



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

First Sunday of Lent Year A 26th 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

When I was young, Jesus' second scripture quote was my favourite verse of my favourite psalm. I dreamed of going through life surrounded by an angelic bubble, preventing any harm or trouble. But that would not be life! Now I see that we cannot truly exist in any kind of Paradise. We fall, we hurt, we sin and we beg forgiveness. Our human condition challenges us and gives us opportunities to grow, just as Jesus did. He was asked to turn stone into bread. Sometimes we are tempted to keep pain-free and satisfied, while others around us go in need. As societies, we choose quick solutions involving money rather than lasting solutions involving people. Jesus was asked to throw himself from the Temple. We can be tempted to do whatever it takes to be popular and our nations can put their own citizens at risk through uncaring populist policies. Jesus was asked to bow down to Satan. We can get corrupted by power and our elected officials obsessed by winning the arms race. Yet in facing this vulnerable human condition, we become 'even more certain' of the 'abundant free gift' or grace through Jesus Christ. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*



Laxmi, 16, lives in in Jajarkot, a remote district in Nepal where almost half of the population live below the poverty line.

Tragedy struck when Laxmi was 10 years old and her father passed away. Her father worked hard to pay for his children's education and after losing him Laxmi was at risk of falling further into extreme poverty.

With the support of our partner Caritas Nepal, Laxmi joined a child's club at her school where she was encouraged to resume her education. Through the child's club, Laxmi developed the skills and confidence to become a leader, advocating for clean water taps at her school. Laxmi is now excelling in her studies and working towards her dream of becoming a civil engineer. She continues to be involved in the child's club, serving as an advisor and mentoring the next generation of young leaders at her old school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. For All Future Generations.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow. Envelopes and or boxes are in the foyer and side door entrance. Thank you.

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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 12:00 midnight)
(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

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

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.



Christ our Light Sunday School



Sunday School had the first lesson last week in the Clune Centre. The children learnt the Prayer before Meals and Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving for Lenten Season.

OUR NEXT LESSON will be on 5 Mar and it will be a **home learning lesson**. Our team will send learning materials via email to registered families (NOT in the Clune Centre). Children will learn the Bible story on Tower of Babel.

Sunday School always welcome new students.

There are only three more lessons for Term 1:

5 Mar – Home learning

19 Mar – In Clune Centre

2 Apr – Home learning

Please register your child(ren) using the QR code or this link: <https://forms.gle/oDWfB1rXB8eptKGU7>

For enquiry: [sun-](mailto:sun-dayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com)

dayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com

Or text message to 0413 096 960

Dear Parishioners,

We are now on the 1st week of Lenten season. 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, to arrange an appointment.

Wishing you a grace-filled Lent

Monique Choueifati

Pastoral Care Coordinator

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.

GROWING IN FAITH
Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

FEBRUARY 2023

27 Mon

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)

28 Tue

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)

MARCH 2023

1 Wed

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)

2 Thu

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)

3 Fri

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)

4 Sat

Saint Casimir

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

5 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25) Pss II



Please see flyer at church foyer.

Enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2024 at OLF Catholic Primary School are now open. Enrolment Applications are available online through the school's website: <https://olfkingsgrove.syd.catholic.edu.au/> The minimum enrolment age for Kindergarten is 5 years (or turning 5 before 31 July 2024).

If you wish to be considered for priority enrolment as a practising Catholic, you will need to download the Parish Priest Reference and present this to the Parish Priest at OLF Kingsgrove.

Enrolments close on Monday, 3rd April. School Tours are being held on Friday, 10th March from 9.15am until 10.30am. Please contact the school office on 9502-3723 between 8.00am and 4.00pm Monday - Friday if you have any questions.

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:

25 February Mary Leung

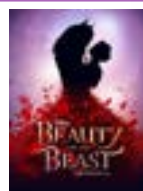
PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:30AM TO 2:30PM (TUESDAY TO FRIDAY).



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

Disney's Beauty And The Beast

Theatre: Capitol Theatre
Date: Wednesday 6th 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 who would like to attend.

If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please Contact Veronica on mob 0412216166 or Email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

Girls Night In



Hosted by St Ursula's

Thursday 16 March, 5pm-8pm
at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove
DRESS THEME : PINK

- Bring friends and family
- Raffle prizes to be won
- Food and dessert stalls
- Fun games and activities with prizes to be won



Cancer Council

All funds go to Cancer Council in support of women's cancer

Purchase tickets via QR code:





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:

John Aleixo, Frank Crimi, James Genco, Fr Hugh Thomas, Judy Fleming, Carina Garcia, Nick Travia, Fr Tan, OSA, Laurie Enright, Isaias Alaso, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, Gopamma Naldu, Jeanette Affara, Colin Elliott, Samar Munoz, Maria Febes de Pasion, Luisa Maria Karin, Michael Doueihy, Peter & Patricia Matt, Christine Ureta, Alvin Ureta, Nicole Hraiki, 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 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:

Filippo Renna, Denis Luigi Colla, Tony Maroun, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, John Cutler, Therese Chan, Rosemary Brien, Cardinal George Pell.

Anniversaries: Helen/Ramon Chakty, Antonio Pinto, Jamal/Hiam Khoury, Isabel Martinez, Joan Deady, Carmelo Di Francesco, Rosaria Malfitano, Fernando Ferreira, Anunciada Resende, Ventura Sousa, Esme Elefante, Rosina Certoma, George Ghostine,

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 & intentions for Gener-Jasmin family; thanksgiving for healing of Loretta Visser; deceased George Khoury family; 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.

How is your Lent? Join us in the "Spirit and Truth" Lenten Gospel reflections. Come spend time in joyful prayer and song, worshipping Our Saviour 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 4 & 5 March

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	P Simon	Rana MN
Commentator:	K Doherty	N Linning
Acolyte:	Emily	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Family Mass	Youth
Commentator:	Family Mass	
Acolyte	Wilson	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am	:	T & S Bassil
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 **Oatley & Oliver Streets** praying for their needs and intentions.