

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Second Sunday of Advent Year A 4 December 2022*

## 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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday: 11.00am - 12noon

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

**Baptisms:** Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

**Weddings:** By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)



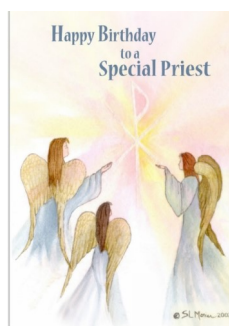
## REFLECTION

*What is the significance of Jesus? What did he come for? In Advent we try to understand Jesus through the lens of the Gospel accounts of John the Baptist. His relations with Jesus slowly helps us clarify who this Messiah Jesus is. The second reading takes us immediately to the heart of the Gospel: He came for the salvation of all. We await the fulfilment of this salvation: it is part of our life-long Advent., Two prophets help us on our journey. Isaiah foresees the Messiah as king on whom the Spirit of God rests. In him, God's reign comes and creation itself made new. John is another Elijah, crying in the wilderness and baptising in the Jordan river. There the people who come and wash, in order to reclaim their identity with their ancestors, and their readiness to welcome the Messiah, Jesus, who will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. In your prayer, attend to this double awaiting: the coming of your Saviour, and signs of God's universal reign emerging even now in your daily life.*

Word Daily Reflections 2022

**Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral Opening Night**  
**Thursday, 8 December 2022**

**4:00pm—Confessions**  
**5:30pm—Mass**  
**7:00pm—Live entertainment, pop up shops, food stalls, activities for kids at the St Mary's Cathedral square.**  
**8:00pm— Christmas display official launch by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP**



Happy birthday Fr Casey! As you celebrate your birthday on Wednesday, 7 December, we give thanks for all that you do, May God shower you with blessings, give you the power, courage, wisdom., knowledge and good health to continue to propagate His words to all.

**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)

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

**Youth Coordinator:** TBA

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**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES  
2022 MASS SCHEDULE**

**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.**

**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.

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)

**Worldwide Women's Rosary**

Join with women around the world to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Thursday, 8 December at St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt.

11:00am Rosary

12:00 noon Confession

1:10pm Mass

**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**

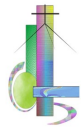
We are a senior's Group who have lost some of our members, in recent years. We have 16 names on our current list.

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*



## 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?

### GROWING IN FAITH

#### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

##### DECEMBER 2022

#### 4 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12 (4) Pss II

#### 5 Mon

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)

#### 6 Tue

**Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)

#### 7 Wed Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Memorial

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)

#### 8 Thu

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity (Holy day of Obligation)

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689)

#### 9 Fri

**Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin**

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

#### 10 Sat

**Our Lady of Loreto**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

#### 11 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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

Please note as of Monday 5 December the outside toilets will be demolished and the new construction will take place. You will be able to use the Clune Centre toilets while this is taking place.

#### 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.

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](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)



At our recent sausage sizzle fundraising event, 12 and 13 November, we raised \$2,442. Thank you to all who supported especially the volunteers and our sponsor, parishioners Tony and Marianne Faddoul.



#### 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.

#### 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, Fr Hugh Thomas, Judy Fleming, Nick Travia, Fr Tan, OSA, Laurie Enright, Maria Carmen de Pasion-Tangarao, 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 Ravallion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Critlo, 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:

Domenico Smigliani, Colin Fisher (father of Archbishop Anthony Fisher, OP), 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.

**Anniversaries:** Angelina De Fina, 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 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 10 & 11 December

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Deadys	Ormerods
Commentator:	Deadys	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Michelle	Jeremy
<b>10:00am</b>		<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	R Lansdown	Youth
Commentator:	A Sicari	
Acolyte:	Kelvin	Tom

### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am :	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am :	A & J Faddoul
Sun 5.00pm :	E Loho, A Nehme



### “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 **McDonald Crescent & Maluka Place** praying for their needs and intentions.

