations at that time but held the major celebration closest to the 13th of October, namely when the final apparition of our Lady occurred.

Following consultation with the Pastoral Council and the Liturgy Group, it was decided that starting from this year, we will hold our feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on the Sunday closest to May 13, therefore for this year that will be MAY 15. The aim of this move is to broaden the celebration of this very special feast day to include as many people in our community as possible. Previously, the October celebration meant that a lot of families were away due to the school holidays. As this happens, it will also coincide with the school's celebration of the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima. We hope that this change will enable many more to join us.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

May 2022

Easter Weekdays

16 Mon

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)

17 Tue

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)

18 Wed

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)

19 Thu

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)

20 Fri

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)

21 Sat

Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

22 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29 (57) Pss II



Our Parish Finance and Works Committee will be starting on a project to refurbish our Clune Centre. We are seeking quotes from painters, tradesmen to fix windows, ventilation and suppliers of chairs.

If interested, please call the Parish office, 9150 9663.

COME & CELEBRATE FATIMA FESTIVAL

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH, KINGSGROVE



TRIDUUM: FAMILY ROSARY & HOLY MASS

BRING FLOWERS TO OFFER TO MARY

THURSDAY: 12 MAY – 6:30 PM

FRIDAY: 13 MAY – 6:30 PM

SATURDAY: 14 MAY – 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 15th of MAY

9:15 AM – ROSARY & PROCESSION

10:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Celebrant: BISHOP DANNY MEAGHER

Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

Entertainment | Raffles | Food Market
Religious Articles | Book Store | Animal Patting

On the above event, Fatima Festival, SUNDAY, 15 May 2022, there will be NO 8:30 AM AND 5:00 PM MASS.

Church parking is closed all day from 6:00am.

Thank you.

We encourage attendees to wear each one's national costume.

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.**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

First Reading [Acts 14:21-27](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and *Barnabas* went back through *Lystra* and *Iconium* to *Antioch*. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through *Pisidia* and reached *Pamphylia*. Then after proclaiming the word at *Perga* they went down to *Attalia* and from there sailed for *Antioch*, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 144:8-13](#). R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading [Rv 21:1-5](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new *Jerusalem*, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation [Jn 13:34](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Jn 13:31-35](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine.

Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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: 10000143

Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number

(if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).



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 **West Drive & Westbrook** Street praying for their needs and intentions."



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Millie Cemy, 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, Patricia Gray.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Bill Taylor, Peter Matt, Jason & Etienne Eid, Sarina Raffaele, Jun Letran, Avelia Calugay, Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Maximino Ilaya, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillon, 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 Cripto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Joe Khoury, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

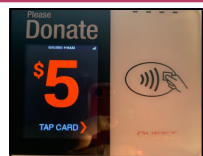
Gina Mandalas, Margaret McCafferty, Renato Valencia, Victor Alacqua, Annie Mangioni, Pam Jones, Chi Kan Au, Michael Brett, Steven McGuire, Noel Freeman,.

Anniversaries: Ian Ravaillon, Margaret D'Arcy, Jamila Doueihy, Luisa Veran.

Starting this month of May, list of parishioners whose death anniversaries occur during the month will be included in Bulletin once at the beginning of each month and will be offered masses..

Also For: For deceased Winifred McCreanor, Catarina Vella, Fr Ray Weaver, Betty & Laurie Maguire, Ralph McCreanor, John, Robert Vella, Simon Ghosen, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, Joselito Inso, 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.



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.

ROSTERS 21 & 22 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	P Simon	T Ormeord
Commentator:	K Doherty	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Christopher	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	R Lansdown	
Commentator:	N Kevic	Tom
Acolyte:	Michael	



"Safeguarding in our Parish

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

Most of the members of our Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Sacramental Programme educators, Youth Ministry, Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counters undertook Safeguarding training in 2019. If you are new to these Ministries and have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.

The Safeguarding Office of our Archdiocese has decided that a 3 yearly **Refresher Training** is required for members of these ministries, i.e. those trained in 2019 or earlier. Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 concerns the Safeguarding Office has decided to present all training for the first six months of 2022 either online or via zoom.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training **on line** via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations). Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training prior to 2020.

Volunteer Refresher training is also available via a 1 hour **Zoom**. Volunteers will simply need to register their attendance as soon as possible by emailing safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org for a Zoom training session which are available 9 to 10am, 3 to 4 pm Mon 16 May.

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 safeguardingequities@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.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

Thursday, 7:00pm, 2nd June 2022

RSVP 31st May 2022

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz/Mryna De La Pena

Ph: 0414 979 241 0490 410 896

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

We were advised by some parishioners that they received emails from fellow parishioners/friends selling or recommending various products. Please don't open these emails especially if there are attachments. If possible, verify from the sender. There are many scams going around.