



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Third Sunday of Lent Year A 12th March 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

REFLECTION

On the surface, today's Gospel seems to be the story of two people drawing water at the well. However, careful examination reveals a complex of meanings and levels of reality. A conversation develops between Jesus and a Samaritan woman about water, but things are not as they seem. Jesus asks for a drink, but is this what he really wants? The woman is interested in the water which will quench all thirst, but is this what she really wants? It is not a coincidence that Jesus meets her. He is at the well for her sake. It is not water but her soul that he wants. He speaks to her heart, opening her to new and more profound possibilities. As he speaks, she begins to change, though she does not understand what is happening. A changed woman, she runs to the town where Jesus now stays for two days. By the end of the story, she and many Samaritans believe in Jesus. As the story unfolds, the woman comes to realise that water and the things of this world are not what she really desires. Her heart desires God. Jesus moves the place of worship from a physical reality, Jerusalem or this Mountain, to the inner space of the soul, where we pray in Spirit and Truth. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought. While the situation in Zimbabwe and across eastern Africa remains dire, the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

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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

Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: 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

Tuesday: : 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

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.

Parishioners are asked to note the **EARLIER** time of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning - 9.30am

ACOLYTES AND SERVERS PLEASE NOTE: REHEARSALS for the EASTER CEREMONIES will take place in the church on Tuesday 28 March from 6.30pm.

Dear Parishioners,

We are now on the 3rd 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 Chouefati 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



Christ our Light Sunday School



Sunday School has delivered the first ever online home learning materials to registered families. As the teachers have done the work, we would like more children to be benefitted from it. We now post the link here for any family to access to the learning materials as a trial Sunday School lesson at home. You may copy this link to your computer browser to access to the Bible story on the <Tower of Babel>: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18TBcSMf3BxM3c_X_hSBIITUa_Xs45Yui?usp=sharing

If you like to continue learning, please register to Sunday School using the QR code or this link: <https://forms.gle/oDWfB1rXB8eptKGU7>

There are two more lessons for Term 1:

(1) Mar 19 – In the Clune Centre at 8:45am for 9:00am start. Finish at 9:50am.

(2) Apr 2 – Home learning lesson.

We are looking for high school helpers to assist in the activity stalls in the lesson on 19 Mar 9:00 - 10:00am in the Clune Centre. Please let us know if you like to help by sending an email to:

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com

Or text message to 0413 096 960

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

MARCH 2023

13 Mon Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

14 Tue Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)

15 Wed Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)

16 Thu Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)

17 Fri Lenten Weekday

Saint Patrick, Bishop

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)

18 Sat Lenten Weekday

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)

19 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31) Pss IV

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:

11 March Maria Setiawan

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

Ph: 0490 410 896

Stations of the Cross -

Youth

Dramatisation

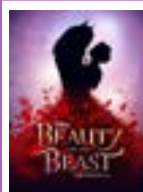
The liturgy takes place at 9:30am on Good Friday morning at OLF parish.

This is a reflective reenactment of the 14 Stations of the Passion of Christ. Roles usually include choir, musicians (e.g. violin, cello, flute), acting, reading and powerpoint.

We would like to open this opportunity to young people aged between 16-25 years.

Attendance at practice sessions are required - dates yet to be determined.

If you are interested in partaking this year, please contact the parish office with your expression of interest via phone (9150 9665) or email (info@olfkingsgrove.org.au).



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:

Laura Smith, 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 Ravailion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crlto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Maria Mai Nguyen, Ivan Cesar, Christine Craigie, Renato Cervero, Mark Pezzano, Filippo Renna, Denis Luigi Colla, Tony Maroun, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, John Cutler, Therese Chan.

Anniversaries: Maureen Fulton, Raimondo Azara, Ned Nehme, Ting Kwan Yee, Felicidad Cadiz, Helen/ Ramon Chakty, Antonio Pinto, Jamal/Hiam Houry, 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 Teresita Villanueva Odtojan, Augusto & Cleofe Hizon, Ramon & Caridad Hizon, prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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 18 & 19 March

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Hendersons	N Linning
Commentator:	L Corbett	T Spata
Acolyte:	Christopher	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Abela-King	Youth
Commentator:	R Lansdown	
Acolyte	Wilson	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	H Choi, A Speranza, A Chan
Sun 8.30am :	J Lacorcica, I Policorpio
Sun 10.00am :	D Yazbeck, M Serraglio, A Liontos
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 safeguardingequiies@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 **Pacific & Pangee Streets** praying for their needs and intentions.