

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 A) 13 August 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)



Solemnity of the Assumption
Tuesday, 15th August
Masses:
9:15am & 7:00pm

REFLECTION

Had Elijah not first endured a mighty wind, an earthquake and fire he may not have recognized the presence of the Lord in the gentle breeze. Similarly, the disciples battling a heave sea, confused Jesus for a ghost, watched Peter sinking as he tried to walk across the water and then saw Jesus put out his hand to hold him. And then the wind dropped. Without the storm, we do not always appreciate the provider of calm. In the letter to the Romans, Paul acknowledges that in following Christ, he remained of Jewish 'flesh and blood' and affirmed his people's unique heritage, their special place in salvation history. Whenever the followers of Christ have forgotten the Jewish origins of their faith, prejudice, oppression and appalling atrocities towards Jews have followed. When our prayer is the same as Peter's, 'Lord, save me', we should remember that the hand that rescued Peter was a Jewish hand.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2023



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August **Parish Appeal will be held next weekend (19 and 20 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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GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week YEAR A

August 2023

Nineteenth week of ordinary time

14 Mon

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Memorial

Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27 (413)

15 Tue

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity (Holyday of Obligation)

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 (621)

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622) Pss Prop

16 Wed

Saint Stephen of Hungary

Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20 (415)

17 Thu

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)

18 Fri

Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12 (417)

19 Sat

Saint John Eudes, Priest; BVM

Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15 (418)

20 SUN TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28 (118)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

The Wedding Anniversary celebration Mass will take place at the 10am Mass on Sunday 27th August, 2023.

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 0412 216 166 or email

vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

no later than Monday 14th August, 2023.

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

Sacramental News:

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 9th September, 2023, at the 5pm Vigil Mass.

We thank the families and the Parish for being understanding of this variation to the Vigil Mass on 9th September. The Most Rev. Terry Brady will be celebrating this Mass for the 49 Candidates and their families.

The Mass will be expected to go longer than the usual 1-hour service as the Rite of the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing with Chrism will be at the centre and summit of the Mass celebration. Please keep this in mind that this Mass is expected to go for 2 hours. You are welcome to join us for this Sacramental Celebration or if you would prefer to attend the Sunday celebrations the next day.

The next Expectant Parent Blessing will be on Sunday 10 September at 10.00am mass. Morning Tea will be provided after mass.

OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE

The home visits of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue have resumed. Please contact the Parish Office on 9150 9665 if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of host family will be published in the Bulletin. Host family from Saturday: **12 August**

Nelochana & Nilanga Seneviratne

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.



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Astron Crescent & Banner Road** praying for their needs and intentions. "

13 August 2023 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.


Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.


Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'






2023
SEASONS OF RENEWAL
How to evangelise throughout the year

Ordinary Time
Ordinary Time is an extraordinary opportunity to invite others into friendship with Christ. Join us online for one of these practical sessions on welcoming family and friends to your parish. All welcome!

JULY AND AUGUST 2023
1 hour online sessions
Register for a time that suits you.



Scan to register

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 and all clergy, Archbishops, Bishops and Religious to whom we owe so much. **Amen.**



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:
Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, Peg Denny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid

Taylor; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Anthony, Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, 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:

Therese Cardinali, Nicholas Reed, Agnes (Sonju) Lee Wong, Swastika Hawach, Tony Redford, Fiapai To'oto'o, Michael Talbot, Frank Crimi, Chris Banks, Am Gonzales, Justin Bautista, George Coorey, Patricia Gray, Laura Smith, John Aleixo, Isaias Alaso, Lydia Arrogante, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, Jeanette Affara, Colin Elliott, Samar Munoz, Luisa Maria Karin, Peter & Patricia Matt, Christine Ureta, Alvin Ureta, 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, 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, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Leong Ung, Clare McBriarty, Francesco Talotta, Hilda Daaboul, Ping (Esther's brother in law), Mercedita Macawili, Manuel Fernandez, Elias Samaras, Joey Doueihy, Sarah Zaganelli, Maria O'Connor, Jim O'Connor, Judy Fleming, Shirley Farrell, Domenico Famiglietti, George Rezcallah, Jane Gallo, Rachel Hannah, Willie Joe Ryan, Nunziata Biviano, Millie Cerny.

Anniversaries: Mary Ann Gotsopoulos, Joanne Dick, Ram Reddy, Maria Portia Mariano, Giorgio Casciola, Ah May Chung, Salvatore Sollazzo, Laurie Maguire, Pedro Snr Lumapac, Maura Lumapac.

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 for Gabby Santos; deceased Catalina Mitchell, Luisa Veran, Linda Porter, Guy Tesoriero and 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 before 12:00 noon on Thursdays. Thank you.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT
Wednesday 6th September 2023
8:00pm. RSVP 4th September 2023
Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde
Ph: 0410 583 808

ROSTERS 19 & 20 August

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	P Simon	Rana MN
Commentator:	K Doherty	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte	Jeremy	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	H Choi, A Speranza, A Tsoi
Sun 8.30am :	T & S Bassil
Sun 10.00am :	Z & J Yammine, O Repice
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/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.

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

Our New email address: kingsgroveolf@gmail.com.