



# 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 of Lent 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

What is the Transfiguration? What is happening on the mountain? Why did Jesus take the three disciples with him? These are important questions because without them we might misunderstand the event. St Luke tells us that they went up the mountain to pray. If we read Matthew this way, the passage takes us into the prayer of Jesus. The disciples are privy to Jesus in his relationship with his Father. Have you seen someone absorbed in prayer? It can be an unforgettable experience of the beauty of a person in love with God; the person is changed. A person at one with God is most attractive to meet. This is the power of holiness alive. The disciples are overwhelmed by seeing Jesus in this relationship with his Father. Peter asks that they might stay here always. Oh to remain in the presence of God! Prayer also challenges us and helps us in our present needs. Before ascending the mountain, Jesus and his disciples struggled with his pending passion and death. The climax of the Transfiguration is the Father affirming his love for the Son and what will take place in Jerusalem. Jesus descends the mountain consoled by his father and disciples will walk to Jerusalem with Jesus.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*



**Tereesa** is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people. **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 boxes are in the foyer and side door entrance. Thank you.

Anointing and healing mass: **SUNDAY, 19 MARCH at 10AM with Father JUSTIN TORRES**—Blessing and anointing after mass. All welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta**

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

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

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

Saturday : 18 March Lenten Retreat, details below

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!**

Please take home a copy of the Lent, Holy Week and Easter Celebrations Program leaflet provided at the foyer.

## **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 always welcome new students.

Our lesson for this fortnight (5/3 to 18/3) will be a home learning lesson. It means you do not need to go to the Clune Centre to attend the class. Registered families will receive a link to access to the learning materials via email on 5/3.

There are only three more lessons for Term 1:

5 Mar – Home learning

< Tower of Babel >

19 Mar – In Clune Centre

2 Apr – Home learning

If you like your child(ren) to learn more about Jesus please register using the QR code or this link:

<https://forms.gle/oDWfB1rXB8eptKGU7>

For enquiry:

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

Or text message to 0413 096 960

**Dear Parishioners,**

We are now on the 2nd 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](mailto:pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au), to arrange an appointment.

Wishing you a grace-filled Lent

Monique Choueifati

Pastoral Care Coordinator



**Volunteers are needed for Lawn mowing the parish grounds. We have lawn mower and edger to use. We also need volunteers to help clean the church. If you are**

**able to help, please contact the parish office on: 9150 9665 (option 2)**

**Thank you**



**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.

## GROWING IN FAITH Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

### YEAR A

**MARCH 2023**

**6 Mon**

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

**7 Tue**

**Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

**8 Wed**

**Saint John of God, Religious**

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

**9 Thu**

**Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

**10 Fri**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

**11 Sat**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

**12 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III

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:

**4 March Margaret Ng**

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

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT**

**Monday, 3rd April 2023, 6:00pm.**

**RSVP 31 March 2023.**

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz

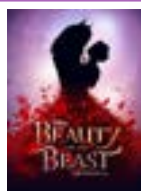
Ph: 0414 979 241

Myrna De La Pena

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Please see flyer at church foyer.



**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 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](mailto: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 Criito, 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:**

Mark Pezzano, Filippo Renna, Denis Luigi Colla, Tony Maroun, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, John Cutler, Therese Chan,

**Anniversaries:** Ting Kwan Yee, Felicidad Cadiz, 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.*

**ROSTERS 11 & 12 March**

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Hobans	P Frederick
Commentator:	Hobans	E Russo
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Leslie
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	F David	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte	Michael	Kelvin

**Altar Servers:**

Sat Vigil :	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am :	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am :	A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
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.

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.



**PRAYERS for our Parish:**

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Omnibus Road & Orbell Street** praying for their needs and intentions.