

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) 23 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

When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, while many people were delighted with his gracious words, there were others who were reluctant to accept him as anything extraordinary. "Surely, this is Joseph's son!" they exclaim. Frequently we overlook the uniqueness of persons with whom we are familiar, and can come to take them for granted. People and things which we see or experience often soon cease to impress us, and our appreciation can grow cold or disappear altogether. In this context, it is good to remind ourselves of the incalculable worth of other individuals-not merely their merits or usefulness to us, but their uniqueness, value and dignity in the sight of God. In many cultures, 'over-familiarity' with another person is considered a sign of discourtesy and disrespect. There is perhaps a hidden wisdom in such traditions. Let us never presume to know others completely; let us never presume to define or limit them. For each of them truly bears the image of the unknown God-ineffable, infinite and transcendent. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2022*

**Wednesday, 26
January:
Australia Day
Mass at 9:15AM**



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 PARISH OFFICE PHONES
HAVE NOW BEEN FIXED**

**9150 9665 (main phone line), Others: 9150 9663,
9150 0261 & 9150 0258**

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

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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 hands 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

24 Mon

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Memorial

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 (317)

25 Tue

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Feast

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519) Pss Prop

26 Wed

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:1-20 (319)

27 Thu

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25 (320)

28 Fri

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Memorial

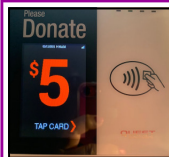
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34 (321)

29 Sat

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 (322)

30 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30 (72) Pss IV



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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(YEAR C) 23 JANUARY 2022**

First Reading [Neh 8:2-6, 8-10](#)

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 18:8-10, 15, R. See Jn 6:63](#)

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)

3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading [1 Cor 12:12-30](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body?

If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Gospel Acclamation [See Lk 4:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'



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, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, 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 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:

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

Anniversaries: Ronald Mitchell, John Foxe, Maura Lumapac, Pedro Snr. Lumapac, M. K. Lie, Fr John McSweeney, Patricia Downs, Benjamin Dizon, Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Herbert & Pat Macdonough, Pat Matthews, Eva Munla, Claire Mapps, Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueihy.

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

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Marilou & Marlon Agbuya, Kevin Quintal, Jason Jasmin, Isidorio (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.

Bulletins are printed or sent electronically on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Thank you.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Rodgers & Rolestone**

Avenue praying for their needs and intentions.

Our 2022 Parish Calendars are now available for pick up at the Parish office during office hours for those who want a copy. Thank you.

ROSTERS 29 & 30 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	K Doherty	E Russo
Commentator:	T Abela-King	R Naderuzzam
Acolyte:	Christopher	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
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 safeguardingequities@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.**