



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 A) 7th May 2023

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday: 11.00am -12noon

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

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)

REFLECTION

In light of today's first reading from Acts, let us take a moment to reflect on the gift of permanent deacons. According to a church tradition attested by St Irenaeus (second century theologian), the origins of the diaconate lie in the service of the 'seven' mentioned in Acts 6:1-7. The ministry of ordained deacons flourished up to the fifth century, then declined as a permanent vocation in the West, before being restored in the twentieth century. Today the ministry of deacons is centered on preaching the Gospel, assisting in the liturgy and works of charity. Working closely with the bishop, the deacon is to be a sign of Christ as a servant, and a reminder that every Christian is called to a life of service (*diakonia*). The recent resurgence is the presence of deacons, despite the diaconate's disappearance in the West for more than a millennium, shows how much the Church can, and does, change. We are an organic, evolving, Spirit-led community of faith. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*



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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival Kingsgrove



7th May, 2023

A fun filled day that includes food, drinks, music, stalls, games and entertainment.

Join our Parish celebrating the Feast Day honouring Our Lady of Fatima.

9am: Rosary and Procession at the parish grounds.

10am: Celebration of the Holy Mass.

11:15am - 3pm: Festivities on the Parish grounds.

NO evening Mass



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The St George Network of Family Educators invites all women from our communities to a private screening of **LOVE AGAIN.**

WHEN - Tuesday 16th May, 6.30pm

WHERE - Beverly Hills Cinema

TICKETS \$12 - includes movie, drink and a snack.

Please book and pay via QR Code below before the 10th May.

Classification TBC

This is an over 18 event.



"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14

MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

There will be a video presentation honouring all mothers played at the 10am Mass on Sunday 14th May. If you would like a photo of yourself or a loved one included in this tribute please email it to judith.kennedy@syd.catholic.edu.au by Monday 8th May. If you would like your child to play a role in this Mass please email your child's name and age to the same address.

Many Thanks
Judith Kennedy
OLF Family Educator

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival Kingsgrove Raffle Tickets

- Each (1) ticket is \$2
- 3 tickets for \$5

First Prize: \$300 Gift Voucher
Second Prize: \$200 Gift Voucher
Third Prize: handmade quilt

More prizes will be announced shortly.



Prizes drawn on 7th May, 2023



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WN BULL
FUNERALS

Leaders in Personal Service

Thank you to WN Bull Funerals for their continued support to our Parish by sponsoring once again our yearly Planned Giving envelopes.

7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. 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.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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 Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am now going to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

MAY 2023

8 Mon Easter Weekday

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

9 Tue Easter Weekday

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

10 Wed Easter Weekday

Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

11 Thu Easter Weekday

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

12 Fri Easter Weekday

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

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

13 Sat Easter Weekday

Our Lady of Fatima

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

14 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55)
Pss II

Rejoice, He truly has Risen. Come spend time in joyful prayer and song, worshipping Our Saviour with the **Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** this Monday 6:30pm in the Cronin Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the stairs near the new toilets).

Enquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.

ATTENTION:

Our office email: info@olkingsgrove.org.au had stopped receiving and sending emails since last Wednesday, 2 April. The Archdiocese head office is trying to fix it at the earliest possible time. If you had sent emails after 2 April, we were not able to receive them.

In the meantime, please use:

kingsgroveolf@gmail.com until further notice.

PLEASE NOTE:

THE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:30AM TO 2:30PM (TUESDAY TO FRIDAY).

Women's Social Support Group



Train Trip to Kiama & Lunch

Event: A Bus and Train Trip with Lunch at The Grand Hotel

Kiama.

This event will be looked after by Teresa Macpherson & Kerrie O'Farrell.

Date: Friday 19th May, 2023

Bus: 490 leaves from Kingsgrove to Hurstville at 9.15am

Train: 9.46am from Hurstville to Kiama arrives 11.39am

Lunch: The Grand Hotel, Kiama



RSVP: To Kerrie O'Farrell on 0414287241 or email kerrieofarrell@gmail.com by

Friday 12 May 2023. Hoping you can come it would be great to see you.

Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on 7 May for Term 2.



It will be a home learning lesson. As it will be a big celebration for OLF church family for the Feast Day, we open the link to the lesson for all OLF children to participate.

There are a

prayer board for praying the Rosary, a song, a cartoon on Our Lady of Fatima and some challenging worksheets. Adults are welcome to tackle the challenges with their children.

