



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Third Sunday of Advent (Year B) - 13 December 2020

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, Masses resumed with restrictions. From Monday, 7 December, our church can have 460 people with 2-sq-metre rule.



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, 8:30 am and 5:00 pm no booking for 460 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with Weekday masses. No booking for all these masses

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

Some years ago St Pauls Publications published a book written to help teenage boys on their journey to adulthood. It was called 'You Are Not That Important, and Other Helpful Messages'. Because of its title, the book received an immediate negative reaction. People said, 'you can't say that. You have to tell young people that they are very important, that they are special, ' etc.

Well, firstly, the book didn't say young people were not important, it simply said that they were not *that* important. And for many young people it is a relief to know this. Sometimes too much pressure is put on them at too young an age to be responsible for everything.

To become adults, we have to learn that we are not the centre of the universe. No, God is the centre of the universe. A tiny baby thinks the whole world revolves around him or her. We become adults when we learn to put God, and the well-being of others, at the centre of our lives and actions.

That John the Baptist had achieved true adult maturity is testified in his words, 'there stands among you-unknown to you-the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' And in another place he said, 'he [Jesus] must increase and I must decrease' (Jn 3:30). Paradoxically, John the Baptist fulfilled an important role in preparing the way for the Lord because he knew that he was not the most important person. *God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*

CHRISTMAS STAMPS Please save any stamps for the Peruvian Missions. Place them in the box on the table in the foyer. Thank you.

READERS - ALL HANDS ON DECK

A number of readers/commentators will be required for the Advent Novena Masses and the Christmas liturgies. Even if you have been unable to read this year but are planning to attend an Advent Novena and/or Christmas Mass, please consider volunteering on the sheets in the foyer (use your own pen or one of the sanitised pencils). This will avoid last-minute recruiting which is stressful and takes away from dignity of the ceremony. Please be prepared to step in where you see the need. Thanks to you all.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We will be conducting our annual Christmas appeal during masses on **the weekend of December 19/20**. The needs for assistance are greatly increasing and will continue to do so next year due to people experiencing hardship resulting from the impact of COVID-19. COVID-19 has also had an impact on our donations so please give what you can to help the neediest in our community.

In addition to the usual appeal during the masses over the weekend, we have set up an a local online Christmas fundraising appeal which you can be access through the following weblink:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/christmas-appeal>

We encourage you to use this online option as it reduces handling of paper and cash.

For those however who prefer to make a physical donation, envelopes are available in the foyer for you to take home and bring back next weekend. **As always, your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.**

Dear parishioners,

I am pleased that with all our prayers, patience and cooperation, NSW had recorded zero cases of community transmission of Coronavirus. As such, further easing of restrictions was announced by the NSW government. From Monday, 7 December, our church can be allowed 460 attendees with 2-square-meter rule.

But we still have to take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. Dot markers are placed where people should sit. **No more booking required on all masses EXCEPT ON THE 6:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE AND 9:00am AND 10:30am CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES.**

It is still a requirement that attendees should write their name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on weekdays.

As you would all be aware, the government has strongly recommended the wearing of face masks in closed-in places, including places of worship. Whilst this is not compulsory, we would urge you to consider complying for your benefit and that of everyone else too. Congregation singing will be permitted provided that mask is worn. We are trying as much as possible to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I, for one choose to wear a mask, particularly when distributing communion and when meeting and talking to people. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church is open for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 12:00 noon Tuesday to Saturday**. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.
2. **Daily Mass: Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9:15am Friday 11:00am-12:00pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by Mass at 12:00pm.** Maximum of 460 people. Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required.
3. **Saturday 9:15 am** morning Mass is followed by **Confession until 10.30am**. No booking required.
4. **Weekend Mass, regular schedule resumed, maximum of 460 people. All weekend mass - no Booking required**
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am
10:00am
5:00pm

Please come early when attending weekend mass for registration and to secure your seats. We are now allowed 460 people inside the church on a first come, first serve basis.

5. All Catholics but priests continue to be dispensed from Sunday obligations but those with low risk and able to do so are exhorted to take reasonable steps to attend.
6. At-risk parishioners (elderly, the sick and those with compromised immune and respiratory systems) should still not attend.
7. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.

8. For **funerals** maximum capacity caps will be removed from 7 December subject to 2-square-metre rule.

9. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with maximum attendees subject to 2-square-metre rule.

10. **Weddings** - maximum capacity caps will be removed from 7 Dec subject to 2-square-metre rule.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

Please remember that you may offer Mass for anniversaries, special intentions, thanksgiving or any reason simply by placing your request in an envelope and bringing that to the office or in the mass offering box at the presbytery.

Please continue to check our parish website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 9150 9665

Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta
Parish Priest

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

14 Mon

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

15 Tue

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

16 Wed

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23 (189)

17 Thu

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

18 Fri

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

19 Sat

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

20 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 (11) Pss IV

Availability for Christmas Masses - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

At each of the Christmas Masses, we will require 5 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It would be appreciated if Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that are able to assist with Communion at the Christmas Masses, could indicate their availability on the form in the foyer. If you are using one of the pencils supplied, please take the pencil with you, so that we remain COVID Safe.

If you are in high school and are not satisfied with singing carols behind masks, come and join Angels Choir for 6pm Christmas Family Mass on 24/12.

Practice schedule -

13/12 Sun 3pm 20/12 Sun 3pm

22/12 Tue 8pm after novena mass

24/12 Thur 4pm

Contact: Antonia Chan 0404 807 595

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR 2020 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 19 December Working Bee after morning Mass

**ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASSES
15 to 23 December**

7:00 pm Weekdays

(Please note that on the above dates, weekday morning and all weekend Masses will be as per usual schedule.)

