



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

## The Presentation of the Lord (Year A) - 2 February 2020

### 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:** 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00-8:00pm (in the oratory) **(will resume 1st Thursday of February)**  
 Friday: 11.00am - 12noon  
**Baptisms:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.  
 (Please contact the Parish Office)



### REFLECTION

The readings for this feast day, while acknowledging the reality of the human condition, are full of promise, expectation, hope and joy. The prophet Malachi proclaims that 'The Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple!' The Psalmist orders the ancient doors to open wide for the King of Glory, whom the author of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us is the One who shares our humanity, our flesh, our blood and our suffering. Then Luke tells of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple with simplicity, beauty and realism. Along with many other pilgrims fulfilling the law, here are two more, carrying a child, walking up the great Temple Mount steps and entering through the temple's ancient doors. The Holy Spirit reveals to Simeon, the obedient listener, and Anna, a favoured one of God, that this infant is the long awaited Light of the Nations. They are overwhelmed with joy. Nevertheless, Simeon foresees this child is destined to suffer. Pilgrims who today visit the Temple Mount excavations can walk up its great southern steps to what were the Temple gates, knowing that Mary and Joseph most likely would have carried their infant Child, the long-awaited Messiah, up these same steps. They are graced with the privilege of walking in the footsteps of this Holy Family. They can experience the joy of Simeon and Anna, and with them, give praise and thanks to God. *God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*

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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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Prayer for Rain

God, our Father, you created our earth to nourish us and give us life, and Jesus told us to ask and it will be given to us. We ask now in Faith, Hope and Love that you look with favour on our drought stricken land, our starving animals and our failing produce. Sustain, strengthen and give new heart to our farmers and all those affected by this drought and bush fires. In your loving providence, send us abundant rain where they are needed soon and renew the faith of your people and the face of our land. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gives new life to all living things. Amen.



## Women's Social Support Group Mass and Luncheon

**I would like to invite any women, young or not so young, to come along and join our group and enjoy and share some time with other women.**

We have a variety of activities such as lunches, dinners, tours, train trips and we have lots of laughs and enjoy each other's company. It would be great to have you come and join us. We also collect gold coins at all our functions for our charity.



Details for our first event for the year are below:

We will commence with **Mass at 12 noon** at Our Lady of Fatima followed by lunch at **Rations Café Kingsgrove RSL** Lunch will be at **1pm**.  
**Date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2020**

I hope you can make either Mass or lunch.

*If you would you like to come please **rsvp** to **Veronica***

*by **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 on 0412 216 166 or [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au).***

**OLF PARISH CALENDARS 2020  
ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION  
FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.**

### ATTENTION READERS – NEW ROSTER

The new roster will soon be drawn up. It will include the Easter period. If you have not already done so, please advise of any change in your circumstances or dates to be taken into consideration. Email:

[jenniferhoban@bigpond.com](mailto:jenniferhoban@bigpond.com) or  
phone 9502 4257. Thank you.

## CATECHIST WANTED FOR KINDERGARTEN CLASS

We need a Catechist to teach Kindergarten at Kingsgrove Infants School. At this stage, lessons are on Friday mornings at 9am, but this could change. Perhaps you might like to do this with a friend. Lessons are very easy to follow and run for thirty minutes.

No previous teaching experience is required and training and support will be provided until you feel comfortable with the lesson.

As well as enriching the faith of some great children you will also enrich your own faith. You will also be doing something worthwhile to support our Community of Faith here at Kingsgrove. We hope you are able to assist.

**Enquiries: Peter Coleman 9787 2554**



### "Safeguarding in our Parish

**It is my responsibility and your responsibility!**

To make our Parish a safer place, all volunteers in any Ministry in our Parish are requested to use their PC to register for an online training course at: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1> If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can contact us via the e-mail address:

[safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au)  
**John Deacon and Gina Guiffrida, PSSO**  
(Parish Safeguarding Support Officer)

### **A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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

[safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@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.