Please use this QR code

OR click the below link to

access the learning materials:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Bn48QdfbyG)

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For enquiry: please send email to sundayschool.olkingsgrove@gmail.com or send text message to 0413 096 960

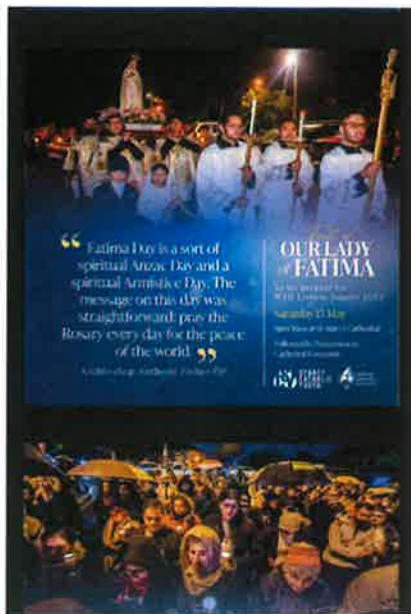
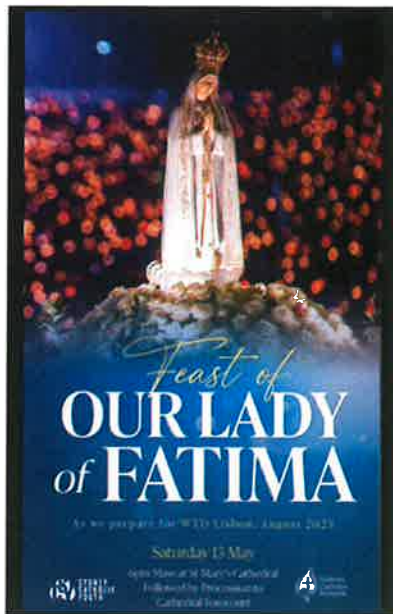
OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE

The home visits of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue have resumed. Please contact the Parish Office on 9150 9665 (option 2) if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of host family will be published in the Bulletin. Host family from Saturday:

6 May Antonia & Stephen Chan

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.**



His Excellency Archbishop Anthony Fisher encourages Parishioners and the community to attend this special event to mark the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, 13 May, as we prepare for WYD Lisbon, in August 2023. There will be a Mass at 6:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral followed by procession down College Street to the Cathedral forecourt.
ALL ARE INVITED!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Are You Good With PowerPoint Presentations?

We have been very blessed for many years in having Teresa Macpherson, who has always looked after the PowerPoint Presentation for the Wedding Anniversary Mass. Teresa has now left our Parish and we have lost her skills.

So we are looking for someone who might like to volunteer to take over this most rewarding role. You will of course need to be experienced in using PowerPoint.

If you are interested could you please contact Veronica on 0412 216 or email to vtierney37@optusnet.com.au if this is something you would like to do.



Like most churches, we now have 3 donation tap devices where you can give your donation using your credit card by a tap on the **Quest Donation Point Tap** or the **Commbank Donation Tap**.

These will be at church foyer. **Quest Donation Tap** has a set amount of **\$5.00** whereas, you can choose the amount on the **Commbank Donation Tap**. Please note that donations made through these devices are not tax deductible. Both will not show your name or envelope numbers on our bank statement. The donation will automatically go into our Parish account for various parish projects and expenses. 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.

Call to prayer for the global Synod on the Feast of the Visitation

Dioceses across Australia have been asked to join together for a time of prayer on Wednesday 31 May on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We will entrust the work of the upcoming Assembly of the Synod of Bishops to Our Lady on this special feast day.

Resources are being developed to support parishes which will be shared online here: [With Mary - Sharing synodal resources \(synodresources.org\)](http://With Mary - Sharing synodal resources (synodresources.org))

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023

The Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to join millions of young pilgrims from around the world to the next World Youth Day, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. Three pilgrimage options for prospective pilgrims include: (1) Footsteps of Jesus—Portugal via Holy Land, (2) Portugal via Italy, and (3) WYD direct to Portugal. For more information, please contact Sydney Catholic Youth on: (02) 9307-8152 or email: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Mavis Armour, 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:

Fiapai To'oto'o, Michael Talbot, Frank Crimi, Chris Banks, Rei Santos, Justin Bautista, George Coorey, Sherwin Encarnacion, Patricia Grey, Laura Smith, John Aleixo, James Genco, Judy Fleming, Laurie Enright, Isaias Alaso, Lydia Arrogante, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, Gopamma Naldu, Jeanette Affara, Colin Elliott, Samar Munoz, Maria Febes de Pasion, Luisa Maria Karin, Michael Doueihy, Peter & Patricia Matt, Christine Ureta, Alvin Ureta, Nicole Hraiki, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, Thelma Gribocck, Bill Taylor, Jun Letran, Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Maximino Ilaya, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Teodora Lee, Gopamma Naidu, Nick Travia, Patrizia Flaherty, Norman Sharf, Sevilla Alarca, Anna Ippolito, Angela Ablong, Janet Gattas, Gracia Campagna, John Yassa.

