



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B) - 20 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, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm 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

The setting for the Annunciation to Mary appears to be a domestic setting. The angel came to her, in her home, in the midst of her ordinary daily life. This is so different to the setting for the angel's appearance to Zechariah, in the parallel annunciation scene in the first chapter of Luke. Zechariah is in the Holy of Holies. So it seems to have been in an ordinary domestic setting that this marvelous intervention of God into Mary's life occurred. We can say in effect that in the first annunciation story, Zechariah went to God, but in the second story God comes to Mary.

We can also note the contrast between Jerusalem, with its magnificent temple where the Lord appeared to Zechariah, and Nazareth where the angel appeared to Mary. "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?", people asked. It was a backwater, that held no claims to fame or prestige or religious significance.

At times, we may have a profound experience of God in a chapel or church, but God can and will visit us also in the ordinary setting of our life, in our homes, our work places, while travelling, and so on. Wherever and however God may speak to us, let us pray that we, like Mary, may be able to give our 'fiat', our yes. May we be able to say with Mary: "I am the servant of the Lord; let what you have said be done to me".

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 **this 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 a local online Christmas fundraising appeal which you can 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. Indicators are in each pew for the limit of number of people to sit unless from same household. 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, Advent Evening Masses, Vigil and Christmas Day; 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 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. **Dispensation is now lifted. Under Canon 1247, attendance at mass on Sundays, Holy days and Christmas is now obligatory once again. All Catholics except those at-risk (the_elderly, the sick and those with compromised immune and respiratory systems) are exhorted to take reasonable steps to attend mass. Please take copy of Pastoral letter from Archbishop Anthony Fisher from the church foyer.**

6. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.

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

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

9. **Weddings** - maximum capacity caps was 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

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

December

21 Mon

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

22 Tue

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)

23 Wed

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

24 Thu

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

25 Fri **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

Solemnity [Holy Day of Obligation]

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16)Pss Prop

26 Sat

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Feast

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696) Pss Prop

27 SUN **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND**

JOSEPH Feast

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 or, in Year B,

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22, 39-40 (17) Pss Prop

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 commenced 15 up 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

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

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

We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. This allows us to respond to the charge that Judaeo-Christian thinking, on the basis of the Genesis account which grants man "dominion" over the earth (cf. Gen 1:28), has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature by painting him as domineering and destructive by nature. This is not a correct interpretation of the Bible as understood by the Church. ...we are called to recognize that other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: "by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory", and indeed, "the Lord rejoices in all his works" (Ps 104:31). ... the Church does not simply state that other creatures are completely subordinated to the good of human beings, as if they have no worth in themselves and can be treated as we wish. ... everything is interconnected, and ... genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others. *Pope Francis, Laudato Si'*

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



ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

Once again this year, we had been holding evening Advent Masses in the immediate days leading up to Christmas. We had started since Tuesday, 15 Dec. The remaining days are below. 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:**

**21 December-Monday
22 December-Tuesday
23 December-Wednesday**

Weekend and weekday masses will be as per usual schedule.

Alongside with Father Casey, we invited guest priests to celebrate mass.

Cultural snack from different ethnic group sponsors will be given away after each mass.

Sausage sizzle on the last day, Wednesday, 23 December



**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.

Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral is again hosting the magnificent lights of Christmas with the event officially launched on 10th December. The lights will be displayed each night from 8:30pm until 11pm, concluding on Christmas Day. Please help us spread the word about this beautiful event in the lead to Christmas.

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.**





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:

Nelly Vanzyl, David Burrell, Joanne Dick, Caterina Ancona, Joe Millen, 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, Angelo Taranto, James Crito, 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:

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

Anniversaries: Maria Rose Condello, Damiana Valdoria, Rodney Jayatilaka, Josephine Sloodmaekers, Lawrence Denmeade, Ellen McClafferty, Vincent Jug, Lawrence Perferment, Julie-Anne Sinclair, Alicia Simpson, James Chomfley, Joel Cooper, Annie Twite, Ambrose Foster, Michael Harrold, Mark Pernar, Rachele Smigliani, Roland Aquilina, Laura Parmenter, Margaret Brown, Charles Collins, Gladys Robinson, Vincent Gonzalez.

Also For: Thanksgiving for improvement in health of Margaret McCafferty, for deceased Richard, Mary, Paul & Raymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, and 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 Bexley Road and Bobadah Street praying for their needs and intentions."



ROSTERS 26/27 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Deady	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	B Deady	P Lee
Acolyte:	Anthony/Christopher	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	C Pighin	
Acolyte :	Tom	Wilson



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 safeguarding@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.