

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Divine Mercy Sunday (Year A) 16th 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

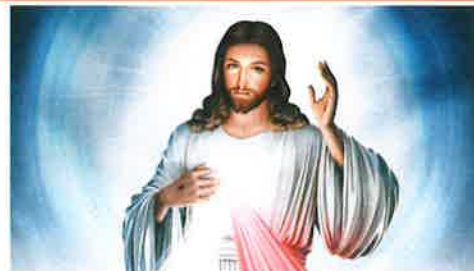
Rosary at 8:45am, Tuesday to Thursday and Saturday

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd

Sunday of each month. (Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)

ATTENTION: Our office email: info@olkingsgrove.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

On the occasion of the canonization of St Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000, Pope John Paul II dedicated the Second Sunday of Easter to Divine Mercy. This feast reminds us that God's greatest act of mercy is finally available to us through his incarnate Son, Jesus.

Pope Francis recognises that reconciliation and forgiveness are ongoing tasks. In his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19, 2020, he answers the usual objection: "But I keep falling!" He says, "God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet".

We thank Jesus for giving the human race complete and unmerited reconciliation. By confessing our sins and failings to God, we also confess our complete love and trust in Jesus, Divine Mercy, as we acclaim with Thomas, "My Lord, and my God!"

God's Word Daily Reflections 2023

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Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday; Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Accounts)

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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

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:

15 April Toni & George Arrage

World Youth Day, Lisbon 2023

The Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to join millions of young pilgrims from around the world to the next World Youth Day, to be held in Lisbon, Portugal, in August 2023. Three pilgrimage options for prospective pilgrims include: (1)

Footsteps of Jesus—Portugal via Holy Land, (2) Portugal via Italy, and (3) WYD direct to Portugal. For more information, please contact Sydney Catholic Youth on: (02) 9307-8152 or email:

info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

Rejoice, He truly has Risen. 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 Cronin Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the stairs near the new toilets). Enquiries - John Deacon 0418

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR A

APRIL 2023

17 Mon Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II

18 Tue Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268)

19 Wed Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)

20 Thu Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)

21 Fri Easter Weekday

Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)

22 Sat Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)

23 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46)



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.

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

Heartfelt thank you for your generosity!

On behalf of Tuione & Joe Muller, we thank you for your support at all Fundraisers throughout Easter. All fund raised go directly to WYD pilgrimage tour.

Easter Guessing Game Competition

The Easter Sunday 10am mass has concluded the Easter Guessing Game Competition. Together as a parish, we raised \$1,628. For the jars that have multiple winners, Fr Casey drew the lucky winners from the hat at the end of the mass.

Jar 1 – 64 Easter various items. Tiffany Chan guessed exact number of items.

Jar 2 – 16 Easter stickers or 71 Easter various items. Lucky winner: Karen Man (15 stickers); Consolation prizes go to James Wooldridge (70 items) & Cooper (72 items)

Jar 3 – 92 Easter eggs. Lucky winner: Rex Lai guessed exact number. Consolation prize goes to Alyssa Hawkins who also guessed exact number.

Jar 4 – 83 Easter eggs. Isaac Canlas guessed exact number.

Easter Raffle Basket – Linda Burnet

Winners, please claim your prizes at the Parish office.

Special Collection at Easter Vigil - \$1,178 was raised.

Bacon & Egg burger on Easter Sunday - \$2,492

Thank you to Therese Able-King, Mary Leung, Joseph Hamad and Imelda Dela Cruz, for their generous donations to make this event possible. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked throughout Holy Week to achieve these results. We wish everyone a very happy and Holy Easter and thank you for your ongoing support.



Thank you for your donations.

For Project Compassion, we collected \$7,378.

For the Turkey/Syria Appeal, we collected \$2,473.

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival
Kingsgrove



7th May, 2023

A fun filled day that includes food, drinks, music, stalls, games and entertainment.

Join our Parish celebrating the Feast Day honouring Our Lady of Fatima.

