



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 21 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

It was terrible for the Jewish people when Jerusalem was destroyed and its citizens were taken into exile in Babylon. But the exile proved an eye-opening experience of other peoples and cultures and ways of doing things. Not all Jews returned to Israel after the exile. Many remained in the diaspora. In time, some Jews came to see that the love of God is for all peoples and that the people of Israel were chosen by God to be a light to the nations, to reveal to them the one true God. In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah foresees a time when people from all nations will come to Jerusalem to worship the Lord. In today's Gospel Jesus declares that people from east and west from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast of the kingdom of God.' He also stresses that, while the kingdom is open to all, the gateway to the kingdom is narrow. A broadminded love and compassion for all peoples is demanded of those who wish to enter. The Rule of the St Vincent de Paul Society states that "The Society serves those in need regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender, or political opinions." It is a rule we must all adopt if we are to enter by the narrow gate.

God 's Word Daily Reflections Year C



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Parish Appeal will be held this 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 in church pews and in the foyer. 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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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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Theatre Parties Organised by the Women's Social Support Group

Mousetrap! (Short Season Only)

Location:

Theatre Royal Sydney Wednesday 12th October, 2022 Date:

Session:

\$89.00 per person. Our Seats are **Tickets**

all in the stalls.

RSVP by: Sunday 28th August, 2022 (I need

a quick response)

Payment by: Monday 1st September, 2022

These Theatre Parties are open to all members of the Parish who would like to attend. At this stage Face Masks, and possible proof of vaccinations may be required to attend all subject to change depending on the venue.

If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please RSVP as soon as possible to Veronica on mob 0412216166 or email: vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

Twenty-first Week in ordinary time

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22 (425)

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26 (426)

24 Wed

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 (629) Pss Prop

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51 (428)

26 Fri

1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13 (429)

Saint Monica; BVM

Memorial

1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30 (430)

28 SUN TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME**

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 (126) Pss II

Dates from the Sacramental coordinator:

Sunday 28th August – Confirmation Certificate Ceremony at 5pm Mass and 6pm Refreshments in the Hall

Wednesday 7th September – 6pm

Rehearsals and Reconciliation Evening (Group 1)

Sunday 11th September – 12pm

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Group 1)

Wednesday 14th September – 6pm

Rehearsals and Reconciliation Evening (Group 2)

Sunday 18th September – 12pm

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Group 2)

Thursday 22nd September - 6pm

Rehearsals and Reconciliation Evening (Group 3)

Sunday 25th September – 11am The Sacrament of First Holy Communion (Group 3)



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





The funeral mass for our deceased long time parishioner, Mary Gotsopoulos, will be on Wednesday, 24th August 2022 at 10:30am, followed by interment at Rookwood Cemetery.

The family requested that those attending should not wear black, but wear any colours. Thank you.

21 August Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Is 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15 (R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- 1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
- 2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6 **Alleluia**, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'





We congratulate Sister Mary O'Neill and Veronica Tierney for receiving their Dempsey Medal Award last Sunday, 14 August 2022 at St Mary's Cathedral. This Dempsey Medal is an Archdiocesan award for recognising parishioners for long outstanding service to the Parish Community.

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 locations 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/

Didaskō Online Adult Faith Formation

All are welcome to join our next Didaskō short course with Prof. Renée Köhler-Ryan as she presents on the topic: "How Catholics Can Quietly Transform the World: the Church's Unknown Treasure of Social Teaching." The course will be delivered online over three evenings, with time for question and answer.

Dates and time: Wednesdays 7, 14 and 21 September | 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Where: Online via Zoom

Cost: \$25 (includes three sessions)

Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/.

Parishes are invited to promote the course on social media with this tile.

For more information, contact Helen Wagner at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org



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: Michael Doueihi, Peter & Patricia Matt. Alvin Ureta, Laurie Enright, Beatriz Nucum, Carina Garcia, Nicole Hraiki, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk. Fidela Gener-Jasmin. Thelma Gribocck. Therese Mitry. Bill Taylor. Revnald & 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 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, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Mary Gotsopoulos, Salvatore Sollazzo, Marcel Aouad, Jean Goodson, Amelita Virata Cu, Carole Reynolds, Jennifer & Ronald Kavanagh (mother & brother of Theresa Spata), Clive Mathews.

Anniversaries: Ram Reddy, Michael Marinovic, Alfia & Antonino D'Agata, Maria Iacono, Maria Portia Mariano, Fillipo Sollazzo,

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: Deceased Winifred Iris Burns' 100 years birthday, Naceforo and Angelita Castro, Lucia Zandoiva, 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**

ROSTERS 27 & 28 August

5:00pm8.30amReader:HobansT OrmerodCommentator:HobansN OrmerodAcolyte:ChristopherLeslie10:00am5:00pm

Reader: T Coorey

Commentator: T Abela-King

Acolyte: Kelvin Tom



"Safequarding in our Parish

Youth

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

Most of the members of our Children's

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://

Liturgy, Children's choir, Sacramental

 $\underline{forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9}$ or via Zoom by sending an

email to <u>safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org</u>
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 <u>safeguardingtrain-ing@sydneycatholic.org</u>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 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.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Dowsett Street & East Drive** 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 31 August 2022

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241 Myrna De La Pena ph 0490 410 896