

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 A 27 November 2022

RANA's Story

Thanks to those who signed the petition supporting Rana in his application for a Protection visa. For those who missed the opportunity we have an online link or a QR code to assist you or the form petition will be available in the foyer :

<https://chnq.it/XvksnWRM>

Thanks for your support of RANA



REFLECTION

Jesus is speaking about the ordinary things of our lives like eating and drinking, and in faith, we know that in the ordinary moments of our day, He is with us. To help us 'stay awake', and pay attention to what is going on, today's Gospel acclamation expresses trustfully this prayer: "Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation". We gradually learn how much we need God's mercy, love and salvation; praying this prayer gives us light and direction in our daily living. The psalm tells us of the peace which is enduring, calling on us, the 'house of the Lord', living in God's kingdom, our home. We continue to pray: 'Thy kingdom come'. Taking up Isaiah's Advent cue, "O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord", we relate with God and one another in the ordinariness, the sacredness, of each day, enlightened and loved.

Word Daily Reflections 2022

CWF Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be this weekend, 26 & 27 November. 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 at the pews or at the foyer. You can also make a donation and find out more at

www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



CHARITABLE WORKS FUND

Your local charity



STILL NOT TOO LATE! 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 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 ANYTIME OR IN PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS. THANK YOU.

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
2022 MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, 26 November, Mission Day Meeting,
10am to 4:00pm, at Clune Centre. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Saturday, 26 November, 5:00pm vigil mass,
thanksgiving for all Parish volunteers followed by light refreshments.

**Saturday 26 November, First Sunday of
Advent 5:00pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 27 November: First Sunday of Advent
8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm**

Sunday, 27 November, 5:00pm Youth mass followed by pizza and fellowship at Clune Centre. All students from year 6 to 9 are encouraged to attend.

**Tuesday, 29 November, 7:00pm - Advent
Reconciliation** - Confessions in the church for the Second Rite of Reconciliation.

**Saturday, 3rd December Parish Advent Retreat
Facilitator: Fr Nico Lario, SJ**

9:15am—mass followed by morning tea

10:00am to 2:30pm Talk

Light lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to the parish for catering purposes.

Everyone is invited.

Wednesday, 7th December - Fr Casey's Birthday,
9:15am mass followed by morning tea outside the Presbytery

**Thursday, 8th December—Feast of the Immaculate
Conception** 9:15am mass only

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.) Each night, different Parish groups will provide light refreshments; but on the last day, Friday, 23 December, all are requested to bring a plate of food to share at Clune Centre after mass.

**Saturday, 17 December - Parish Working Bee after
9:15am mass.**

**Saturday, 17 December - OLF Parish' First Christmas
Carols by Candlelight, after 5:00pm vigil mass - food,
prayers and singing.**

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, 24 December

NO 9:15am MORNING MASS

6:00pm - Christmas Carols

6:15pm - Christmas Vigil Family Mass

11:30pm - Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, 25 December

8:30am Christmas Mass

10:00am Christmas Mass

NO EVENING MASS

BOXING DAY

Monday, 26 December

No Mass

NEW Year's Eve

Saturday, 31 December

9:15am - in thanksgiving to the year ending; followed by Adoration for 1 hour;

5:00pm Vigil mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, 1 January Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30am - New Year's Day Mass

10:00am - New Year's Day Mass

No evening mass

**Please take home copy of 2022 Advent and
Christmas Program provided at the foyer.**

Dear Parishioners,

The enrolment for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation are now open. The enrolment packs are available in the foyer of the Church or in the Parish Office. Please return the completed documents by the 3rd of January 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sacramental Co-ordinator: Phone (02) 9150 9665 or

Email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

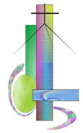
A Special Invitation

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers will be held again this year this Saturday at 5:00pm vigil mass 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. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Parish Ministries: Every week, we are publishing a brief information that describes the works being undertaken by various Parish ministries. This is part of the initiative of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to bring more awareness and greater participation in all the fantastic works being undertaken in the various ministries within the parish. We had published some last year. The PPC is aware that so many people are generously giving their time to volunteer in a range of ministries that are having a positive effect on the lives of many people, both within the parish and outside of it. We would like to acknowledge these wonderful works and call them out across the various platforms that are available to us.

Women's Social Support Group

Our group started about 10 years ago, when I thought it would be a good idea to bring together women of all ages in our Parish. The main aim of our group is to have social and relaxing events with the women of our Parish as well as friends & relatives of our Parishioners. We are welcoming to anyone who would like to come along and join our group gatherings and to meet new friends and spend quality time together, enjoying each other's company, with lots of lovely chats and laughs & various activities. Our group brings together women in the Parish who may have seen each other in Church to say hello, but really have not socialised together. Our group has made it possible for a lot of our women to get to know each other at our gatherings. *Veronica Tierney*



Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove, Christmas Bingo

Donated to a Charity	Attended a Novena Mass	Hosted a family day	Prayed at the Novena
Helped in the Parish Working Bee	Attended the Advent Retreat day	Wore a Christmas shirt	Invited someone to Mass with you
Attended Christmas Mass	Ate a Candy Cane	Sang at the Carols by Candlelight	Shared a meal with new friends
Gave out Christmas Cards	Venerated before the Nativity of Our Lord	Wrapped a present	Visited family
Visited a loved one	Wished a new member of the Parish a "Merry Christmas"	Gave a present	Went to Confession before Christmas Mass

How many did you get?

Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Please find copies in the Church Foyer of **Stay Awake: Prepare for the Coming of Christ.**

It includes: The Gospel passage for each Sunday of Advent and Christmas, Gospel Reflections, Questions to encourage prayer and sharing.

Online training sessions for any parishioners who would like to lead a small group; with other parishioners or family and friends. Those who would like to attend may register at :

<https://gomakedisciples.org.au/ca-events/>.

OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE

From 1 January 2023, we will resume the visit of Our Lady of Fatima Parish Pilgrim Statue. Please contact the parish office on 9150 9665 option 2 or Carina Garcia on 0450 331 945 if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of the host family will be published in the bulletin. We are also appealing for a volunteer on a Saturday once a month statue mover.

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023 The Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to join millions of young pilgrims from around the world to the next World Youth Day, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. Three pilgrimage options for prospective pilgrims include: (1) Footsteps of Jesus—Portugal via Holy Land, (2) Portugal via Italy, and (3) WYD direct to Portugal. For more information, please contact Sydney Catholic Youth on: (02) 9307-8152 or email: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Copies of the **Christmas Catalogue of That Catholic Shop** are available at the foyer. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to Church in Need. Please visit: www.thatcatholicshop.com for ordering online.

STAMPS-Please save your stamps including Christmas ones and place them in the foyer of the Church. We send them to St Mary Mackillop charities at North Sydney.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

NOVEMBER 2022

27 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44 (1) Pss I

28 Mon
Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11 (175)

29 Tue
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)

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

DECEMBER 2022

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

2 Fri
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)

3 Sat
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
Memorial
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

4 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 (4) Pss II



GOD'S WORD 2023

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.**

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.

Growing Wings
Enza Di Franco Russo
You can get a copy of Enza's book (\$20.00)
"Growing Wings"
From the Holy Goods Store.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:
Thursday, 8 December 2022, 7:00pm at the Parish Office RSVP 5 December
Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241;
Myrna De La Pena ph 0490 410 896.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Bambina Canosa, Peg Denny, Millie Cerny, 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, Patricia Gray.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Maryanne & James Genco, Nick Travia, Fr Tan, OSA, Laurie Enright, Maria Carmen de Pasion-Tangaroa, Isaias Alaso, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, Jennifer Knox, Gopamma Naldu, Jeanette Affara, Modesta Laroco, Colin Elliott, Samar Munoz, Maria Febes de Pasion, Luisa Maria Karin, Michael Doueihy, Peter & Patricia Matt, Christine Ureta, Alvin Ureta, Lucy Yu, Nicole Hraiki, Beatriz Nucum, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, Fidela Gener-Jasmin, Thelma Gribocck, Bill Taylor, Jun Letran, Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Maximino Ilaya, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravaillion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

John & Doris Micallef, Eva Didas, Wilma Turner, Judith Elliott, Sarena Raffaele, Celestina Sanna, Leonisia Araujo Dos Reis, Ruth Fisher, Francis Robin Weekes, Les Wallworth, Patrick Fajardo, Gilbert Magnaye, Michael Neville, Yvonne Lynch, Therese Mitry, Dragica Susnjic, Marita Waugh, Tess Donley, Thomas Murphy, Sarina Biviano, Mary Ann Gotsopoulos.

Anniversaries: Kathleen & Joseph Dingli, Consuelo Gacusan, Connie Aidone, Maura Lumapac, Demetria De Vera, Linda Swords, Mary Deacon, T.L.Tan, Maria Ierace, Ida Taranto. .

We had started last May 2022, list of parishioners whose death anniversaries occur during the particular month will be included in Bulletin once at the beginning of each month and will be offered masses..

Also For: Thanksgiving from Maria Carmen de Pasion-Tangaroa and Warren Spinks for successful operation; deceased Vincent Camuglia, Maria & Peter Patane, Mario Magnone, Vincenzo, Rosina, Rando 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.

ROSTERS 3 & 4 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Hobans	Rana MN
Commentator:	Hobans	E Russo
Acolyte:	Ella	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte:	Jeremy	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am :	T & S Bassil
Sun 10.00am :	Z & J Yammine
Sun 5.00pm :	J Brown, M Nader



“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://forms.gle/9ebT3voEAtfP7P8R9> or via Zoom by sending an email to safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org

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.

Volunteers can register for the new Refresher Training **on line** via this link <https://forms.gle/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> or via Zoom by sending an email to

safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org Just a reminder that volunteers only need to complete the Refresher Training if they have completed the Induction Training prior to 2020.

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 for our Parish:

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