9am: Rosary and Procession at the parish grounds.
10am: Celebration of the Holy Mass.
11:15am - 3pm: Festivities on the Parish grounds.

NO evening Mass

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Kingsgrove.
89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove, 2208

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Raffle Tickets

- Each (1) ticket is \$2
- 3 tickets for \$5

First Prize: \$300 Gift Voucher
Second Prize: \$200 Gift Voucher
Third Prize: handmade quilt

More prizes will be announced shortly.



Prizes drawn on 7th May, 2023

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Kingsgrove.
89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove, 2208

16th April Second Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. (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.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



**An invite to all Year 6 and High School youths
to the next Youth Gathering!**

30th April (Sunday)

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

**At last month's Youth Gathering, on 26/3 (Sunday) 15 of
us gathered in the Parish Hall, Clune Centre.**

It was a 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' was invigorating.

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

Feeling missed out? Come to our the next fun filled evening.

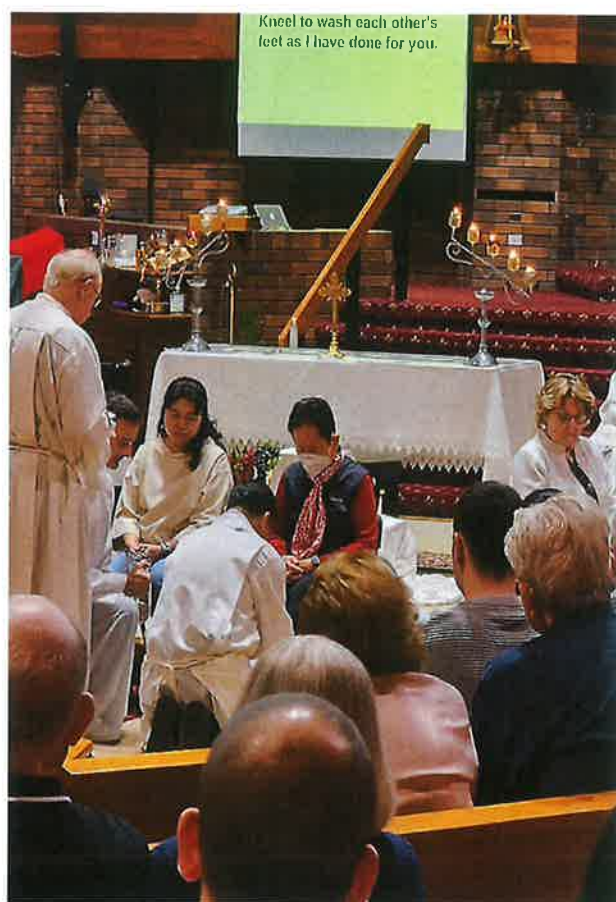
The Youth Group runs once a Month on the last Sunday.

**For enquiry, please call the Parish office on 9150 9665, Tue-Fri 9am-2pm. Or email to:
OLF Youth Group at info@olfkingsgrove.org.au .**

It was an extraordinary Easter Triduum. Thank you, Fr Casey and Fr Nestor, for prayerfully leading us in celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord. The Holy Oil of Catechumens, of the Sick, and Chrism were brought into the church at the start of the Holy Thursday Mass.

Fr Casey took on the role of Jesus, the humble servant, and washed the feet of 12 parishioners as part of the Last Supper re-enactment. After Mass, parishioners were encouraged to maintain reverent silence and enter the Adoration at the Altar of Repose. This year, the Altar was in the form of a beautiful garden, with Jesus at the centre. As usual, we also had visitors from other parishes. Thank you to all who spent time to enliven the hymn "Stay with Me, remain here with Me, watch and pray". The Triduum continued on Friday with parish youth passionately dramatising the Stations of the Cross, followed by the Crucifixion and Adoration of the Cross at 3pm. The re-enactment was exquisitely performed by our wonderful youth who took the time out of their busy schedule to practise for many nights leading to Good Friday and the veneration of the Cross during The Passion.

On Saturday night, He rose, and the Light of Christ was brought into the church for all of us to share as we celebrated The Resurrection of Our Lord. Sunday morning the celebrations continued, including the announcing of the Easter Egg competition winners and at 10am Mass. Tuione and Joe Muller introduced themselves and thanked us for our support of their travels to World Youth Day in Portugal in August. We wish you all a Holy Easter. Thank you to the many parishioners who volunteered to aid this wonderful celebration.



On Thursday 13th April 2023, Fr Casey and Monique Choueifati attended Huntingdon Gardens and Homewood Nursing Homes for a pastoral visit to OLF's dearest parishioners and gift them with an Easter Blessing.



Colin Chandler



Bambina Canosa



Millie Cerny



Patricia Gray



Peg Denny with her Son Michael and family from Queensland



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 Critto, 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:

Anna Ippolito, Angela Ablong, Janet Gattas, 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.

Anniversaries: Robert Wong, Nina and Amado Angeles Moncay, Henny Sunarto, 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 22 & 23 April

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	K Doherty	Ormerods
Commentator:	P Simon	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Christopher	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte	Anthony	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am	:	C & N Badr
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/9ebT3voEAAtfP7P8R9> 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

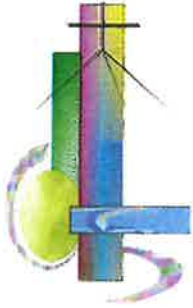
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0423 854 633



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Rodgers and Rolestone Avenue praying for their needs and intentions. "

General Car Service and/or Car Wash



*Fundraising for Tuione & Joe
for World Youth Day*



- Oil + filter change
 - Tyres check
 - Water level + cooling check
 - Brake pads check
 - Check and reset error codes
 - Other safety checks
- > (leaks, cracks (worn bushing) and air filter change)

Also a Car Wash will be provided:
Up to 5 seater vehicle- \$20
More than 5 seater vehicle- \$30

Garage Locations:

Woodfield Blvd, Caringbah or
Harp Street, Kingsgrove

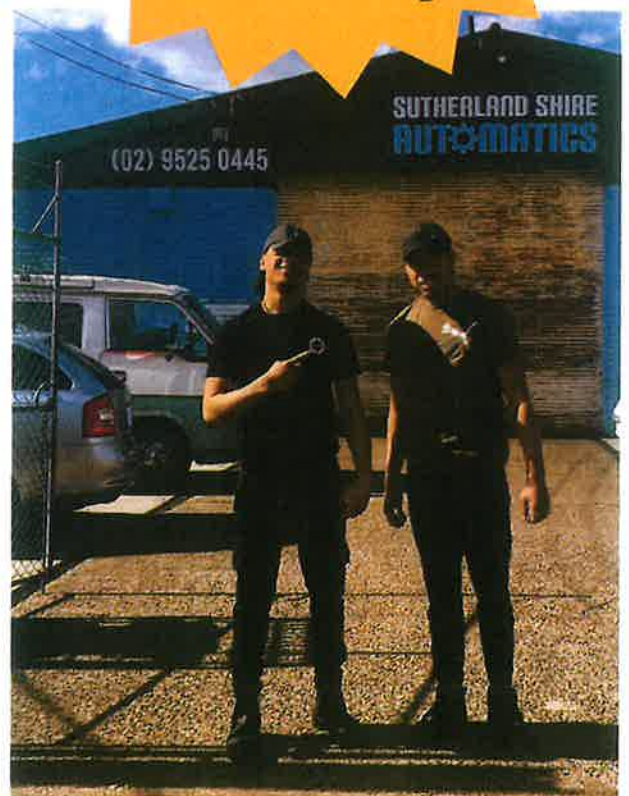
When:

Every Saturday at 12pm
dedicating their outside work
hours.

22nd April to 20th May

To make a booking (call or text):
Patrick Muller: 0420 440 142

**From \$150
starting price
for General Car
Service Only**



*Tuione is a 3rd year apprentice.
Joe is a 1st year apprentice with 2
years experience.*

