

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Easter Sunday (Year A) 9th April 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)

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The annual collection for the support of the church in Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, 7 April. Please remember our fellow Christians in Holy Land with your donations. Thank you.

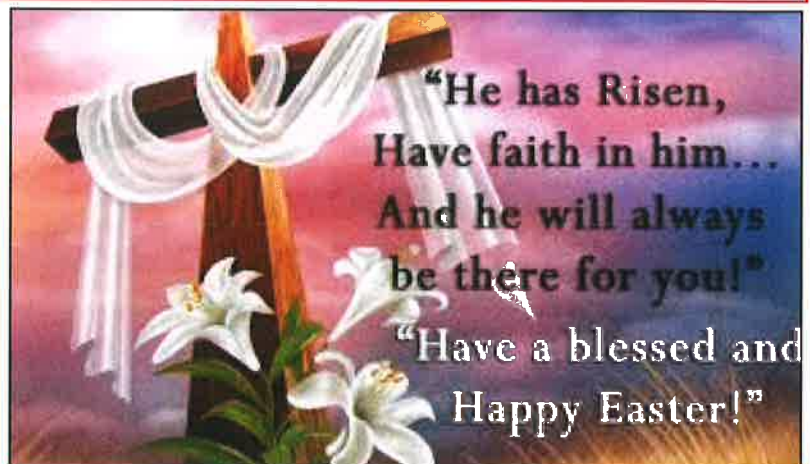
ATTENTION: Our office email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au had stopped receiving and sending emails since last Wednesday, 2 April. The Archdiocese head office is trying to fix it at the earliest possible time. If you had sent emails after 2 April, we were not able to receive them. **In the meantime, please use: kingsgroveolf@gmail.com until further notice.**

REFLECTION

All of the Gospels stress that Jesus' resurrection was completely unexpected by his disciples, even though Jesus had told them on a number of occasions that he would rise from the dead. It seems, they did not understand what he was saying. In today's Gospel we see Mary Magdalene going to the tomb early in the morning while it is still dark. She is like you and me going to the cemetery to visit the grave of someone we love who has died. She is going to mourn, to grieve, to remember him, perhaps even to ask the question "why?" though she doesn't expect an answer. When she finds the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, she is shocked and confused. She thinks someone has stolen the body. The thought that he has risen doesn't enter her mind.

Later, while still searching, she meets a man she thinks is the gardener and she asks him if he knows where they have put Jesus' body. The person says simply "Mary" and suddenly, totally unexpectedly, she realizes that she is in the presence of the risen Christ.

We also will meet the risen Christ in unexpected moments during this Easter season. Surely we will meet him in the Mass and in the sacraments, and in moments of prayer. But, like Mary, we will also meet him in our brothers and sisters, perhaps in the gardener, or in the stranger you meet along the way, or in those in need: "For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was frightened and you comforted me, alone and you came to see me." Then, like Mary, our joy will be full. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*



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LENTEN SEASON SERVICES 2023

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
7pm Easter Vigil Celebration; Blessing of the fire

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

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Festival - 7th May, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We would like to invite you to seek small businesses that are interested in setting up a stall for the Feast day celebration. We want like minded businesses that sell giftware products, produce, religious items or to advertise services or companies. Donations to promote your business are also welcome. We have a first in best dressed policy to alleviate any conflict of interest.

We require you to fill in an *Expression of Interest* form which will be found at the foyer of the Church. Once complete, please send it directly to the Parish office for processing.



REMINDER: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16 April, 2023

*At Our Lady of Fatima Church,
Kingsgrove*

on 89 Shaw St Kingsgrove (near Train Station)

Starts from 2.00pm Please refer to flyers for details

For Divine Mercy information & Prayers: www.trustandmercy.com



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES and ENVELOPES

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes may be returned to the church at any of the Masses this

weekend if these were not given on Holy Thursday as previously requested. **WARDENS** are asked to ensure that all boxes/envelopes are secured in the safe after Mass.

Thank you.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

APRIL 2023

10 Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 (261) Pss Prop

11 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 (262) Pss Prop

12 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 (263) Pss Prop

13 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 (264) Pss Prop

14 Friday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 (265) Pss Prop

15 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266) Pss Prop

16 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31 (43) Pss Prop

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:

8 April Teddy & Morris Mukasa



Like most churches, we now have 3 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.

9th April Easter Sunday

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



Tuione and Joe are the two eldest of the nine Muller children, and they are off to World Youth Day! Both boys and their siblings are very involved in the Sunday 5pm Mass, serving wherever they are needed. Tuione and Joe have a deep faith and hope to use this experience to inspire other young people in our parish. They credit their parents, Pat and Yvonne, with being their role models. The boys are raising money to fund their WYD pilgrimage and hope our community might be able to offer support. There will be a collection at the Vigil, and breakfast outside the church on Easter Sunday. They are very grateful for everyone's generosity.

On 26/3 (Sunday) 15 of us gathered in the Clune Centre (Parish Hall).

It was an wonderful night that started with pizza and garlic bread. After we prayed, the group enjoyed a soulful discussed the meaning of Palm Sunday; through the Old Testament and the New Testament.

This event was filled with games where we split into 2 groups and had a Spelling bee, played Pictionary & Charades. Other game we played was 'races to pop balloons' that had hidden scriptures inside. Finally, the complete match of 'Find the scripture reference in the Bible'. It was invigorating.

I want to send major congratulations to Group 1, who were the overall Champions of the night.

Feeling missed out? See below details for the next fun filled evening.



Save the date!

30th April (Sunday)

We start with the 5pm Youth Mass followed by
Food, Fellowship and Service till 7:30pm

For enquiry, please call the Parish office on 9150 9665, Tue-Fri 9am-2pm. Or email to:
OLF Youth Group at kingsgroveolf@gmail.com

The Youth Group runs once a Month on the last Sunday.

The new parish toilets are now complete, blessed and ready for the parishioners, friends and visitors to use. This was a joint project of Sydney Catholic Schools, St Ursula College and OLF Parish. We would like to thank Greg Walters (former chairperson of the Finance Committee) and others involved in the process; also 369 Building Company for their hard work and diligence on getting the project completed.





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:

Rei Santos, 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 Crilto, 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:

Gracia Campagna, John Yassa, 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: Robert Wong, Nina and Amado Angeles Moncay, Maria & Antonio Pasquariello, Annie Mangioni.

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.

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 15 & 16 April

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Deadys	Rana MN
Commentator:	Deadys	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	R Lansdown	Youth
Commentator:	F David	
Acolyte	Wilson	Michael

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am	:	J Lacorcia, I Policarpo
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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 3rd May 2023, 6:00pm.
RSVP 28 April 2023.

Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey
Ph: 9150 6016
0423 854 633



"As a caring faith community, we give thank and pray for all visitors and faith family members who are celebrating the Easter Season with us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Bless them, protect them, and fulfil their needs. We also pray protection over our parishioners who are travelling."