

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 14 August 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

Reconciliation, every Saturday, after
the 9:15am mass.

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

Today's Gospel passage would have been a source of great consolation to the community for which Luke was writing his Gospel. You might wonder how Jesus' words that he has come to bring not peace but rather division to the earth, and that there will be conflicts within families, could be a source of consolation for Luke's community? Well, this was a community that was experiencing conflicts and family divisions, and its members were wondering if they were doing something wrong. Surely everything in the Christian community should be lovely and full of peace and joy. But Luke is saying, "no, it is normal for Christian communities to experience conflicts and struggles" Jesus saved us by walking the way of the cross. Be strong, be faithful, that is what is most important. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews makes a similar point: in the fight against sin, we must keep fighting to the point of death. We should be sorry for our failures but not be discouraged by them. We must humbly acknowledge that the battle against sin is a lifelong battle. *God's Word Daily Reflections Year C*



**Mass for the Feast of the
 Assumption on
 Monday 15th August
 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM**



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Parish Appeal will be held next weekend (20 and 21 August). The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so keep an eye out for them. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donation to CWF of \$2 or more is 100% tax deductible. Thank you.

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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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

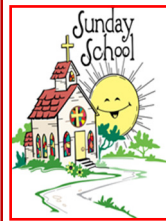
This year's Wedding Anniversary Mass will be an extra special celebration. We will be inviting couples who have had a special Wedding Anniversary in the years 2020, 2021, 2022. This special celebration will take place at the 10am Mass on Sunday 28th August, 2022.

If you are celebrating a special Wedding Anniversary for the following years **10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60** or more, you are invited to be part of this celebration.

If you want to be included in this celebration please **RSVP to Veronica on 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au no later than Monday 15th August 2022.**

If you are taking part in this Celebration Mass we would like to have a current photo, plus a wedding photo for a PowerPoint presentation. Could you please forward these photos by email to vtierney37@optusnet.com.au or leave the photos at the Parish Office marked for Wedding Anniversary Committee – Attention Veronica

Thank You – Wedding Anniversary Committee



Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School had the first lesson for semester 2 last Sunday via Zoom. There were prayers, songs, games and Bible story. Children had a wonderful time. We have recorded the lesson for those who could not attend on the day. If you wish to know how Sunday School lesson is conducted, please complete the Google invite using the QR code. We will send you the link to the lesson. The length of the lesson was 45 min.

Sunday School always welcome new students. As the teachers have spent time in preparing the lessons, we wish more children will gain benefit from Sunday School lessons.

Enquiry: Email to sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com Or send text message to 0413 096 960



GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

August 2022

Twentieth Week in ordinary time

15 Mon

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity (not a holy day of obligation this year)
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
(622) Pss Prop

16 Tue

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30 (420)

17 Wed

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16 (421)

18 Thu

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14 (422)

19 Fri

Saint John Eudes, Priest

Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40 (423)

20 Sat

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12 (424)

21 SUN TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30 (123) Pss I

Planned Giving for Financial Year 2022/2023

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes were available for collection from last 6 weekends. There are still many not taken but after this week, we will be removing them from the church foyer. These can be collected at the Parish office during office hours.

This year, we are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese was able to maintain our tax deduction of 30% for the financial year 2022/2023.

Instead of envelopes, you could opt for monthly deduction using your credit card or direct deposit which is more economical and efficient for the Parish.

Tax receipts for Planned Giving, CWF, Project Compassion and Priest Retirement Fund up to 30 June 2022 are still available for collection from the church foyer.

If you no longer claim tax on your donations and do not require tax receipt for the next financial year 2022/2023, please advise the Parish office. Thank you to all contributors for your ongoing financial support. Your financial offerings enhances the fellowship of the Parish as well.

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Raising Fathers Evenings

Do you want to be a better DAD?

Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic.

Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the occasions below:

- Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang (Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm)
 - Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
 - Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>

14 August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Confirmation Certificate Ceremony – Sunday 28th August 2022 at 5pm.

44 Candidates of the Sacrament of Confirmation were part of the elect who were Confirmed at St. Mary's Cathedral on 31st July, 2022. Our Parish would like to congratulate each Candidate and their families by presenting them with their certificates on our Sunday evening Mass on the 28th August, 2022. After the Mass, we would like to further invite the families to a light supper in the Hall for further congratulations.



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.**



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: Mrs Ho, Michael Doueihy, Peter & Patricia Matt, Alvin Ureta, Carina Garcia, Nicole Hraiki, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, Fidela Gener-Jasmin, Thelma Gribocck, Therese Mitry, Bill Taylor, Reynald & Maidel Agbuya, 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 Ravallion, 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:

Jean Goodson, Amelita Virata Cu, Michele Notarangelo, Marcel Aouad, Carole Reynolds, Jennifer & Ronald Kavanagh (mother & brother of Theresa Spata), Clive Mathews, Danny Sebastian, Francis Nugent, Mario Milani, Jim Sackett.

Anniversaries: Maria Portia Mariano, Joanne Dick, Giorgio Casciola, Josefina Dela Cruz, Caterina Giannoccolo, Angelina De Fina.

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: Intentions of the Philomenia & family, deceased Lucia Zandoiva, Estela Agbuya, Vincent Camuglia and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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.

ROSTERS 20 & 21 August

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Deadys	Rana MN
Commentator:	Deadys	E Russo
Acolyte:	Ella	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte:	Kelvin	Albert



“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://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9> or via Zoom by sending an

email to safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

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.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training **on line** via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> or via

Zoom by sending an email to safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org. 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.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Coveney Street & Demaine Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions.

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, 1st September 2022

RSVP 1 August 2022

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241

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