



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe (Year C) - 24 November 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

For this year's celebration of Christ the King, we read the account of the crucifixion and death of Jesus from Luke, often called the Gospel of the poor, of women, of the Gentiles, and of mercy. Here Jesus is shown as Lord of mercy and compassion.

Jesus in his passion shows himself a 'wounded healer'. He does not draw attention to his suffering but to the suffering of others to whom he brings healing. He weeps not for himself but for the people of Jerusalem who do not know the day of their visitation or what makes for peace. In Gethsemane, he heals the severed ear of the high priest's servant. When Peter betrays him, he looks at the apostle and Peter weeps bitterly. He prays to the Father to forgive those who are responsible for his crucifixion, and he promises Paradise to the repentant thief. Indeed, the face of the Crucified One is the face of Mercy. Pope Francis has invited us to fix our eyes on the merciful gaze of Jesus. He has written that the mission Jesus received from the Father was that of revealing the mystery of divine love in its fullness. The signs Jesus worked, especially for sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the sick, and the suffering were all meant to teach mercy. Everything in Jesus-Pope Francis reminded us-speaks of mercy. Nothing in him is devoid of compassion.

In response, mercy should be the foundation of the Church's life. It is Pope Francis' wish that all the Church's pastoral activity should be caught up in communicating God's tender mercy. The Church's very credibility rests on how well it reveals the merciful and compassionate face of God.

The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections

Working Bee for Christmas, Saturday, 21 December, from after 9:15 am mass. Please come to help with the cleaning.

A Special Invitation

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers will be held again this year on Saturday 14th December at 5:00pm in the Church followed by light refreshments. All parishioners who have made a contribution during the year, either through formal ministry or simply by lending a hand, are invited to come along. It is a night to express our gratitude to you. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Office. Look forward to seeing you there.



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH TO PRAY & REMEMBER ALL OUR DECEASED LOVE ONES, PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS. DURING ALL OF NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE A SANCTUARY TO PLACE ALL THE NAMES OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS & SISTERS. THE NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH OR FROM THE PARISH OFFICE. (SO ALL NAMES WILL BE READY FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER). PLEASE WRITE NAMES CLEARLY. PLEASE DROP YOUR ENVELOPE AND OFFERINGS INTO THE PARISH OFFICE OR THE MASS OFFERING BOX IN THE PRESBYTERY. Thank you

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Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
2019 MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 1 December : First Sunday of Advent

Tuesday 3 December : 7:30pm

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation
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

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

7:30 pm on the following dates:

16 December – Monday

17 December – Tuesday

18 December – Wednesday

19 December – Thursday

20 December – Friday

23 December-Monday

Weekend and weekday masses will be as per usual schedule.

Alongside with Father Casey and Fr George, we will be inviting guest priests to celebrate mass.

Light refreshments will be served after each of the above masses. Please bring a plate of food to share at the final mass on Monday, 23rd December.

Appeal for Children's Liturgy of the Word - Leaders and helpers

If you have been thinking about getting more involved in parish life but cannot commit too much of your time, the Children's Liturgy Team Ministry might be just the thing for you this year.

We require leaders for Yr kinder to Yr 6, as well as helpers. The only requirement is that you are 18 years or older and willing to provide a Working With Children's Check.

Mentoring will be provided to you if you are new to the ministry, by an experienced leader.

The commitment required is a maximum of two Sunday mornings, once a term; the reward for all those involved is immeasurable.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry or have any questions regarding Children's Liturgy of the Word please contact Ana on the email or telephone number below.

Ana Naduva, Sacramental Coordinator Phone: 9554 5752

**NOW ENROLLING FOR
2020 SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAMS -**

**First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion
Confirmation**

ENROLMENT PACKAGES are available in the foyer of the Church and from the Parish Office.

Completed enrolment forms may be returned to the Parish office or emailed to the Sacramental Coordinator, Ana Naduva

On email:

olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Closing Date: 18th December 2019

Walk with Christ on November 24, the Feast of Christ the King starting at 2.30pm at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street to begin the Eucharistic Procession. If you would like to walk together, please meet at the Kingsgrove station at 1.30pm.



The Vinnies will be conducting their Christmas Appeal at all Masses this weekend, 23 and 24 November.

Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School welcomes:

- Kindy & Primary to attend lessons,
- High school students to be helpers
- Parents & parishioners to join the Bible Study Group that shares the Sunday Mass Readings.

All are to gather in the Clune Centre at 8:50am for 9:00am start. Parents are to pick up their children at 9:50am for 10:00am Mass.

