

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

First Sunday of Advent (Year C) 28 November 2021

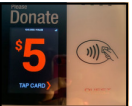


NSW Government and Health Regulations' easing of restrictions started 11 October. Sydney Archdiocese churches opened from Monday, 18 October. Our church reopened from Saturday, 23 October with 5:00pm vigil mass, then usual mass times thereafter.



NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH TO PRAY AND 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

RELATIVES & FRIENDS. THE NOVEMBER MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE STILL AVAILABLE BESIDE THE MASS OFFERING BOX OF THE PRESBYTERY AND IN CHURCH FOYER. PLEASE WRITE NAMES CLEARLY. PLEASE DROP YOUR ENVELOPE AND OFFERINGS INTO THE MASS OFFERING BOX IN THE PRESBYTERY OR IN PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS. THANK YOU.



Like most churches, we now have a device where you can give your donation using your credit card by a tap on the **Quest Donation Point Tap**. There will be 2 at church entrance. It has a set amount of \$5.00. Should you wish to give \$10, tap twice and so on if you want to donate more. **Please note that donations made through these are not tax deductible.** It will not show your name or envelope numbers on our bank statement. The donation will automatically go into our Parish account. Your tap donation will show as "OLF Parish Kingsgrove" in your credit card statement. This is a secure, cashless donation point used by most Parishes as recommended by the Archdiocese. For tax deductible donations, please continue using your envelopes, direct deposits and online credit cards where you can indicate your name and Planned Giving number. Thank you for your ongoing support.

REFLECTION

Another liturgical year has ended, and we stand at a new beginning. Advent has a two-pronged message. Firstly, we remember and celebrate, and secondly, we look forward to Christ's coming in glory. What wonderful readings we have to lead us into this season! Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord's long-ago promise that 'a virtuous branch' from David's line would come to 'practice honesty and integrity'. This immediately encourages us to ponder the wonder of Christ's birth which we celebrate at Christmas. The Gospel reminds us that Christ will come again and calls us to trust in God at all times and in all circumstances. Between these two readings, the psalm confidently asks for God's help, trusting in the Lord's goodness and uprightness, faithfulness and love. In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians asking the Lord to increase their love and to help them live as God desires. Perhaps, the keys to the joy of Advent are to live with anticipation, with love, and to fulfill another of God's promises: "you shall be holy, for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:45; 1 Peter 1:16).

God's Word Daily Reflections 2021



CWF Parish Appeal

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of 4 & 5 December. Your



generous donations will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling, support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for children needing foster care, among many other things.

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make adonation and find out more at

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

Welcome back! It had been fantastic weeks seeing you all once again face to face. We thank God and the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that we are together once more to celebrate our faith and pray together as a community.

For those unaware, we started to open our church last Saturday, 23 October with the 5:00pm vigil mass and from then on, resume our usual mass schedule. **We are open with mixed congregations, that is everyone whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or as yet unvaccinated.**

People who are especially vulnerable, who are vaccinated but anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated, or who are unvaccinated and do not want to risk contact with others, are free to remain at home and join live streamed masses from the cathedral and some parishes. We have to continue to be careful and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. We will do all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe. **We are again back with 460 people in the church including upstairs with 2 square metre rule.** 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 booking required on all masses but on a first come, first serve basis.**

It is always a requirement that attendees should register before entering the church. It is recommended that registration now is through scanning the Service NSW QR code using smartphones with Service NSW App. For those with no smart mobile phones please write your name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on Weekdays.

The wearing of face masks is mandatory in closed-in places, including places of worship. Congregation singing is not allowed until further notice. 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. Fr Casey and Fr Stephen will be wearing mask during and after mass as required. They know you will understand that they do so for everyone's common protection and compliance.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church reopened for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday from 23 October.** Social 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. Social 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. Until further notice, we are allowed 460 people (2 sq-metre rule inside the church including upstairs, on a first come, first serve basis.

Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 460 inside the church. Those unable to attend mass are encouraged to do Prayers at home, read scriptures or watch live streamed mass on TV and asking God for graces normally received at Holy Communion.

5. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
6. For **funerals** uncapped with 2-square metre rule or 460 people inside our church.
7. **Baptisms** can be celebrated uncapped subject to 2-square-metre rule 460 guests inside the church.
8. **Weddings** can be celebrated uncapped with 2-sq-metre rule or 460 guests inside our church.
9. Office OPENED Tuesday, 12 October with the usual opening time 8:30am, closing time 4:00pm with one hour break 12:30 to 1:30pm

All of these notices might change depending on the Covid 19 situation.

Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church on Fridays after 1pm.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, We are 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.

Though our churches are already open, let us not be complacent as the Delta virus is still around. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer to end this pandemic. We are all one on this journey.

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

May God bless us all.

