



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

The Nativity of the Lord Year A 25 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

'The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory... From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.' This is the Gospel for Christmas morning. It invites us to move from contemplating the baby in the manger to contemplating the full depth of the Christian mystery for Christmas: Jesus Christ in his birth, life, death, and resurrection. It is the fully human Jesus, the eternal Word of God become flesh like us, who reveals to us the true nature of God-God is love. The further part of the mystery is the 'Why'? We contemplate a future life of mutual love with God, a life beyond our present imagining. In our prayer, let us contemplate the child in the manger, Jesus Christ in all his glory, our pain-filled suffering world and the light of hope shining upon all. Enjoy a blessed Christmas Feast. *Word Daily Reflections 2022*

The Parish Team - Fr Casey, Fr Stephen, Monique

Choueifati, Bernadette Bassil, Emma Williams, Frank Spiteri, Katrina McNeill, and Imelda Dela Cruz extend to you all a very happy and holy Christmas. May the love of God, through the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus, be felt amongst your families, relatives and friends and inspire you to love one another as He loves us. Keep healthy and safe.



Please Note: Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 4:00pm, 23 December and will re-open on Tuesday, 3 January 2023.

Dear Fr Casey, Fr Stephen & my dear friends & parishioners, I sincerely and gratefully thank you for all your prayers and support during my recent illness. I pray that your Christmas is a holy and happy one. May God bless you all you are in my prayers & I look forward to seeing you sometime in the new year.

Very sincerely, Judy Fleming



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

Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: ofsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

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

Youth Coordinator: TBA

89 Shaw Street, Kingsgrove NSW Postal Address: PO Box 377
Kingsgrove NSW 1480

Ph: 9150 9665; 9150 9663; Fax: 9554 9637 Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au Website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au
OLF Primary School Ph: 9502 3723 Email: info@olfkingsgrove.catholic.edu.au

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
2022 MASS SCHEDULE**

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

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

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

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.



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.

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

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

DECEMBER 2022

26 Mon

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

Feast

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696) Pss Prop

27 Tue

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Feast

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697) Pss Prop

28 Wed

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Feast

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop

29 Thu

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202) Pss Prop

30 Fri

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Feast

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17) Pss Prop

31 Sat

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss Prop

JANUARY 2023

1 SUN

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Solemnity The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18) Pss Prop

OLF First Parish Christmas Carol

Last Saturday, 17 December 2022, we had our very First Christmas Carols by Candlelight. The event before it kicked off was threatened with strong winds and rain. There was no other option where to hold the event in case weather comes to worst because the Clune Centre is being repainted. But we prayed hard for a fine weather and goodness...heaven heard our prayer! Miracle happened! Thank You Lord we were able to celebrate Christmas festivity with much joy and fun, dances, singing, games and food. It was so nice to see many families, children, friends and parishioners to enjoy the night in a cool fine weather. Then just right after the program rain poured heavy!

I thank all who helped us made the celebration such a big success. To the Hardworking Committee, the volunteers, all the performers and host who made the night so magical, so Chrissy, a night to remember. Thank You all for all your efforts and contributions. God Bless your families! Hopefully next year, we will organise another one much bigger and better!

Merry Christmas! *Fr Casey*





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, 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 Crlito, 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:

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

Anniversaries: Paul Deacon, Maria Aleixo, Dagmar Jesus, Crisanta Maia, Kevin Quintal, Angelina De Fina, Giovanni Azara.

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 Hizon-Consunji, Sackett family & friends, Marilou Agbuya, Flocerfina Nucum and Gener-Jasmin Family, prayer request for the family of Gloria Netallah and her friend Bella; deceased Ramon Hizon, Jennifer Sackett, Mariquita Consunji, 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 31 December & 1 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Paul Simon	E Russo
Commentator:	K Doherty	Rana MN
Acolyte:	Christopher	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	J Deacon	NO MASS
	N Kevic	
Commentator:	Michael	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	B Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am :	C & N Badr
Sun 10.00am :	Z & J Yammine, O Repice
Sun 5.00pm :	NO 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

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 faith community, we give thank and pray for all our friends and faith family members who are celebrating the Christmas Season with us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Bless them, protect them, and fulfil their needs. We also pray blessings and protection over our parishioners who are travelling.