**Prayer Meeting recommencing 6:30pm Monday 10 February.**

**Come and give thanks to Our God for all blessings you have received. Worship and Praise Our Lord with the Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group this Monday 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the courtyard adjacent to the church). Inquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.**

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020**

**First Reading** Mal 3:1-4

**A reading from the prophet Malachi**

*The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

**(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **(R.)**
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **(R.)**
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** Heb 2:14-18

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

*He had to be made like us in all things.*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

**Gospel** Lk 2:22-40

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man;

he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### **MOVIE AFTERNOON**

**2 Feb (Sunday) starting at 1:30pm**

**"The Pursuit of Happiness" – A touching movie inspired by a true story. This movie is for mature audience as it contains some moderate coarse language.**

**This film will be showing in McGinley Room (the upper room) in the Clune Centre. Language is English. Duration is two hours. Coffee, tea and snack provided. Free admission, all are welcome.**

### **PRAYERS for our Parish:**

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Moorefields Road & Moreton Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions.





## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, (Huntington Gardens), Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove), Esme Roberts (St Mary's Hostel, Berkeley) Maria Ryan (Bupa, Clemton Park), Mike Skennar (Maronite Sisters Village, Dulwich Hill), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Ellen Quirk & Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper (Huntingdon Gardens), Patricia North (Southhaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Monica Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care).

**Parishioners who are Sick:** Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, Angelo Taranto, Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Ray Mason, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Arcadia Soriano, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafihi, Alida Banks, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Ben Xuereb, Christine Gale, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

**Please pray for our Recently Deceased:** Noel Spinks, Freddie Paragas, Jan Maree Baty, Colin Burns, Pietro Modellino, Eddie O'Shea, Pasquale Cordi, Danielle Linkson, Maria Condello, Lidia Zidaric, Patsy Dunne, Tony Geovenco.

**Anniversaries:** Jaroslava & Frank Mysak, Phyllis Abela, Chantelle Delboe, Lisa Stragapale, Mal McQuillan, Dorothy Boyton, Ronald (Ron) Mitchell, John Courtney, Ray Welsh, John Thompson, Giovanna Di Pasqua, Francesco Mazzucco, Ronald Watson, Francis Swain, Anna Van-Beers, William D'Arcy, Arthur Bell, Jang Yee Lee, Francis Kent, Anne Bowcock, Dino Priori, Catherine Dey, Geraldine Fitzsimmons, Helen Roche, Joyce Munro, John O'Donoghue, Victor Xuereb, Edna Ryan, Joseph Patiniott, Horace Laker, Mother M. Loreto Cleary osu, Catherine Buckley, Herbert Manning, Hercules Malesci, May Harris, Gertrude Elvers.

**Also For:** Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary of Ray & Fidela Jasmin, special intentions of Jason Jasmin, Mark Thompson, Tony Chan, Therese, Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family, Mary Ann Grace Tesoriero, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Victoria, Domenico Beth Conlon, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 4th March 2020

8:00 pm

RSVP: 2 March 2020

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## ROSTERS

### 8/9 FEBRUARY

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Readers:	V & J Hoban	P Frederick R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	K Doherty	E Russo
Acolyte	Giok/Win	Leslie
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Indonesian
Holy Good Store:		M McCafferty
Warden:		P Bozic
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Readers	T Coorey M Policarpio	Youth
Commentator:	B Sharf	
Acolyte	Anthony	Tom
Music:	Indonesian	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	G Macri/M Valix	
Warden:	J Policarpio	
Cleaning Roster:	L Paglia & The Italian Group	
Counters:	V Tam, A Ho, V Au	

### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	L Kasses, M Kelly, R & V Kwong
Sun 8.30am	:	R & C Doan, J Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	J Hanna, A Lansdown, S & H Tandaovong
Sun 5.00pm	:	M Chung, J Lui, N Ng, W Setiadji

### The Pilgrim Statue: NO HOST FAMILY



### OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONAL PRAYER AT OLF CHURCH KINGSGROVE

Please join us every first Wednesday of the month, immediately after the weekday morning Mass, around 9:45 AM for special prayer session of devotional prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The next session will be on Wednesday, 4th March 2020.

**(Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before mass)**

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16

