



# 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 of Lent (Year C) 20 March 2022*



**Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, from Friday, 18th February, two-square-metre rule had been scrapped; our church can have full capacity. QR code and paper registration check ins will no longer apply on entry.**

## 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. 2 square metre rule had been scrapped. No booking for all these masses.**

Rosary at 8:45am, Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday

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

Good teachers draw on the life experience of their pupils. If they can do so by means of storytelling, the attention of their listeners will be ensured and the later recall of the lesson by them will be facilitated. In these terms Jesus was a master teacher. It was said of him, with some exaggeration, that 'he would never speak to [the crowds] except in parables' (Matthew 13:34). When Jesus related today's parable to the people (it is introduced by a call to repentance), he and his hearers were on common ground. Both were familiar with fig trees, the harvesting of their fruits and perhaps some of the more than forty references to them in their Sacred Scriptures. Such trees were of little more than decorative value if they were unproductive. Jesus has something similar to say to us, who claim to be his disciples, if, having heard his teaching, we do not put it into practice. To the gathered disciples at the Last Supper he said: 'You did not choose me, no, I chose you and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last' (John 15:16). At leisure, you might read the whole of John 15. It is an apt Lenten reading. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2022*

**INVITATION OF PARISHIONERS** to participate in the washing of the feet ceremony at the Holy Thursday Mass on 14th April at 7pm.

**WHY YEAR A READINGS?** The Year A gospels for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent are of major importance in regard to Christian initiation (RCIA). On these Sundays our Elect undertake the Scrutinies as their final step in preparing to receive the Easter sacraments. As a symbol of our unity with our Elect, our community joins with them in reflecting on the meaning of these readings in our own lives.

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**Part time Parish Assistant:** Fr Stephen Onyekwere

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## LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE EFFECTIVE: From Friday, 18 February 2022

1. Face masks are still mandatory in public transports; no longer mandatory in churches but it is highly recommended in our church if social distancing is not possible.
2. Congregational singing is permitted but wear mask.
3. All attendees are no longer required to use the QR code and paper registration upon entry.
4. No booking on all masses. Our church can have maximum capacity. The 2-square-metre rule had been scrapped but for our safety, please maintain reasonable safe distancing.
5. Avoid congestion before or after mass; attendees should maintain safe distance when lining up for communion, even though 2 square metre rule had been scrapped..
6. Sanitise hands before entering the Church. We are providing sanitised paper towels to clean your seats.

Though easing of restrictions had been announced, we still 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.**



**Theatre Parties Organised by the Women's Social Support Group**  
**Moulin Rouge!**  
Location: Capitol Theatre

**Date :** Wednesday 10 August, 2022  
**Session:** 1pm.  
**Tickets** \$69.00 per person. Our Seats are all in the stalls.  
**RSVP by:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 or earlier  
**Payment by:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
These Theatre Parties are open to all members of the Parish who would like to attend.  
At this stage Face Masks, sign in for QR code and proof of vaccinations may be required to attend all subject to change depending on the venue.

**If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please contact Veronica on mob 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**



### PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Stoney Creek Road & Sutcliffe Street** praying for their needs and intentions.

## GROWING IN FAITH

### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

#### 21 Mon Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

#### 22 Tue

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)

#### 23 Wed

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop**

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)

#### 24 Thu

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)

#### 25 Fri THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

##### Solemnity

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545) Pss Prop

#### 26 Sat Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)

#### 27 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jos 5:9a, 10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33) Pss IV

### 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.**

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.

## LENTEN SEASON SERVICES 2022

Stations of the Cross Every Friday from  
4 March , 11:30AM and 7:00PM  
11:30am-English  
7:00pm-English

Wednesday: 30 March  
2nd Rite of Reconciliation  
7:00pm

Saturday Vigil, 9 April, 5:00PM; Sunday, 10 April,  
8:30AM, 10:00AM & 5:00PM:

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses  
outside in St Francis' Courtyard. You can bring your  
own Palm for blessing. Palms will be available in the  
Church to be distributed by volunteers. No touching.

Holy Thursday: 14 April - 7.00pm Mass of  
The Lord's Supper & Washing of  
the Feet. (Transfer & Exposition of  
The Holy Eucharist right after mass;  
Adoration in the Church until  
12:00am)  
(No morning Mass. Chrism Mass  
at St Mary's Cathedral; pray for  
the priests as they renew their  
Priestly vows)

Good Friday: 15 April 10am Stations of  
the Cross  
3pm - Commemoration of  
the Lord's Passion (Fasting &  
Abstinence exemption for those  
who are sick or over 65)

Holy Saturday: 16 April 9:00am RCIA  
Catechumens Sacrament of  
Reconciliation  
7pm Easter Vigil Celebration;  
Blessing of the fire; Baptism of the  
Catechumens

Easter Sunday: 17 April - 8.30am, & 10.00am  
(NO AFTERNOON MASS)  
HAPPY EASTER!