Father Casey and Father Stephen

Market Day Fundraiser at Our Lady of Fatima

Peakhurst Saturday 4 December from 9am to

3pm in the Church car park in Isaac St,

Peakhurst. The Saturday Foodies & Farmers

Market is always a great event and this one will

feature a large marquee run by parishioners

from St Joseph's Riverwood with fantastic

items to delight families. The event holds

something for everyone, even an amusement

area for children. All proceeds from the St Jo-

seph's table/s will go towards the Church's Roof Fund.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 27 November : Parish Advent
Recollection 9:15am Mass
10:00am-2:30pm Talk
Light lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP to the parish for catering purposes.
Everyone is invited.
Facilitator: Fr Percy Savare, OSA**

**Saturday 27 November First Sunday of Advent
Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 28 November: First Sunday of Advent
8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm**

**Sunday 28 November: RCIA First Acceptance of
Candidates**

**Tuesday 30 November : 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
7:00pm**

**Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December:
Mass of Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers**

**ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASSES
15 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
Friday 24 December
NO 9:15am MORNING MASS
6:15 pm Christmas Carols
6:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass
9:00 pm Christmas Mass
12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass**

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday 25 December
9:00am Christmas Mass
10:30am Christmas Mass
NO EVENING MASS**

**BOXING DAY
Sunday 26 December
Masses as usual
8:30am
10:00am
5:00pm**

**NEW Year's Eve
FRIDAY 31 December
11:00am Adoration –in thanksgiving to the year ending
12 Noon Mass**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
Saturday 1 January
10:00am New Year's Day Mass
5:00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 2 January
Masses as usual, 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm**

ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

As part of our yearly parish tradition, we celebrate Christmas evening masses as a community to welcome the Birth of Christ. We invite different priests every evening to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and often, we have a short gathering outside with food and drinks. The Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher had confirmed, that he will celebrate with us the last evening, Thursday, 23/11. With Covid, we still have to discern what is best to do on the gathering after each mass. You will be informed later.

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Kingsgrove
89 Shaw Street Kingsgrove NSW 2208**

**Invites you to Advent Evening Masses
7:30 pm on the following dates:**

**15 December – Wednesday
16 December – Thursday
17 December – Friday
20 December – Monday
21 December-Tuesday
22 December-Wednesday
23-Thursday-Thursday**

**Weekend and weekday masses will be as
per usual schedule.**

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

**29 Mon Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11 (175)**

**30 Tue
Saint Andrew, Apostle
Feast
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop**

DECEMBER 2021

**1 Wed
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)**

**2 Thu
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)**

**3 Fri
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Memorial
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)**

**4 Sat
Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)**

**5 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 (6) Pss II**



GOD'S WORD 2022

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 Parish Office during office hours at a discounted price of \$15.00 per copy. It's \$19.95 at other Catholic bookstores. Please call or send email if you can't come during office hours.**



“Well, Christmas is approaching and as you can see the Christmas tree has gone up a little early this year. This is because the St Vincent de Paul Society will NEED THE GIFTS RETURNED BY 5 DECEMBER AT THE LATEST so they can be distributed to the families.”



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Jane Gallo, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor; Carmela Lazzaro; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Shirley Farrell, Yuk Hwo Sin; Anthony (Tony) Redford, Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, and Justina De Bellis. *(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office).*

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Patricia Gray, Maximino Ilaya, John De Bellis, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Peter Morgan, Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Mercedes Nardella, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Joe Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Colleen Davoren, Famiglia Parisi, Gaetano & Testa Pietro, Consuelo Gacusan, Michael Maloney, Amneris Yassa, Magda Braskich, Benjamin Xuereb, Erlinda Swords, Pamela Peters, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna De Fina, John Vella, Peter Wastie, Hilton Smith, Giuppina D'Agostino, Don Khoury, Jeffrey Lovisolo, Salvatore Rizzo.

Anniversaries: Lawrence Stevens, Angelina De Fina, Vince and Maria Camuglia, Philip Zammit, Kathleen & Joseph Dingli, Lydia Zidaric, John Vella, Ida Taranto, Mary Deacon, Maria Irace, Laureana Encabo, Mr T. L. Tan, Rustico & Florita Maglupay, Isidoro John Defina.

Other names anniversaries of deceased are in the red book located in the church foyer.

Also For: Deceased Kevin Quintal, Laurie Maguire and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all in our shrine of remembrance book.

Please note: For mass requests to be put in Bulletin, please drop them in the Petitions Box, in the office, call or send email on or before 12:00 noon on Thursdays.

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

To assist in preparing the calendar, leaders of various ministries are requested to submit their dates for the calendar to the parish secretary, Katrina or Imelda by 30/11. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation.

For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT), below is our new bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 100000143
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove
Reference: Name & envelope number (if applicable)

ROSTERS 4 & 5 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	M Millen	E Russo
Commentator:	L Corbett	P Lee
Acolyte:	Michelle	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte:	Michael	Tom



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

Wednesday, 1 December, 8pm RSVP: 16 November 2021

Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey
ph 9150 6016; mobile: 0423 854 633



PRAYERS for our Parish:

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

You are welcome to join **The Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** every Monday, 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA KINGSROVE'S ADVENT PROGRAM 2021

Every Tuesday mornings at Clune Centre, 30th Nov.; 7th & 14th Dec., from 10:00am to 11:00am, you are

invited to make a true preparation for CHRISTMAS. Enjoy a cup of tea and truly prepare for the birth of Christ.

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"



"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>

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.