

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 Advent Year A 11 December 2022

Parishioners, your family, relatives, friends and all are invited!



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Kingsgrove, First Annual

CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 17th December

Join us for an evening of fun filled events that will begin after the 5pm Vigil Mass in the Parking Lot.

Bring your own picnic mats or outdoor chairs.

89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove, 2208



3rd Sunday of Advent - Rejoice!!!

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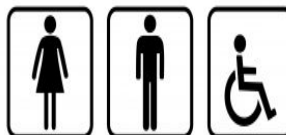
Isaiah's wonderful vision sings on the journey home to his enslaved people in Babylon. The sacred highway is lined with nature made new and luxuriant: nature itself sings for joy! And as they travel, people are given sight, hearing, speech-healing-and sing for joy! The image of growth underlies the second reading, as the farmer patiently awaits his crop. Be patient! And John himself continues to await the Messiah. He sends messengers to ask Jesus, but Jesus points them to the Kingdom of its fruits, and asks them to make the identification for themselves. Jesus' praise of John is extraordinary: even more extraordinary is his praise of the least in the kingdom of heaven. What does this say about your relationship with Jesus this Advent? A great question to take to your prayer!

Word Daily Reflections 2022

Working Bee



Saturday, 17 December 2022, after the 9:15am mass. Please come to help and bring cleaning materials. Thank you.



TOILETS

The outside toilets were demolished and will be replaced with new ones. While construction is going on, please use the Clune Centre toilets. Access will be at front or at the back of the hall. Please follow signs. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2022 MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Readers - Christmas Masses

Readers are kindly asked to volunteer for the CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES as well as for the Masses on CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT and CHRISTMAS MORNING Masses. You can find the roster sheets in the foyer. Many thanks.

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

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

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.

Italian Prayer Group

We are a senior's Group who have lost some of our members, in recent years. We have 16 names on our current list.

We meet every Wednesday, after Mass for prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scriptures and share the Word of God among us.

We are present in the Community, with our prayer and support. We are gradually resuming the visits (interrupted by Covid) to our members who cannot attend, because they are housebound or in Nursing Homes. Some of our members also bring Communion to the sick. We occasionally gather for lunch to celebrate life and fellowship.

We are happy to witness the joy on peoples faces who feel connected to the Body of Christ, through the Sacrament and our presence.

Enza Russo



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**

Parish Advent Retreat with Fr Nico Lariosa, SJ, held last Saturday, 3rd December 2022. It was a beautiful day of prayer and reflection.

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



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.

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

DECEMBER 2022

11 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 (7) Pss III

12 Mon
Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Feast
 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)
 or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (707-712) Pss Prop

13 Tue
Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 Memorial
 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

14 Wed
Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Memorial
 Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23 (189)

15 Thu
 Advent Weekday
 Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30 (190)

16 Fri
 Advent Weekday
 Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36 (191)

17 Sat
 Advent Weekday
 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

18 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 (10) Pss IV

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.



**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?

NO BAPTISM PREPARATION IN JANUARY 2023
 The first one for 2023 is on Wednesday, 1st February 2023, 8:00pm. RSVP 28 Jan 2023
 Coordinators: Tina & Tom Coorey Phone 9150 6016; 0423 854 633



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:

Antoinette McGahan, Maryanne & James Genco, Fr Hugh Thomas, Judy Fleming, Nick Travia, Fr Tan, OSA, Laurie Enright, Maria Carmen de Pasion-Tangaroa, Isaias Alaso, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, 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 Ravallion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crito, 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:

Kath Minahan, Domenico Smigliani, Colin Fisher (father of Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP), John & Doris Micallef, Eva Didas, Wilma Turner.

Anniversaries: Kevin Quintal, Anthony Nadwie, Magie Nadwie, Jayden Nadwie, Christian Nadwie, Angelina De Fina, Giovanni Azara, Kathleen & Joseph Dingli, Consuelo Gacusan.

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 by Gener-Jasmin Family, prayer request for the family of Gloria Netallah and her friend Bella; deceased Laurie & Barry Morley, Vincent Camuglia, Maria & Peter Patane, Mario Magnone, 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 17 & 18 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Hoban	N Linning
Commentator:	L Corbett	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	F David	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte:	Wilson	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	H Choi, A Speranza
Sun 8.30am :	J Lacorcia, I Policarpio
Sun 10.00am :	D Yazbeck, M Serraglio, A Liontos
Sun 5.00pm :	J Brown, M Nader, C Tan



“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 Marins Avenue & Maramba Close praying for their needs and intentions.

