

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 16 January 2022



Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, stricter restrictions are back on all masses. From 27th December 2021, our church can only have 460 people with two-square-metre rule, mandatory face mask and entry registration apply.

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

It may strike us a slightly curious that the first miracle performed by Jesus in John's Gospel is not a cure of exorcism of some kind, but rather it is the conversion of water into wine-fine wine and in a generous quantity. Wine is an almost universal symbol of celebration and joy, and reveals much of Christ's vision of human life. He came, after all, that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Christian life is thus a gift and expression of God's gracious love, not merely a duty or a trial. It is good to ask ourselves from time to time, 'Am I enjoying life? Am I taking the time to do things that make me happy?' Such a question is born not of mere selfishness, but rather reflects true gratitude for God's gifts. Moreover, we have very little chance of being kind, patient and generous with others unless we are firstly kind, patient and generous with ourselves-that is to say, unless we take the time to drink the wine (real or metaphoric) of the good things of creation.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2022

READERS - HAPPY NEW YEAR The current roster runs out at the end of this month. Any readers ready to return to their ministry are asked to advise the Hobans by email: jenniferhoban@bigpond.com or on 9502 4257. Our skeleton crew have done an outstanding job in these difficult times. Keep safe and many thanks.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TEMPORARY CONTACT NUMBER FOR THE PARISH

OFFICE IS : 7207 9420.

(We are waiting for the NBN to be fixed and our original numbers to be reinstated)

For email, please use: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE
EFFECTIVE: From 27 December

1. Face masks are mandatory in the church, public transport, indoors and in organised outdoor events.
2. Congregational singing is permitted but wear mask.
3. All attendees are required to use the QR code for signing in. Those who do not have smart phones must sign in on paper, their name and phone number.
4. No booking on all masses. Our church can have 460 attendees, including upstairs observing the 2-square-metre rule. There is again limit on how many can attend, weddings, baptisms, funerals with 2-square metre rule. Our church can have have 460 people inside the church.
5. Avoid congestion before or after mass; attendees should maintain safe distance when lining up for communion, 2-Square-metre rule applies.
6. Sanitise hand before entering the Church.

It might be difficult for some people but we request you to follow the above in order to protect ourselves and others as an exercise of 'love of neighbour'. We hope to get through this difficult time together. Thank you.

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

PARISH DONATIONS Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes or by credit card. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated. We now have the facility for credit card donation through our website:

www.olfkingsgrove.org.au. Please Click on **SUPPORT US on the top right of screen, then Donate, and 'Click here to donate to Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove'**. There is a drop down arrow to select biller code for the type of donation you wish to give, either Planned Giving, First Collection, Second Collection, etc., then follow the next steps.

Alternatively, for your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 100000143
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number
(if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

January 2022

17 Mon

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Memorial

1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

18 Tue

1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28 (312)

19 Wed

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

20 Thu

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12 (314)

21 Fri

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial

1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19 (315) Pss Prop

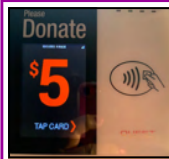
22 Sat

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21 (316)

23 SUN THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69) Pss III



Like most churches, since November 2021, we 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 and foyer. 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 Envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing support.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

Wednesday, 2 February 2022,

RSVP 28 January 2022.

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai,

Phone: 0410 583 808

Attention please: We need more volunteers: door marshalls and collectors for the Saturday 5:00pm vigil mass; 8:30am and 10:00am masses. If interested, please call the Parish Office or Imelda on 0414 979 241.



Amidst some fear of the spread of Omicron virus and lockdown, but with our prayers and trust in God, Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove was very much alive to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It started with the nine days evening masses, starting on 15 December with guest priests every night and ending on 23rd December with the Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher as main celebrant, concelebrated by 5 priests and assisted by seminarians and a Deacon. This was followed by supper at Clune Centre and at presbytery. The Christmas children's mass was still held as usual in spite of this Covid situation. Children with beaming enthusiasm portrayed an animation of the Birth of Jesus during the mass. All these events were successful! Thank you to all OLF staff, organisers for these events, volunteers, the choir, readers, acolytes, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, door marshalls, sponsors and those who decorated the church. There are so many other people the Parish are grateful to our Parish community and friends: the continued generous support to our church maintenance and clergy, the generosity and support given to our Vinnies and CWF Appeals as well as the raffle fund raising to support the Pastorelle Sisters in re-building their burned aged care facility. Fr Casey and Fr Stephen also extend their warmest thanks and appreciation to those who gave them cards, greetings, prayers and gifts.





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; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Shirley Farrell, 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' temporary phone # 7207 9420).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Kamala Reddy, Judy Lee, Patricia Gray, Maximino Ilaya, 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 Ravailion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Angelo Taranto, James Crito, 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:

Gloria Fisher (mother of the Most Rev. Anthony Fisher), Esther Doyle, Noel Freeman, Carmela Lazzaro, Nelly Santos, Salam Hanna, Vittorio Angelo Stendardo, Peter Maher, John De Bellis, Maggie Duarte, Patrick Quinlan, John Chuck Wan Lee.

Anniversaries: Fr John McSweeney, Patricia Downs, Benjamin Dizon, Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Herbert & Pat Macdonough, Pat Matthews, Eva Munla, Claire Mapps, Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), Inescita Inso, Paul Francis Deacon. John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueih,.

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

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Kevin Quintal, Jason Jasmin, Isidoro (John) De Fina; deceased Arcadia Soriano, Juan Agbuya, Joan & John Buckley, Maria Aleixo, Pedro Lumapac Snr, Maura Lumpac, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, John Ringo Little, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Poole & Richland Streets, Preddy's Road & Rayment Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions.



GOD'S WORD 2022 were SOLD OUT! St Paul's Publications ran out of stock. We placed a back order. We will put a notice if we receive them.

ROSTERS 22 & 23 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J & J Henderson	P Lee
Commentator:	J Hoban	J Kachel
Acolyte:	Ella	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	R Lansdown	Youth
Commentator:	N Kevic	
Acolyte:	Kelvin	Albert



"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.

Prayers on Covid 19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 Delta and Omicron virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives. We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. We pray for our health workers and medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion. Grant them health in mind, soul and body, strength in their commitment and protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to good health soon.

Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need. May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

We fly to Your protection, oh Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, Oh glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen.**