

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 5th February 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

In a world that appears dark, what kind of light will people turn to? Perhaps it depends on how we understand the dark. Are the problems Godlessness, secularism, relativism, sex drugs and rock n roll? Or is the darkness more timeless: fear, loneliness, regret and despair? It seems that Jesus discovered these darkneses two thousand years ago, just as Isaiah found before him, and we find today. And the light, as ever, is 'Good News for the poor': it is a light of hope and healing: love and liberation. We demonstrate our faith and our integrity by serving the needy and offering justice to the oppressed. We become the light that others turn to, which attracts attention and trust. Only then will we be able to speak out of the power of God and not our own. As St Paul VI put it, today's world 'listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if [it] does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.' So let us be lights that shine for everyone. *Word Daily Reflections 2023*

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



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 after mass.



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.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

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

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

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

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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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: _____

GROWING IN FAITH
Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

FEBRUARY 2023

6 Mon

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Memorial

Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56 (329)

7 Tue

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13 (330)

8 Wed

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23 (331)

9 Thu

Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30 (332)

10 Fri

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Memorial

Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37 (333)

11 Sat

Our Lady of Lourdes; BVM

Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10 (334)

12 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (76) Pss II

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.

RCIA Ministry

The Leaders of the RCIA Ministry assist the catechumens/candidates searching for spiritual meaning by journeying with them to prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

The Leaders will share with the catechumens/candidates in the life of the Church expressed in a local faith community and offers them a way to grow in the knowledge of Christ and the Catholic faith in the company with others in a similar journey.

The RCIA program usually runs for a period of 10 months, once a week on Fridays, from August to May. Leaders:

Leslie Phua-Coordinator for the English RCIA Program
Mary Leung-Coordinator for the Chinese RCIA Program
Sian Hie

Sabeena Fisher

Claudette Officer

Freda Cassar

Therese Chan

Harry Lo-retired. All leaders wish to express our sincere appreciation for Harry's contribution to the Group.


Women's Social Support Group

Mass and Luncheon

I would like to invite any women, young or not so young, to come along and join our group and enjoy and share some time with other women.



We have a variety of activities such as lunches, dinners, tours, train trips and we have lots of laughs and enjoy each other's company. It would be great to have you come and join us. We also collect gold coins at all our functions for our charity.

Details for our first gathering for the year are listed below:

Date: Friday 24th February 2023

Mass: 12 noon at Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove

Lunch: 1pm at Fireside Bistro, Kingsgrove RSL

I hope you can make it to either the Mass or the lunch or both. If you need a lift please let me know.

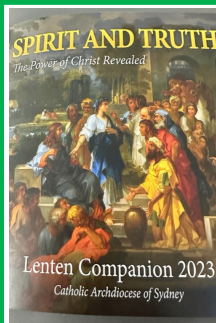
*If you would you like to come please **rsvp** to **Veronica***

*by **Friday 17th February 2023 on 0412 216 166** or **vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**.*

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:

4 February Mary & Hugh Seeto



Ash Wednesday will be on 22nd February. As Lenten draws near, we have a **free Lenten Companion Booklet** for everyone to take home. These were prepared by the Parish Renewal Team of the Archdiocese of Sydney to guide us in our Lenten Journey. The team invites us to use this to draw us to Christ, who sacrificed for our salvation. These are in the church foyer, at side entrance or at the Parish office.

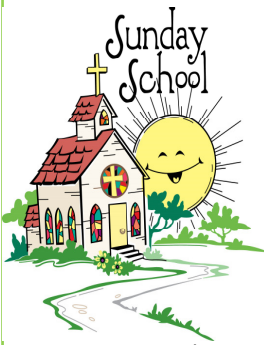
Growing Wings

Enza Di Franco Russo

There are few copies left at the Holy Good Store (cost \$20)

Proceeds go to the parish.

Christ our Light Sunday School



Sunday School will resume on 19 Feb (The third Sunday of Feb). The time will be either before the 10:00am Mass (at 9:00am) or after (at 11:00am) for about one hour. It will be a face to face gathering in the Clune Centre. If your children will join Sunday School, please

suggest your time preference to the below email address.

We will have Amazing Race (game stalls) for each lesson. We are looking for high schooler or adult helpers to man the game stalls. If you can help, please send us an email and we will provide further information.

Our contact: Email -

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com

Or text message - 0413 096 960

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

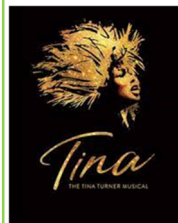
Come spend time in joyful prayer and song, worshipping Him with the **Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** this Monday 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the main door off Shaw St). Enquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 1st March 2023, 8:00pm. RSVP 28 February 2023.

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai
Phone: 0410 583 808



Theatre Parties organised by the Women's Social Support Group

Tina

The Tina Turner Musical

Theatre: Theatre Royal Sydney

Date: Wednesday 2nd August, 2023

Session: 1pm

Tickets: \$110 per person.
(our seats are all in the stalls).

RSVP by: Wednesday 31 May, 2023

Payment by: Friday 9th June, 2023

The Theatre Parties are open to all members of the Parish who would like to attend.

If you wish to attend this theatre Party please contact Veronica on mobile 0412 216 166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Please see flyer at church foyer.



St Ursula's College
KINGSGROVE

OPEN DAY

8 March 2023
3.30-6pm

Register at:

stursulakingsgrove.syd.catholic.edu.au

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GOD'S WORD 2023

We still have a few books left.

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.**



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:

Frank Crimi, 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, Nicole Hraiki, Beatriz Nucum, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, 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 Ravaillon, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, 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:

Therese Chan, Joselito Del Pilar, Ashley Boormon, Rosemary Brien, Cardinal George Pell, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, Angelo Raciti, Denise Fitzgerald.

Anniversaries: Stuart Reed, Pat & Gladys Greene, Era Munla, Patricia Matthews, Augusto/Ceofe Hizon, Benjamin Dizon, Phyllis Abela, Lisa Stragapede, Chantelle Delboe, Martinus Setiawan, Sebastianus Rozali, Anunciada Resende, Manuel Fernando, Ventura Debrito.

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 (20 years in Sydney); intentions for Millette Reynon, Ozoa family; deceased Laurie & Barry Morley, Vincent Camuglia, Maria & Peter Patane, Juan Agbuya, 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 11 & 12 February

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Hobans	E Russo
Commentator:	Hobans	Rana MN
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Abela King	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte	Kelvin	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am :	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am :	Z & J Yammine, O Repice
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

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 **Moya Crescent & Nairn Street** praying for their needs and intentions.