



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 A) - 22 December 2019

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)

Friday: 11.00am -12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

(Please contact the Parish Office)

Weddings: By appointment

(Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

On this earth we cannot see God's face as such but if we seek with pure hearts, we will see the manifold signs of God's presence among us. We will recognize the presence of God in wondrous events, sometimes unexpected, like the birth of a child. This was the sign given to King Azah of Judah to assure him that God-is-with-us. The wonders of creation also point to the presence of the creator. The earth and all its fullness, and the world and all its peoples, are the work of God's hand. As we reflect on the immense varieties of nature and of peoples, we touch something of the abundant creativity of God. Today's Gospel reminds us that dreams can also be moments when God touches our lives. Sometimes it is only when we are asleep, when all our defences are at rest, that God's light can break through to us.

We are surrounded by the signs of God's presence. We will recognize them if we have clean hands and a pure heart, if we desire not worthless things. The pure of heart seek God alone; those with clean hands do not accept bribes but act with compassion and justice. Such a person was Joseph, the man of honour to whom Mary was betrothed. Today, we pray for clean hands and a pure heart that we, like Joseph, may recognize Emmanuel, God-with-us, in Mary's child. *The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections*

Parish Office will be closed from 12:00 noon Tuesday, 24 December and will re-open Friday, 3 January 2020.

The Parish Team - Fr Casey, Fr George, Monique Choueifati, Ana Naduva, Katrina McNeill, and Imelda Dela Cruz extend to you all a very happy and holy Christmas. May the love of God, through the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus, be felt amongst your families, relatives and friends and inspire you to love one another as He loves us.

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Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Bookkeeper, Accounts)

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**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
2019 MASS SCHEDULE
CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES**

December 16 to 23 December

7:30 pm Weekdays

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

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24 December

6:00 pm Christmas Carols

6:30 pm Family Christmas Mass

11:30 pm Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 December

8:30am & 10am Masses only

NO 5PM MASS

BOXING DAY

Thursday 26 December

No Masses

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday 31 December

9:15am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday 1 January

10:30am Mass

**ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS /
LECTORS**

It would be appreciated if you could indicate your availabilities for the Christmas Masses.

Could Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please indicate which Christmas Mass they would be available to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion, using the form in the Foyer of the Church.

Could all Readers and Lectors please indicate at which Christmas Mass they would be available to read, using the form for Readers and Lectors in the Foyer of the Church.

Towards the Promised Land-Enza Di Franco Russo

Congratulations Enza on the launch of this unique book. It has been written by a woman, where faith is vital, alive, reflective, active.

Enza's life experience and learning form the basis of this book-through contemplation, reflection, service, women gain insight into the ways of God, working in their lives and in the world. On behalf of your readers, Enza, we thank you for sharing your faith journey, being a community builder and a vital member of the The Church-The people of God.

ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

Once again this year, we had been holding evening Advent Masses in the immediate days leading up to Christmas since Monday, 16 Dec. 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 the final Advent Evening Mass**

**7:30 pm: Monday, 23 December;
no morning mass**

Alongside with Father Casey and Fr George, we had invited guest priests to celebrate mass. Bishop Terry Brady will be the main celebrant on Monday, 23rd Dec. final mass

Light refreshments were served after each of the previous masses. But please bring a plate of food to share at the final mass on Monday, 23rd December.

Anyone interested on being an Acolyte? Training will be provided and will be guided by an experienced Acolyte for next roster.
Enquiries: Jeremy Seeto, ph 0414 490 899, email: jessa.seeto@gmail.com.

Mass Collection-Reminder

Please keep in mind that the First Collection is used to support the Clergy in the Parish and beyond. The Second Collection is for the maintenance of our Parish and to meet other regular financial commitments. Your support to the Second Collection is much appreciated.

Love, joy and peace at Christmas

The CatholicCare family wish you a happy, holy and peace-filled Christmas. May the birth of our Lord renew you with love, joy and peace this Christmas time. For help finding help, call CCareline 13 18 19 connect@catholiccare.org open 8am - 8pm Monday - Friday

The Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is in recess for the rest of the year.
Our next meeting will be Monday 10th February 2020 .



The St Vincent de Paul Society is now selling 2020 Columban Calendars for \$8 and Magellan Christmas cards for \$5 for a pack of 10 cards.