Anniversaries: Ian Ravallion, Apolonia Gener, Ivan Bozic, Joan & John McCreanor, Kevin McGreal, Caterina Giannoccolo, Antonino De Fina, Felicidad Cadiz, Jesus Cadiz, Joselito Inso, Teotimo Inso, Franklin Cadiz, Joseph Liu, Mary Ng, Clare Chai, Eng Heng Tan.

We had started last May 2022, list of parishioners whose death anniversaries occur during the particular month will be included in Bulletin once at the beginning of each month and will be offered masses.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Gener-Jasmin Family; deceased Juanita & Felix Sy, Fayad Elhindi, Laurie Maguire, Eliza Ferreira-Gorge, Augusto, Cleofe, Ramon & Caridad Hizon, 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



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 7th June 2023, 6:00pm.

RSVP 5 June 2023.

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elisibai
Ph: 0410 583 808

ROSTERS 13 &14 May

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	M Millen	T Spata
Commentator:	L Corbett	M Nigem
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Wilson
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte	Jeremy	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am	:	J Lacorcia, I Policorpio
Sun 10.00am	:	A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
Sun 5.00pm	:	J Brown, M Nader, C Tan



"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/9ebT3voEAAtfP7P8R9> or via Zoom by sending an email to safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

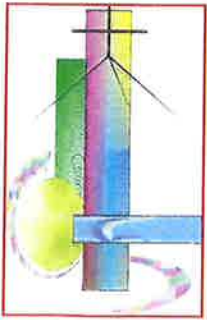
The Safeguarding Office of our Archdiocese has decided that a 3 yearly **Refresher Training** is required for members of these ministries, i.e. those trained in 2019 or earlier.

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.



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Sarsfield Circuit & Shaw Street** praying for their needs and intentions."



**OLF PARISHIONERS'
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
MONTH OF MAY**

1st May

Ellen Wheeler
Thelma Howard
Bertha Revell
Paul Lee
Ivan Bozic

2nd May

Agnello D'Argenio
Janina Rodkiewicz
Ian Ravaillion

3rd May

Charles Hanson
Zita Treharne
John Fazzari
Jack Bye
Theresa Magocky
Giovanni Fasulo
Giuseppe Festa

4th May

Daniel Williamson
James Marshall
Theresa Batman

5th May

William Narramore
Joseph Jenkins
Eva Hallinan
Hubert Byrnes
Mary Anglim
Francesco Fogliani
Ian Ravaillion
Alessandro Giampietro

6th May

James Cregan
Thomas Traynor
Nancy Fazzari

7th May

Sylvia Stephens
Frederick Hollman

8th May

Nancy Howard

Maria Sollazzo

9th May

Francis Butler

Vito Scardino

Ethel Tangye

10th May

Charles Poulton

Mary Rattray

11th May

Ruby Gibbs

Veronica Simpson

Jack Appleton

12th May

Patrick Evans

David Hutchens

Joseph Dimech

13th May

Dorothy McCready

Edwyn Givney

Giuseppe Carlino

Civita Parisella

Yuet Wong

14th May

Ronald Scott

Rosa Arsi-Abiraad

15th May

Margaret Quilty

Pietro Mangogna

Salvatore Sgroi

Carmelo Nastasi

16th May

Vittorio Cordi

Elizabeth Cooper

Thelma Brown

17th May

Eileen Ogilvie

Francis Scanlon

Agnes Monaghan

Ignacy Tymkin

Millie Simon

Catherine Twyford

18th May

Fr Peter Guiren
Amelia Twain
Carol Leydon
Genevieve Morrisey
Cecile Wren
Mary Fick
Maria Pennisi
Nazzareno Vazzoler

19th May

Augustino Palamana
Jean Collins

20th May

Eileen Charlier
Luigi Roberto
Winifred Weir

21st May

Alice Hamsy
Luc Bertules
John Fick

23rd May

John Brightman
John Taylor
Margaret Jones

24th May

Bob Gehrig

25th May

Lorna Watson
Ellen Payne
Norma Lynch
Jason Shori
Rose Severino
Molly Williams

26th May

Daniel Overton
Mario Favaro
Mavis Holmes
Anna Their
Nicholas Enriques

27th May

Mary Hinchcliffe

Francesco Gillio
Pia Crosariol
Vincent Haavisto

28th May

Fr Brian McGinley
John Sheehan
Lesbia Piper
Dorothy Starr

29th May

Frederick Hancock
Mary Ashworth
Ruby Mitchell
James Faulkner
Isabella Campagana
Peter Harvey
Ciro Gonano

30th May

John Kelleher

31st May

Keith McReady
Cecily Jenkins
John Vella
Thomas McInerney
Luc Bertules

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival
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Join us for a celebrations to remember



... & The Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 Volunteers Stalls



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9am: Rosary and Procession.

10am: Holy Mass.

11:15am - 3pm: Festival.



Raffles • Fun • Food • Games • Gifts • Facepainting • Toys • Showbags • Music • Prayer



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