

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 C 29 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)

I would like to inform you that I will be going away to take a break over the next few weeks. In my absence, Fr Stephen will fill my position. Please keep me in your prayers.

God bless you all.

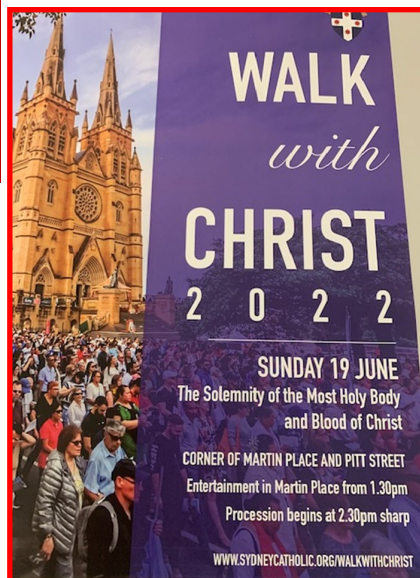
Fr Casey



REFLECTION

I wonder what it was like for the apostles to witness Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Gospel gives a hint: 'And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they were continually in the Temple praising God'. Perhaps, too, it was the promise given by Jesus prior to his ascension, which provided deeper conviction and assurance for the disciples: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.' Luke tells us that Jesus was blessing them as he ascended. May the blessing of the ascended Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us on. We are called to be disciples, to carry on the mission of Christ in proclaiming the kingdom of God on earth. As Christ blesses us, may we be a blessing upon all we encounter.

God's Word Daily Reflections Year C



CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal was held last week. For

those who had taken home envelopes, please return this week. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the most vulnerable in Sydney: those facing unemployment, homelessness, mental concerns, and more.

Special envelopes are still available at the pews and at the foyer. Donations of \$2 or more are 100% tax deductible.

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

Easter Weekday

30 Mon

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

31 Tue

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Feast

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56 (572) Pss Prop

JUNE 2022

1 Wed

Saint Justin, Martyr

Memorial

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

2 Thur

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

3 Fri

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Memorial

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

4 Sat

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

5 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 Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 (63) Pss Prop

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Holy and Gracious God

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy. **Amen**

Our Lady Queen of peace, pray for us.

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.



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.

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.**

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded that on the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), they are required by Diocesan Guidelines to renew their commitment to this important ministry for a further 12 months. At all masses on the weekend of 18/19 June, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be invited to renew and to be deputed for another 12 months. They are also invited to sign the parish register (located near the choir), indicating their acceptance of this ministry for a further 12 months. This can be done before or after the mass. The parish thanks all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for their commitment to this ministry.

Parish Liturgy Committee.

Campion College Winter Program

Registration for the Campion College Winter Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for our immersive four-day program from 5-8 July 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited!

Find out more and register on the Campion College website: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/winter-program>.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

"Welcome everyone to our live celebration of the Mass and the joy of receiving the Blessed Eucharist. As a caring Community of OLF Kingsgrove, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters who live in other parishes and choose to be nourished and grow in love of our Lord with us at OLF Kingsgrove Parish. God bless us all.

The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky?

Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

Or (R.) Alleluia!

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began.

Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

Prayer for Priests

Lord, they carry the troubles of others, yet like all people, they know loneliness and temptation. Keep them close to the friendship of your love. They Baptise us, absolve us, teach us, pray for us, care for us. Do we ever pray for them? Bless all our priests especially Father Casey, Father Stephen and all Archbishops, Bishops and Religious to whom we owe so much. **Amen.**

The Walk With Christ Returns

After 2 years of postponement due to Covid-19, this event will be on Sunday, 19 June on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ from 2:30pm from corner of Pitt St and Martin Place. Please save the date!



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Bambina Canosa, Peg Denny, Millie Cerny, 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:

George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, Thelma Gribocck, Therese Mitry, Bill Taylor, Reynald Agbuya, 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 Ravillion, 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, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

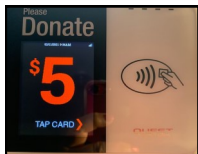
Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Ramon L. Hizon, Janelle Harrington, Gina Mandanas, So Ho, Alessandro Giampietro, Renato Valencia, Victor Alacqua, Annie Mangioni, Chi Kan Au.

Anniversaries: Pat Mann, Nazzareno Vazzoler, Peter Fang, Vittorio & Maria Macri, Felice & Maria Mandile, Luigi Giannoccolo, Chiara Maciocco, Casimero & Diosdada De Vera, .

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: Thanksgiving & intention of Mila Costa; for deceased Elena Gan, Marina Tonel, Antonio, Antonietta, Teresa, Emidio, Winifred McCreanor, Catarina Vella, Simon Ghosen, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



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 4 & 5 June

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Hobans	N Ormerod
Commentator:	P Simon	T Ormeord
Acolyte:	Christopher	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	N Kevic	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte:	Wilson	Anthony



"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.

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.

Children & Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities Guide

The Archdiocese of Sydney together with the Dioceses of Parramatta and Broken Bay have worked together to create the Children & Young People's Participation in Catholic Communities Guide. This guide helps inform all adults within the Catholic Community with information on how to provide children and young people with an opportunity to experience meaningful contributions to decision making, to be heard and to be taken seriously. You can download a copy of this resource from the Safeguarding website:

www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/

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

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