



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A 19th 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 Parish Office)

REFLECTION

Today, a man who was born blind is cured. This is such an amazing miracle that the Pharisees need to be assured that this is really the man who was blind, and that he was indeed blind from birth. The miracle hides some dark questions. Who is really blind and what is the cause of the blindness? What is blindness? The cured man is challenged by the Pharisees. He is surprised that they cannot see what he sees, namely that Jesus is 'a man from God'. He who was blind can see what those who are not blind cannot see. It is the Pharisees who are blind. They cannot see what Jesus has done because their only concern is the Sabbath regulation. They find fault rather than the love of God. Like us, the minutiae of their particular expectations and understandings prevent them from seeing the goodness of other people. They are blind to the presence of God. Openness to God requires us to see beyond ourselves and to move out of our comfort zones. Indeed, if we look for what is wrong, that is what we will see. Let's strive to see things as God sees them. The pure in heart shall see God.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2023

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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: **THIS 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 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.

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 4th 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 Chouiefati 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**



Our next lesson will be this Sunday, 19 Mar in the Clune Centre. Please arrive at the Clune Centre at 8:45am for 9:00am start.

Parents are welcome to stay in class with their children or pick them at 9:50am to go to 10:00am Mass.

Sunday School always welcome new students. If children like to join Sunday School, please register 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
- (2) Apr 2 – Home learning lesson.

We are looking for high school helpers to assist in the activity stalls during 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

20 Mon Lenten Weekday

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,

18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543) Pss Prop

21 Tue Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

22 Wed Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

23 Thu Lenten Weekday

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 (247)

24 Fri Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

25 Sat THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Solemnity

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545) Pss Prop

26 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34) Pss I

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:

18 March Barbara & Geoff Buckley

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.

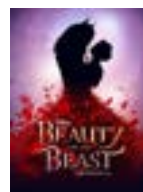
If you are interested in partaking this year, please contact the parish office with your expression of interest via phone (9150 9665) or email (info@olfkingsgrove.org.au).

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy

Communion

are reminded to indicate which of the ceremonies from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday, they are able to assist with. If assisting at the Easter Vigil, you will be asked to assist in the lighting of candles. Please use the form to be found in the foyer of the Church.

Liturgy Committee



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



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.



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:

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

Anniversaries: Victor Alaqua, Francesco Giglio, Anna Fiamingo, Josephine Cuschieri, Frank Mann, Max Fleming, Maureen Fulton, Raimondo Azara, Ned Nehme, 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.

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: Intentions of Betty Maguire, Thanksgiving for healing of Loretta Visser; deceased family of George Khoury, Laurie Maguire, Eliza Ferreira-Gorge, Maria Delminda Konen, Teresita Villanueva Odtojan, Augusto, Cleofe, 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 25 & 26 March

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Deadys	P Frederick
Commentator:	Deadys	Rana MN
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte	Kelvin	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am :	C & N Badr
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 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 **Park Street & Paterson Avenue** praying for their needs and intentions.