First Reading Is 7:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The virgin will conceive.

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign.

It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see vv 7. 10

(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 1:1-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Mt 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



**"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
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.

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.

Summer fun is back

Organised by OLF Kingsgrove Church during the summer vacation, it provides an opportunity for your young children to leave their gadgets at home so they can come and join others to experience the Church teaching in a different way. This year older kids will learn to instruct their own microcontroller to flash a few lights and know basic electronics while younger ones will be busy with interesting hand crafts and food making.

Venue: Clune Centre

Date: 6/1/2020 to 9/1/2020 (4 days)

Start time: 9:00am for 9:30 start

Finish time: 3:00pm

Fees (including snacks and project materials):

Year 1 to Year 3: \$30 / Year 4 to Year 8: \$50

Registration via <https://forms.gle/fWgQgnhhvEXaj4Fa9>

on first come first serve basis

Seats are limited

Enquiry:

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

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); Noel Spinks, (Bupa Bexley Nursing 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: Angelo Taranto, 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, Esme Elefante, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, 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: Maria Rose Condello, Danielle Linkson, Pietro Modellino, Lidia Zidaric, Patsy Dunne, Eddie O'Shea, Timoteo Lagang, Fr John Flynn L.C, Ailso Beveridge, Shirley Patricia Thomas, Victor Borg, Phillip Zammit, Patricia Byrne, John Vella, Sr Joan Brennan, Keith Bryan Briones, Eileen Gehrig, Leila Pearson, Gary Burrows, Fr Patrick Baker, Gebron Gebron, Fr Silio Naduva, Ada Sclosa, James Fox, Rodney Jayatilaka, Ivanka Andrijic, Eris Paul Clark.

Anniversaries: Carmel Fischetti, Damiana Valdoria, Patricia Chan, Thelma Humphreys, Margaret Clarke, Keith Trayburn, Benjamin Markham, Michelle Rizzi, John Robertson, Stephen De Cataldo, Beryl Anthony, Veronica Aldea, Paul Schneider, Rita Layton, Jack Madden, Caterina Natoli, Eric Henry, Octavius De Souza, Phyllis Harte, Yin Yu Bou, Josephine Sloodmaekers, Lawrence Denmeade, Ellen McClafferty, Vincent Jug, Lawrence Perfrement, Julie-Anne Sinclair, Alicia Simpson.

Also For: For special intentions of Ces & Myrtle Norris, Laurel Pretti, Pat Macdonough, Pat Matthews, Eva Munla, Aida Barzaga, Stead, Hicky and Powell families, Tony Chan, Therese, Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family, Guisepe, Bartolo, Mary Ann Grace Tesoriero, Gaetano, Angelo, Vince Cusumano, Victoria, Domenico Natale Stomiolo, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

28/29 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	J & J Henderson	V & J Dick
Commentator:	K Doherty	R Naderuzzam
Acolyte	Anthony	Leslie
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:	M Burgess	
Warden:		D Fisher
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	T & C Pighin	Youth
Commentator:	S Sicari	
Acolyte	Tom	Giok/Win
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:	P Denny	
Warden:		
Cleaning Roster:	L Paglia & The Italian Group	
Counters:	J Fleming, J Sukkar	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	R Mulia, N Seneviratne, P Warner
Sun 8.30am	:	S Chou, I & A Nehme, A Youd
Sun 10.00am	:	R & V Kwong, S & R Sicari
Sun 5.00pm	:	A Greensmith, K Loho. J & K Yazbeck

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Mimi & Cesar De Vega. 26 Burrell Street Beverly Hills. Rosary is recited each evening from Monday until Friday at 7.30pm.



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 11:15 AM for special prayer session of devotional prayers to Our

Lady of Perpetual Help. The next session will be on Wednesday, 1st January.

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

PRAYERS for our Parish:

In this Holy Season of Joy, as a caring parish community, we pray that Our Lord touches the hearts of all who worship our parish over Christmastide, regulars and visitors. We also pray for protection for those who are away visiting family or on holidays.



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

NO PREPARATION EVENING IN JANUARY.
WILL RESUME ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020; RSVP 4 Feb.

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241
Myrna De La Pena, ph 04901 410 896



Next Sunday's Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14;
Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

