

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A 18 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



### REFLECTION

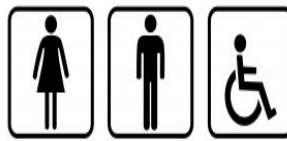
Joseph is the main actor in our Gospel today. On learning that Mary is pregnant, he is faced with three choices. He can expose her 'infidelity' and have her put to death under the Law: this one form of righteousness. Or he can send her back quietly to her people before the marriage is completed. This is another, more compassionate form of righteousness. The Gospel today says that he had decided to do this, when the angel appeared and announced the Gospel message to him: the child is of divine origin, and Joseph is to marry Mary, and name him 'Jesus' (God saves). Joseph, like Mary, says 'Yes' to the angel's Word and becomes husband to Mary and Father to her son. This third form of righteousness before God embodies a faith that transcends mere observance, a love and generosity that transcend justice, an acceptance of, and commitment to, a future which gives us our Saviour. Truly a just ('righteous') man! Bring before God all those who have suffered trauma at the hands of church members, the church as a whole, single parents...the list goes on. Mary had her Joseph. May they have her and your compassionate help.

*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**

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

**Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: [pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au)**

**Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: [ofsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:ofsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com)**

**Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday; Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Accounts)**

**Youth Coordinator: TBA**

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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.

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

“For our Christmas masses, the Liturgy Committee asks that Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion indicate their ability to help with the distribution of Holy Communion at our Christmas masses. The form is in the foyer of the Church. Thank you.”

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 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2023.

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

Email: [olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto: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 hours.**

**GROWING IN FAITH**  
**Scriptural readings and Saints for this week**

**DECEMBER 2022**

**18 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 (10) Pss IV

**19 Mon Advent Weekday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

**20 Tue Advent Weekday**

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

**21 Wed Advent Weekday**

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

**22 Thu Advent Weekday**

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)

**23 Fri Advent Weekday**

**Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

**24 Sat Advent Weekday**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

**25 SUN THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas) Solemnity**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16) Pss Prop

**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 if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of the host family will be published in the bulletin.

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.

**NO BAPTISM PREPARATION IN JANUARY 2023**

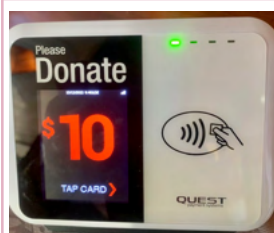
**The first one for 2023 is on Wednesday, 1st February 2023, 8:00pm. RSVP 28 Jan 2023**  
 Coordinators: Tina & Tom Coorey Phone 9150 6016; 0423 854 633



 **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?

Since last 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.**

These will be 2 at church foyer. It has a set amount of \$5.00 and \$10.00. Should you

wish to give more, tap twice and so on to have the amount you wish to donate. **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.



We have 3 hampers and one Immaculate heart of Mary Frame for our fund raising raffle. These will be drawn after the 10:00am New Year's Day mass,

Sunday, 1 January 2023. Tickets are on sale after each mass at \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Proceeds will go towards the renovation of our Clune Centre. Thank you.



### 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, 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, 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 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:

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

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

*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 and intentions by Marilou Agbuya and Flocerfina Nucum, prayer request for the family of Gloria Netallah and her friend Bella; deceased Connie Aidone, Laurie & Barry Morley, Vincent Camuglia, Maria & Peter Patane, 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 24 & 25 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:		
Commentator:	<b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE</b>	
Acolyte:		
10:00am		5:00pm
Reader:		No mass
Commentator:	<b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE</b>	
Acolyte:		

#### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	J Lacorcica, S.R. Bassil
Sun 8.30am	:	J & A Shori, M Nader
Sun 10.00am	:	I. Policarpio
Sun 5.00pm	:	No evening mass



#### “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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

#### PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Margaret & Marina Streets** praying for their needs and intentions.

