



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 in Ordinary Time Year A 15th January 2023

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

Early in the first chapter of John from which today's Gospel comes, the eccentric-looking man we know as John the Baptist is presented in clear, sober language as a witness to Christ, the light: "There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light" (John 1:6-7). John was a powerful preacher of influence. In fact, the Jewish authorities sent investigators to ask him if he was the Messiah. John's denial was clear and precise. In the mind of the writer of the fourth Gospel, John's extraordinary gifts were harnessed for one purpose only-to witness to Jesus Christ as the revelation of God. How do we witness to him in our day-to-day actions? What is enlightening about our lives? *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*



The next Expectant Parents Blessing will take place on Sunday 12 February at 10.00am mass. Tell your family and friends Morning Tea will be provided.

PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS FROM TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY. THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:30AM TO 2:30PM (TUESDAY TO FRIDAY).

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Come and celebrate

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Fr Stephen Onyekwere on Sunday, 22 January at 10am.

Fr Stephen will return to Wagga Wagga Diocese after two years of Studies in Sydney to take new priestly assignments.

We thank Fr Stephen for his friendship and priestly ministry at OLF parish for two years. We pray for him and wish him well for his future priestly endeavours. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE

The home visits of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue have resumed. Please contact the Parish Office on 9150 9665 (option 2) if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of host family will be published in the Bulletin. Host family from Saturday:

14 Jan Josephine & Angelo Iannotti

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

JANUARY 2023

16 Mon

Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22 (311)

17 Tue

Saint Anthony, Abbot

Memorial

Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28 (312)

18 Wed

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6 (313)

19 Thu

Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12 (314)

20 Fri

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19 (315)

21 Sat

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; BVM

Memorial

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21 (316) Pss Prop

22 SUN THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 8:23—9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 (67)
Pss III

Growing Wings

By Enza Di Franco Russo

You can get a copy of Enza's book (\$20.00)

"Growing Wings"

From the Holy Goods Store.

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

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

This special celebration takes place at the 10am Mass in August. We bring couples together to celebrate their special Wedding Anniversaries during the Mass and renew their vows.

We celebrate **10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60** or more years. This is a chance to celebrate and acknowledge their great devotion to each other during their married life together.

At the beginning of Mass we place a flower lapel on the husband's coat and corsage on the wife's clothes. We also give them a special candle as a memento of this special celebration.

We advertise the upcoming Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass for at least a month beforehand. We send a confirmation letter to the couples after they commit to being part of this special celebration. The invitation also extends to family and friends.

After the Homily Father Casey brings the couples to the front of the Altar to renew their vows.

We organise special Prayers of the Faithful especially dedicated to the Wedding Anniversary Mass.

We also ask the couples to give us a photo of their Wedding Day and one of them as they are now. We use these photos for a PowerPoint Presentation accompanied by singing. This happens after communion.

Just before the final blessing, Father Casey blesses the special Anniversary Cake and then we have a photo cutting the cake with all the couples and Father Casey.

Following the Mass the Wedding Anniversary Committee put on morning tea for all the couples and their families, friends and Parishioners.



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 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.**

15 JANUARY 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading Is 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
my God was my strength.
And now the Lord has spoken,
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him,
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends
of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord;

I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



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. Ramp accessibility on the side of the Hall.

Like most churches, since 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**. There will be 2 at church entrance and 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.

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



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 Giustina 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-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 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:

Cardinal George Pell, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, Angela Raciti, Denise Fitzgerald, Valerie McInnes (sister of Enid Taylor), Eriberto Hizon-Gomez, Joshua and Anne Callaghan, Alfonso Reyes, Kath Minahan, Domenico Smigliani, Kay Simmat.

Anniversaries: Nancy Taylor, Mrs M.K. Lie, Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Benjamin Dizon, Era Munla, Patricia Matthews, Feliciano Gueco, Fr John McSweeney, Carmel Hoban, Clair Stead.

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 Richmond & Milette Reynan, Belen Ozoa, Susana Mano, Marilou Agbuya, 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 21& 22 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	L Corbett	Ormerods
Commentator:	M Millen	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	N Kevic	Youth
Commentator:	T Abela King	
Acolyte	Wilson	Michael

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am	:	J Lacorcica, I Policarpio
Sun 10.00am	:	Z & J Yammine, O Repice
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 **Mashman & Monaro Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions.