

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 7 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

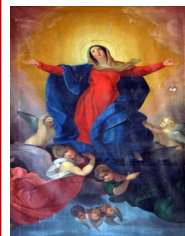
Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd

Sunday of each month.
(Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment
(Please call Parish Office)

REFLECTION

We experience many things that can make us fearful-pandemics, loss of employment, violence, financial and relationship stresses, and so on. In the face of such challenges it is easy to develop a self-protective stance towards life, to do what we can to be in control of our situation, to protect ourselves from dangers. Yet, the simple fact is that we can never have complete control over our situation. We always remain vulnerable to unexpected difficulties. Ultimately the uncertainties of life, unpleasant as they can be, remind us that we are on this earth as pilgrims, journeying towards a better homeland. If like Abraham and Sarah, we can put our faith in God's promises, we will find comfort in the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.' We will be generous with what we have, not focused on our own security but on the well-being of our brothers and sisters. We will hold our possessions lightly. *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**

Planned Giving for Financial Year 2022/2023

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes were available for collection from last 4 weekends. There are still many not taken. Please ensure you check your name with corresponding address and pick up the correct one. If you are not a member of the Planned Giving, you may contact the Parish office to join the Planned Giving Program.

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 now 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.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

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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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

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

August 2022

Nineteenth Week in ordinary time

8 Mon

Saint Dominic, Priest; Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), Virgin

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27 (413)

9 Tue

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin and Martyr

Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)

10 Wed

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Feast

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop

11 Thu

Saint Clare, Virgin

Memorial

Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)

12 Fri

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12 (417)

13 Sat

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs; BVM

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15 (418)

14 SUN TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53 (120) Pss IV



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

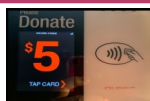


*** **Feedback from one of the parents** ***

What a great Sunday School session yesterday! My daughter had a lot of fun! Puzzle and kahoot have always been her favourites!

Thank you for making the session so much fun. I could tell a lot of time and effort have been spent in preparing for the Sunday school materials! I really appreciate your dedication!

My daughter and I look forward to meeting you all in person next term if situations change. Until then take care and God Bless!



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.

7 August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord:

that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v. 12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland.

They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



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 Doueih, 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 Ravailion, 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 Crito, 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:

Marcel Aouad, Carole Reynolds, Jennifer & Ronald Kavanagh (mother & brother of Theresa Spata), Clive Mathews, Danny Sebastian, Francis Nugent, Mario Milani, Jim Sackett.

Anniversaries: Annette Fleming, Giorgio Casciola, Joanne Dick, Ah Moy Chung, Laurie Maguire, Simon Ghosn, Elizabeth Donato, Ada Giannoccolo, Marisa Za, Graziella Azara, Maria & Santina Azara.

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 Apolonia Gener, Cirilo Encabo, Lucia Zandoiva, Estela Agbuya, Vincent Camuglia and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercossory 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.

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 13 & 14 August

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Hendersons	N Ormerod
Commentator:	M Millen	T Ormerod
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie
10:00am		5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Kelvin



“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.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Calvin Avenue & Colwell Street** 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
Myrna De La Pena ph 0490 410 896