



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A 26th 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

Following today's Gospel, the Pharisees plan the demise of Jesus, but they are only one example of a response to the miraculous raising of Lazarus. There are at least five responses in the Gospel, starting with Jesus for whom this is an experience of relationship with the Father who glorifies the Son and leads others to belief. For Martha and Mary, it is an experience of the love of Jesus in their love for Lazarus who is restored to life. For the onlookers, it is an event which leads them to believe in Jesus. For the Pharisees, blinded by the self-concern which we saw last Sunday, this miracle challenges their identity, and they now plot the death of Jesus. The unstated but perhaps more important response belongs to Lazarus. What is his experience? It is much more than simply coming back to life. Before being raised, Lazarus had experienced life in the same way as we have experienced life. He took life for granted, it was a given. After experiencing death, his experience of life is different. Being alive is now a conscious reality through which Lazarus knows love. Life is a gift which unites us to God and each other through love. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu.

Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations.

Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do.

Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

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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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 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.

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

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.



The Zonta Club of Sydney West warmly invites you to a "Rainbow Fashions" Parade on Saturday 1st April from 2pm in the Clune Centre. Great prices, styles and sizes.

Something for everyone! Entry is \$10 at the door. Afternoon tea provided. Great raffle and lucky door prizes. Please come and support our fundraising efforts for our local and international projects supporting women and girls in need. **Any enquires, please call Therese Abela-King on ph 0409 554 878.**



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



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

Coming lessons are:

- (1) Apr 2 – [Home learning lesson.](#)
- (2) Third Sunday of April falls on School holiday, there will be no lesson.
- (3) 7 May - first Sunday of May - [Home learning lesson.](#)

For enquiry please email to:

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com

Or text message to 0413 096 960

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 March Linda & Peter Coleman



Women's Social Support Group Dinner at The Café, EBPRSL

Location: *Upstairs at Earlwood
Bardwell Park RSL
in The Café Restaurant.*

Date: *Wednesday 29th March,
2023*

Time: *6.30pm*

RSVP: *Friday 24th March, 2023*

Transport: *If you need a lift please let
me know.*

Parking: *Is available at the club
parking area.*

*Hoping you can come it would be great to
see you.*

**If you wish to attend please contact Veronica on
mob 0412 216 166 or email
vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

MARCH 2023

27 Mon Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 (251)

28 Tue Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 (252)

29 Wed Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 (253)

30 Thu Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)

31 Fri Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)

1 Sat Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)

APRIL 2023

2 SUN PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54 (38) Pss II

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

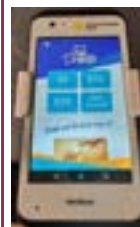
are reminded to indicate which of the ceremonies from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday, they are able to assist with. If assisting at the Easter Vigil, you will be asked to assist in the lighting of candles. Please use the form to be found in the foyer of the Church.

Liturgy Committee

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.



Like most churches, we now have 2 donation tap devices where you can give your donation using your credit card by a tap on the **Quest Donation Point Tap or the Commbank Donation Tap**. These will be at church foyer. **Quest Donation Tap has a set amount of \$5.00 whereas, you can choose the amount on the Commbank Donation Tap. Please note that donations made through these devices are not tax deductible.** Both will not show your name or envelope numbers on our bank statement. The donation will automatically go into our Parish account for various parish projects and expenses. Your tap donation will show as "OLF Parish Kingsgrove" in your credit card statement. This is a secure, cashless donation point used by most Parishes as recommended by the Archdiocese. For tax deductible donations, please continue using your envelopes, direct deposits and online credit cards where you can indicate your name and Planned Giving Envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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:

Justin Bautista, George Coorey, Patricia Grey, Laura Smith, John Aleixo, Frank Crimi, James Genco, Fr Hugh Thomas, Judy Fleming, 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 Crito, 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 Di Matteo, Emily Bongabong, Maria Mai Nguyen, Ivan Sesar, Christine Craigie, Renato Cervero, Mark Pezzano, Filippo Renna, Denis Luigi Colla, Tony Maroun, Baby Luca Zayn Ambriano, Therese Chan.

Anniversaries: Raimondo Azara, Pedro Snr. Lumapac, Victor Alaqua, Francesco Giglio, Anna Fiamingo, Felicidad Cadiz, Fiamingo, Josephine Cuschieri, Frank Mann, Max Fleming, Maureen Fulton, Ned Nehme, Ting Kwan Yee.

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 Houry, 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.

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 1 & 2 April

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Hoban, P Simon	T & N Ormerod
Commentator:	M Millen	E Russo
Acolyte:	Emily	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Coorey, N Kevic	Youth
Commentator:	T Abela-King	
Acolyte	Jeremy	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am :	T & S Bassil
Sun 10.00am :	A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
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 **Poole Street & Preddy's Road** praying for their needs and intentions.