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24 December

6:00 pm Christmas Carols (To be advised)

6:15 pm Family Christmas Mass (**Booking required; call Parish Office, 9150 9665 or write your name in a Booking Sheet provided at the church foyer**)

9:00 pm Christmas Mass (**No Booking required**)

11:45 pm Christmas Carols (To be advised)

12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass (**No Booking required**)

CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25 December

9:00am & 10:30am Masses only (**Booking required; call Parish Office, 9150 9665 or write your name in a Booking Sheet provided at the church foyer**)

NO 5PM MASS

**BOXING DAY Saturday 26 December
Vigil Mass (no morning Mass)**

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday 31 December

9:15am Mass (followed by holy hour with Benediction)

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Friday 1 January Exposition 11am followed by Mass

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal. The 2020 Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal highlights the variety and scope of the work of Catholic Mission around the world. It also encourages the donors to recognise their important role in mission work – through prayer and donations towards life-giving projects.

Envelopes are provided in the Church foyer & at all entrances. **Please give generously. Thank you.**

GOD'S WORD 2021

A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God.

The book includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. It would be a nice Christmas gift to your family and friends. **It's on sale at Piety Store at \$15.00 per copy.**



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

None in January 2021; next is

Thursday, 4 February 2021

7:00 pm RSVP: 2 February 2021

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz,
ph 0414 979 241 Myrna De La Pena, ph 0490 410 896



FROM THE SACRAMENTAL COORDINATOR

Enrolments for the 2021 Sacramental Program is now open.

Enrolment Packages are available in the Church foyer and from the Parish Office.

Completed enrolment forms may be returned to the Parish office or emailed to the email address below:

olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Closing Date: 18th December 2020

Enquiries regarding the sacramental programmes could be directed to the Sacramental Coordinator.

Ana Naduva Phone: 9554 5752



Theatre Party Organised by the Women's Social Support Group **COME FROM AWAY**

Date: **Wednesday 25th August, 2021**

Time: **1pm**

Location: **Capitol Theatre**

Cost: **\$75.00**

Payment Date: **Friday 23rd June 2021**

This production is based on the remarkable true story of what happened when hundreds of planes were diverted from their US destinations to towns in Canada immediately after the 9/11 attacks.

The town of Gander was one of the towns that took 38 planes and the story is based on real events that happened on this island in Canada and what the people of that island did for these passengers.

If you wish to go to the above Theatre Party please contact **Veronica** on **0412 216 166** or email

vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Everyone is welcome to come along to any of our Organised Theatre Parties, including friends, husbands, relatives etc.

Our special theatre party prices are for adults only.

ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

Once again this year, we will be holding evening Advent Masses in the immediate days leading up to Christmas. Let us join together as a worshipping community, in preparing our hearts for the coming of our saviour, this Christmas advent season.

Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove Parish

89 Shaw Street Kingsgrove NSW 2208

Invites you to Advent Evening Masses

7:00 pm on the following dates:

15 December – Tuesday

16 December – Wednesday

17 December – Thursday

18 December – Friday

21 December-Monday

22 December-Tuesday

23 December-Wednesday

Weekend and weekday masses will be as per usual schedule.

Alongside with Father Casey we will be inviting guest priests to celebrate mass.

(With regards to food and refreshments is it still being decided-due to Covid 19)



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper and Millie Czerny (Huntingdon 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), Patricia North (Southaven 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:

Joanne Dick, Caterina Ancona, Joe Millen, Laurie Enright, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Carol Braga, Betty Maguire, Michael & Eileen Neville, Rosemary Cooley, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Robert Powell (John Powell's brother), Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Fernande Cantrell, Peter Schattner Weskamp, Edmund Pew, Maria Boufrancis, Nell Stenning, Eliza Ferreira.

Anniversaries: Kevin Quintal, Jack McEldowney, Richard Smith, Una Clyne, Rachael Langley, Andrew Mosely, Judith Owen, Rita Popplewell, Patrick Nevin, Sheila Byrne, John Knight, Carmella Fischetti, Damiana Valdoria, Patricia Chan, Thelma Humphreys, Margaret McDermott, Keith Trayburn, Benjamin Markham, Michele Rizzi, John Robertson, Stephen De Cataldo.

Also For: prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

"Welcome everyone to our live celebration of the Mass and the joy of receiving the Blessed Eucharist. As the caring Community of OLF Kingsgrove, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters living in **Beresford Parade & Berith Street** praying for their needs and intentions."



ROSTERS 19/20 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J & J Henderson	J M Touma
Commentator:	J Hoban	T Ormerod
Acolyte:	Wilson/Alyssa	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	J Deacon	Youth
Commentator:	M Policarpio	
Acolyte :	Michael	Kelvin



Prayers against the Spread of Corona Virus

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask for your protection against the COVID-19 Corona Virus, that has claimed many lives and has affected many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion and of those governments and private agencies that must find a cure and a solution to this pandemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



"Safeguarding in our Parish

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

Are you a part of the Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Youth Ministry, a Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counter?

To protect our children and youth, if you have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

If you are over 18, you also need a Working with Children (WWC) approval that you can apply for online. Volunteers do not need to pay for the WWC.

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who have already attended Safeguarding Training and supplied details of their WWC to the Parish Office.

During June, the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office is asking adults, youth and children to participate in a staying safe online 5 minute CyberSafety Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can approach Fr Casey, or email John Deacon and Gina Giuffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) via the email address safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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.