

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 19th 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

What an affirming thought: each of us is God's temple, and the Spirit of God lives among us. Yet the implications are enormous. Can we treat every other person as God's temple too? Can we be as holy and perfect as God is? Can we really love our neighbours and our enemies as ourselves? They are grand and difficult ideals, but God doesn't leave us without resources. Sometimes we just need to start small. In today's world, it is often a mark of prestige or good judgment to disparage whatever is not up to standard. We do this in many subtle ways: complain about those who do not follow rules, put down those who are not as enlightened as we are, despair about what the world is coming to. However, a simple substitute is to have compassion for whatever falls short around us. We can pray for those who think differently, and for situations that are mediocre or unjust. And because the Spirit of God lives among us, we can work to build a better world rather than focusing on its flaws. After all, God sent Jesus not to condemn the world, but save it out of love. *Word Daily Reflections 2023*

## Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the Lenten season next Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 we would like to reach out to our OLF Parishioners to extend our service to those who are unable to attend mass but would like to receive communion, a blessing or confession at home, if you live within the parish bounds.

If you or your any loved ones are interested, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office on: 91509665 or via email: [pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au), to arrange an appointment.

"The goal of fasting is inner unity. This means hearing, but not with the ear; hearing, but not with understanding; it is hearing with the spirit, with your whole being"- Fr. Thomas Merton

Wishing you a grace-filled Lent  
 Monique Choueifati  
 Pastoral Care Coordinator



## ASH WEDNESDAY

22 February

Mass times : 9:15am & 7:00pm

(Day of fasting and abstinence except for over 65 years old and those with medical conditions)



Ash Wednesday will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

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

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

**Youth Coordinator:** TBA

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## **LENTEN SEASON SERVICES 2023**

**Adoration of the Holy Eucharist: Public adoration will occur every Thursday night during Lent at 6pm-8pm, starting 23 February.**

**Ash Wednesday, 22 February, 9:15am and 7:00pm.**

**Stations of the Cross Every Friday from 24 February.**

**10:30am Adoration of the Holy Eucharist**

**11:30AM and 7:00PM Stations of the Cross**

**11:30am-English**

**7:00pm-English**

**Wednesday: 21 March**

**2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

**7:00pm**

**Saturday Vigil, 1 April, 5:00PM; Sunday, 2 April , 8:30AM, 10:00AM & 5:00PM:**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses

outside in St Francis' Courtyard. You can bring your own Palm for blessing. Palms will be available in the Church to be distributed by volunteers. No touching.

**Holy Thursday: 6 April - 7.00pm** Mass of The Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet. (Transfer & Exposition of The Holy Eucharist right after mass; Adoration in the Church until 12:00am)  
**(No morning Mass. Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral; pray for the priests as they renew their Priestly vows)**

**Good Friday: 7 April, 9:30am** Stations of the Cross  
**3pm - Commemoration of the Lord's Passion** (Fasting & Abstinence exemption for those who are sick or over 65)

**Holy Saturday: 8 April 9:00am** RCIA Catechumens Sacrament of Reconciliation  
**7pm** Easter Vigil Celebration; Blessing of the fire; Baptism of the Catechumens

**Easter Sunday: 9 April - 8.30am, & 10.00am**  
**(NO AFTERNOON MASS)**  
**HAPPY EASTER!**

**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.



## **Christ our Light Sunday School**

Sunday School will resume on 19 Feb (The third Sunday of Feb) in the Clune Centre. The time is 11:00am (after 10:00am Mass) for about an hour. Afterwards we will have light lunch together. If children like, they can stay for some more games after lunch. Please register your child(ren) using the QR code or this link: <https://forms.gle/oDWfB1rXB8eptKGU7>



**SCAN ME**

Parents, grandparents/carers and siblings are welcome to join this first lesson.

Registered students will receive a personalised Sunday School Passport in the first lesson.

For enquiry:

[sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com)

Or text message to 0413 096

## **Lenten Retreat Day**

**SATURDAY 18 MARCH**

**Facilitator: Fr Brian Steele MGL**

**9:15am** Mass

**9:45am** Tea/Coffee

**10:15am** start session till 2:30pm with lunch break and reconciliation.

**All Welcome Please register at Parish Office for catering purposes. Thank you.**

## GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

### YEAR A

FEBRUARY 2023

20 Mon

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29 (341)

21 Tue

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37 (342)

22 Wed Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Pss IV

23 Thu

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)

24 Fri

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)

25 Sat

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)

26 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22) Pss I



Please see flyer at church foyer.



## 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:

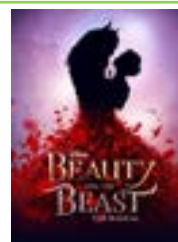
**Date: Friday 24th February 2023**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 on 0412 216 166** or **vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**.*



*Theatre Parties organised by the Women's Social Support Group*

*Disney's Beauty And The Beast*

**Theatre:** Capitol Theatre  
**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023  
**Session:** 1pm.  
**Tickets** \$76.00 per person.  
(our seats are all in the stalls).

**RVSP by: Friday 2nd June, 2023**  
**Payment by: Monday 3rd July 2023**

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

**If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please Contact Veronica on mob 0412216166 or Email 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:

**18 February Marilyn & Vitor Quintal**



## BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

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

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai  
Phone: 0410 583 808

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



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, Carina Garcia, 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 Ravallion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crito, 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:**

Denis Luigi Colla, Tony Maroun, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, John Cutler, Therese Chan, Joselito Del Pilar, Ashley Boormon, Rosemary Brien, Cardinal George Pell, Angelo Raciti, Denise Fitzgerald.

**Anniversaries:** Helen/Ramon Chakty, Antonio Pinto, Isabel Martinez, Joan Deady, Carmelo Di Francesco, Rosaria Malfitano, Fernando Ferreira, Anunciada Resende, Ventura Sousa, Esme Elefante, Rosina Certoma, George Ghostine, Jaroslava Mysak, Frank Mysak, Stuart Reed, Pat & Gladys Greene, Era Munla, Patricia Matthews.

*We have 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 & intentions for Beatriz Nucom, Raquel Guarin, Mimi De Vega, Asuncion Gueco, Pressy Hizon and Malou Sackett; 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. Thank you.*

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.

ROSTERS 25 & 26 February

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Deadys	Ormerods
Commentator:	Deadys	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Christopher	Leslie
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte	Michael	Kelvin

**Altar Servers:**

Sat Vigil	:	H Choi, A Speranza
Sun 8.30am	:	C & N Badr
Sun 10.00am	:	D Yazbeck, M Serraglio, A Liontos
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 **New Illawarra Road & Northcott Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions.