

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 A) 20 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)



REFLECTION

Today's scriptures all address the question of who belongs to the People of God. Isaiah makes clear that anyone can belong; it is faithful service of the Lord, not ethnicity, class or caste, that qualifies. Paul also affirms that all are included-his mission to the pagans is not intended to exclude his fellow Jews from Christ's salvation but to help them see that it is offered to everyone. The persistence of the Canaanite woman in the Gospel further demonstrates that deep faith is not prerogative of any particular ethnicity. We may be left wondering why Jesus failed to show her the compassion we see in so many encounters, but by the dialogue about children's food and house-dogs makes it very clear that this Canaanite woman-a foreigner-has a rightful place as a follower of this amazing Rabbi, Jesus of Nazareth. May we always rejoice in the diverse community of faith to which we belong.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2023



The next Expectant Parent Blessing will be on Sunday, 10 September

at 10.00am mass. Morning Tea will be provided after mass.



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August

Parish Appeal will be held this weekend (20 and 21 August). The

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity

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

Twentieth week of ordinary time

21 Mon

Saint Pius X, Pope

Memorial

Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22 (419)

22 Tue

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Memorial

Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30 (420)

23 Wed

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16 (421)

24 Thu

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Feast

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

25 Fri

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 (423)

26 Sat

BVM

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12 (424)

27 SUN TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 (121) Pss I

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.

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: **19 August Cathy & Stephen Wood**

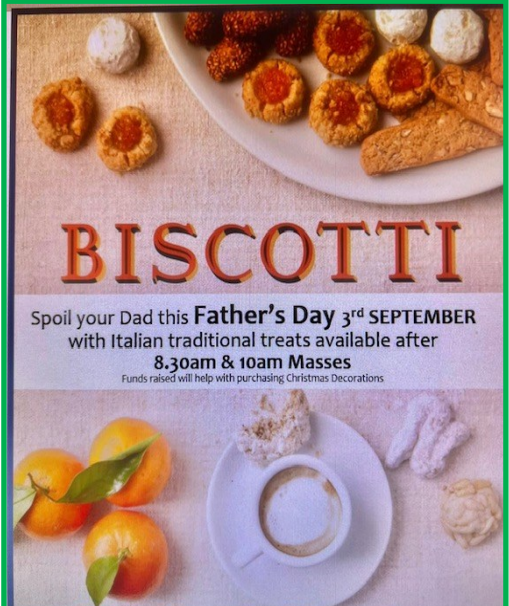


WICKED THE MUSICAL

THEATRE: SYDEY LYRIC THEATRE
DATE: WED 8TH NOVEBER 2023
TIME: 1PM
TICKETS: \$70.00 PER PERSON (1STALLS)
PAYMENT BY: FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2023
RSVP: FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST, 2023

If you could let me know that you are interested as soon as possible.

If you wish to attend this Theatre Party, please contact Veronica Tierney on mob 0412 216 166 or email: vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



BISCOTTI

Spoil your Dad this **Father's Day 3rd SEPTEMBER** with Italian traditional treats available after **8.30am & 10am Masses**

Funds raised will help with purchasing Christmas Decorations

Raising Fathers Events 2023

Join us for the RAISING FATHERS Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world.

This is a partnership with Robert Falzon and MenAlive.

DATES:

Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood

Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield

Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College: Francis St, Strathfield

20 August 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Isaiah 56:1.6-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.

With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

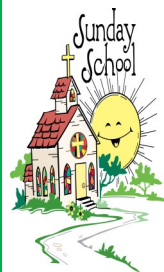
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



Christ our Light Sunday School

The aim of Sunday School is to bring our children to Jesus and bring Jesus to our family. When the parents go through Sunday School learning materials with their children at home, Jesus is present with them.

We are journeying the Bible stories in the Old Testament. Last lesson we learnt about Samuel and Hannah. This lesson, we will learn about David and Goliath.

The link for **Lesson 8 on "Hannah & Samuel"**:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CoC9uPJN6SFo0DnVvSmMnQZ6A6rGPZiK?usp=sharing>

The link for **Lesson 9 on "David & Goliath"**:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hmiQghaSMg4yek9Z99GLtkCH0kwvt9m4?usp=sharing>

We encourage children to send us one of the completed worksheets to this email address:

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com

This will be counted towards the end of year award at around Christmas time.

Tips: if you find typing the link on the computer browser is difficult, you may register your child to Sunday School using this QR Code as the link will be sent to all registered students via email when a new lesson is uploaded.



SCAN ME



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Barnsbury Grove and Beaconsfield Avenue praying for their needs and intentions. "



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, Antonietta Roberto.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Antoinette McGahan, Antoinette Taza, 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 Crito, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Leong Ung, Clare McBriarty, Francesco Talotta, Hilda Daaboul, Mercedita Macawili, Manuel Fernandez, Elias Samaras, Joey Doueih, 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: Simon Ghosen, Mary Ann Gotsopoulos, Angelo Taranto, David Pagnacio, Joseph Taza, 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 for Gener-Jasmin family for illness recovery of Marietta & Susana Gener; deceased Consuelo Gacusan, 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 26 & 27 August

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Henderson	N Linning
Commentator:	J Hoban	E Russo
Acolyte:	Emily	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Coorey	Youth
Commentator:	N Kevic	
Acolyte	Anthony	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: G Floro, S Setiadji
Sun 8.30am	: J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am	: A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
Sun 5.00pm	: E Loho, A Nehme, A Chan



*-“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.

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.**