Dates and topics for Term 4 are:

01 Dec – *Presentation Day and Christmas Party*

We are looking for additional teachers for 2020. Resources and materials are provided for use in the lessons. Anyone likes to join the Sunday School team, please contact Anita or send an email to Agnes.

Enquiry: Anita Sicari - 0403 183 151 Or agnes.man@optusnet.com.au



Women's Social Support Group

Christmas Party Dinner

Date: Friday 6th December 2019

Location: EBP RSL – Creek Room

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm

Cost: \$40.00 per head – 2 course dinner

There will be a raffle & lucky door prizes.

Our Christmas Party is an invitation for any woman in the Parish who would like to attend.

Hoping you can come along to this special gathering - it is a good chance to catch up with everybody.

Please RSVP by Wednesday 27th November 2019 to Veronica on 0412 216 166 or vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

“On behalf of Zonta Sydney West Group, our sincerest thanks to our OLF Women’s Social Support Group, Parishioners and friends who recently supported the 100 year Zonta Centenary function on 9th November.

A wonderful afternoon was had by approximately 80 people, with inspiring talks and lovely afternoon tea.

To date, a total of \$1,100 was raised for our next Birthing Kit Day which will be hosted in the new year.

Please remember, there are many ways to help Zonta’s work, which is supported all year round by our Social Support Group.

Donations of sanitary items, toiletries, handbags and cash donations for birthing kits are gratefully received at any time.

Save the date-International Women’s Day Breakfast on Friday 6th March-more details to follow. For any enquires, contact Therese Abela-King on tjabela_king@optusnet.com.au or ph 0409 554 878

MOVIE AFTERNOON

1 Dec (Sunday) starting at 1:30pm

“**Heaven is for Real**” – A must-see movie for the whole family.

This film will be showing in McGinley Room (the upper room) in the Clune Centre. Language is English. Duration is 1 hours 35 minutes.

Coffee, tea and snack provided. Free admission, all are welcome.



"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.

"Safeguarding in our Parish It is my responsibility and your responsibility!"

Are you currently a volunteer within our parish? Are you thinking of volunteering for events and children's celebrations over the

Christmas period? To make our Parish a safer place, all volunteers in any Ministry in our Parish are requested to attend a Safeguarding

Workshop, to be held in the Clune Centre on Sunday 1st December at 3 pm. You also need to apply online for a Working with Children

Certificate via the NSW Government web site if you do not already have one. (If you already have one, please bring it with you to the training session.

Thank you.

John Deacon PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer)

Prayer Meeting

Come and give Him thanks for all He has given you. Worship and Praise Him 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 Ph 0418 77 88 56**



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: 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, John Gouveia, 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: 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: Angelina De Fina, Mary Alting, Felisa Borrromeo, Joseph Jonathan, Leslie Keleman, Leo Shanahan, Moira Lindsay, Nell O'Dongoghue, Mary Courtney, Charles Lautier, Daisy Crowder, Dorothy Grill, Kathleen Gallagher, Filomena Cardenzana, Charles Gross, Maurice Goodwin, Irene Roddan, Norma Bale, Rene Montano, Lawrence Stevens.

Also For: For special intention of Francesco Giglio, Kim Selby Chinnery, Yvette, Paul, Nina Angeles Moncay, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, Kevin Quintal and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



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

ROSTERS

30 November/1 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	M Millen P Lee	N & T Ormerod
Commentator:	P Simon	M Lee
Acolyte	Anthony	Pak
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:	P Denny	
Warden:		P Bozic

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	L Lee S Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	S Graham	
Acolyte	Michelle	Wilson
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:		
Warden:	J Deacon	
Cleaning Roster:	A Xuereb, K Widjojo, M Setiawan, S Sunarto	
Counters:	M Lo, C Choi, T Zhao	
Lawn mowing:	B Deady, R Morgan, G Walters	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	A Bernard, R Horner, L Kasses, M Kelly
Sun 8.30am	:	J Doueihy, J Gebron, A & S Nacarella
Sun 10.00am	:	J Kim, D Pighin, E, I & J Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	R Banaghan, Y Esteban, J & J Ung

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Linda & Peter Coleman, 5 Shackel Avenue Kingsgrove. Rosary is recited each evening from Monday until Friday at 7.30pm. All friends and neighbours are most welcome.



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

PRAYERS for our Parish:

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



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 4 December 2019, 8:00 pm RSVP:
2 December 2019
Coordinators: Tina & Tom Coorey Ph 0423 854 633



Next Sunday's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