## Lenten Retreat Day

**SATURDAY 26 MARCH**

Facilitator: Fr Stephen Onyekwere  
9:15am Mass  
9:45am Tea/Coffee  
10:15am start session till 2:30pm with  
lunch break and reconciliation.

All Welcome Please register at Parish Office for catering  
purposes. Thank you.

## Enrolment Applications for Kindergarten 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Primary School are now available from  
the School Office in Caroline Street.  
The school's enrolment policy gives the  
highest priority to children of Catholic  
families with strong demonstrable links  
to the Parish. We welcome your interest  
in our Catholic Primary School as we  
work to bring our children to know and  
love Christ through learning.  
Applications close on 1st April 2022.  
New families to the school must  
contact Father Casey to arrange a time  
to complete the Parish Priest  
Reference form.



## Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School is for Kindy to  
Year 10 students. Each lesson has  
a unique theme. You are welcome to register  
any time using the QR code. Once registered,  
you will be provided with the  
Seesaw Student Sign in instruction. Parents are  
expected to share the learning materials with  
their young children.  
Learning materials are uploaded to Seesaw app  
twice a month. Face to face gathering/zoom  
gathering will be arranged once a school term.

Enquiry: Email to



[sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com)  
Or send text message to 0413 096 960



## Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher  
OP has asked Catholics to  
support an e-petition launched  
by Upper House MLC Greg  
Donnelly opposing proposed  
euthanasia laws in NSW.  
A parliamentary committee  
has recommended that the  
Legislative Council proceed  
with consideration of the bill.  
The unwillingness of the  
Committee to take a position  
on the bill means we need to  
fight even harder.  
Parishes are encouraged to  
urge as many people as possi-  
ble to oppose the laws.



## 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 9150 9665).*

### Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Maureen O'Connor, Jun Letran, Rafer Young, Shaun Karu, Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Maximino Ilaya, 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 Critto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Joe Khoury, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

*(Please update us of their status)*

### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Victor Haavisto, Victa Hanzel, Emily Nader, Mary Brown, Ken Lamphée, Priscilla Lopez, Ruben Soriano, Peter Chowne, Josefa Ocampo, Martinus Setiawan, Guido Di Martia, David Lynch, Mary Rose Pohl, Wan Kei Har, Celia Lagandaon, Esther Doyle, Gloria Fisher, Noel Freeman.

**Anniversaries:** Maureen Fulton, Eng Heng Tan, Aurelia Sebastian, Anna Fiamingo, Manuel Mariano Nocon, Julita Enriquez Nocon, Max Fleming, Nada Di Michele, Felicidad Cadiz, Jesus Cadiz, Antonio De La Pena, Francesco Giglio, Ottavio Di Benedetto, David Nadarajah, Maureen Kane, George/Hiam Khoury, Fernando Ferreira, Helen Chakty, Ramon Chakty, George Ghostine, Rosina Certoma.

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

**Also For:** The general intentions of Joan Freeman & Family, and the general intentions of Maria Setiawan & Family; deceased Betty & Laurie Maguire, Ken Walker, Joan & John Buckley, 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.*



Our Parish Finance and Works Committee will be starting on a project to refurbish our Clune Centre. We are seeking quotes from painters, tradesmen to fix windows, ventilation and suppliers of chairs.

If interested, please call the Parish office, 9150 9663.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

Wednesday 6 April 2022, 8:00pm

RSVP 4 April 2022.

Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey

Ph: 9150 6016

0423 854 633

## ROSTERS 26 & 27 March

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	B Deady	J Kachel
Commentator:	J Deady	Kalifa Family
Acolyte:	Ella	Jeremy
<b>10:00am</b>		<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte:	Michael	Albert



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

Most of the members of our Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Sacramental Programme educators, Youth Ministry, Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counters undertook Safeguarding training in 2019. If you are new to these Ministries and have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>.

The Safeguarding Office of our Archdiocese has decided that a 3 yearly **Refresher Training** is required for members of these ministries, i.e. those trained in 2019 or earlier. Unfortunately, due to current COVID-19 concerns the Safeguarding Office has decided to present all training for the first six months of 2022 either online or via zoom.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training **on line** via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> (which is a different link from the other online training registrations). Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training prior to 2020.

Volunteer Refresher training is also available via a 1 hour **Zoom**. Volunteers will simply need to register their attendance as soon as possible by emailing [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org) for a Zoom training session which are available 9 to 10am Thursday 31 Mar, or 3 to 4 pm on Fri 11 Mar or Mon 16 May, or 4 to 5pm on Wed 6 April.

**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](mailto: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.



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten

season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

**For All Future Generations**. Thank you.