



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) 14th May 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

There is a poignant image in John's Gospel where Jesus, speaking of his return, promise to the gift of the Spirit, and said, "I will not leave you orphans". Orphans. To be orphaned is to be without a parent, to live life without the one who gave you life, to experience an 'aloneness' that touches the primal cell of human belonging. What a powerful image to describe the gut-wrenching, painful departure of Jesus, and in the same breath to be assured of his continuing presence in resurrection and glory. Thus, Easter is a complex season, as Scripture speaks to us of both absence and presence, of suffering and joy, of fulfilment and 'more to come'. While we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and the joy of salvation, it is also true that much of our daily lives are spent struggling with myriad tensions, troubling questions, and at times intense suffering. There is some reassurance in knowing that it was the same for those first fledgling communities of disciples. We can take heart that Jesus knows our needs as 'orphans'; he honours his promise to return and sends us the Spirit to be with us, now and forever.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*



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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: \_\_\_\_\_



### CWF MAY PARISH APPEAL

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) May Appeal is happening this week and next. Help keep alive vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families. Your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place.

Donate at: <https://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-cwf/> or complete the parish envelope at Mass today.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS: THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8:30AM TO 2:30PM (TUESDAY TO FRIDAY).**



### 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:

**13 May Josette & George Sukkar**

### ATTENTION:

Our office email: [info@olfkinggrove.org.au](mailto:info@olfkinggrove.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](mailto:kingsgroveolf@gmail.com) until further notice.**

### OUR YOUTH .....



During our last Youth Group session on 30/4/23, we were warmly welcomed with meat pies and sausage rolls. After, we had a discussion about the Resurrection and what Easter truly means to each of us. Some youth even mentioned chocolate

Easter eggs as their answer, which isn't wrong. The discussion highlighted the importance of our relationship with God and how the events leading up to the Resurrection became clearer for us as followers of Christ. We learned that Jesus predicted his death and resurrection when he was with his disciples at the temple (John 2:18-22)

To wrap up the Yout Group session, we had some fun activities. We split into two groups and played games, including a trivia about the resurrection, searching for Bible verses, a spelling bee, and preaching whispers. Both groups were very competitive and had many laughs, especially during the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Group 1, as the game was very close!

*Stay tuned for next gathering in May!*

### CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELEBRATIONS

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in celebrating Pentecost 2023 with an uplifting, inspiring, encouraging Holy Spirit afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies, Hearing the Word of God, and Prayer Ministry on **Saturday 27th May** at Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills.

**2pm-5.30pm. Enquiries 9810 2499.**

**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 77 88 56.**

*Dear Parishioners and friends,*

As we were about to celebrate our Feast Day last Sunday, the weather threatened to dampen our festivities. Before the mass started, the rain poured down heavily and Monique Choueifati, our Pastoral Care Coordinator approached me to make a decision whether to cancel or continue with our celebrations. I replied, "no plan B, it's rain or shine, the show must go on!" The Gospel of the day spoke to us directly, "do not be afraid, trust in the Lord." Lo and behold, the rain stopped before the mass ended, and the sun shone all day. The power of communal prayers proved to us that miracles do happen!

In the mass, Bishop Emeritus Terry Brady led our celebrations and honoured the past and present parishioners who have served the OLF Parish as we commemorate our 75 years of Foundation. Some 50 children from the Primary School offered roses to our Blessed Mother. Then, NSW Premier Chris Minns arrived during the festivities to meet and greet parishioners despite his busy schedule. He was joined by Sophie Cotsis, our local member for Canterbury and a minister in the NSW government.

The success of our celebration would not be possible without the help of many people who worked so hard in helping us organise the event. I salute our devoted and faithful volunteers who worked night after night to deliver with excellence our festivity. In particular, thanks to our core committee: Antonia, Bernadette, Linda, Imelda, Jenny, Benny, John, Monique, Mary Seeto, Mary Leung, Shanita, Rosie, Lourdes, and to all other volunteers who helped the committee in different tasks to make the day a success. We can't mention them all, but we remember and thank them for their selfless service. Also thanks to all our sponsors and all who supported generously to our fund raising for our various Parish projects and initiatives. We raised \$12,400.

This is the second year of joint celebration between the Parish and OLF Primary School. It is such a beautiful way to be together as a community and celebrate Our Lady of Fatima's Feast Day, united as children of Mary.

A Parish Priest is inspired to do more when there is a community that truly supports him. As your Parish Priest, I can only do so much, but with your help and support, we can achieve more.

*Fr Casey Ureta*

Parish Priest

## Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Sponsors



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.... and others

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Kingsgrove.  
89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove, 2208

# Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day Festival, 7 May 2023



## 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A

**First Reading** Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

or

**(R.) Alleluia!**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 3:15-18

### A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Acclamation [Jn 14:23](#)**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 14:15-21**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,  
because he is with you, he is in you.  
I will not leave you orphans;  
I will come back to you.  
In a short time the world will no longer see me;  
but you will see me,  
because I live and you will live.  
On that day  
you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.  
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;  
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



## Women's Social Support Group

### Train Trip to Kiama & Lunch

**Event: A Bus and Train Trip with Lunch at The Grand Hotel Kiama.**

*This event will be looked after by Teresa Macpherson & Kerrie O'Farrell.*

**Date:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2023  
**Bus:** 490 leaves from Kingsgrove to Hurstville at 9.15am  
**Train:** 9.46am from Hurstville to Kiama arrives 11.39am

**Lunch:** The Grand Hotel, Kiama



**RSVP: To Kerrie O'Farrell on 0414287241 or email [kerrieofarrell@gmail.com](mailto:kerrieofarrell@gmail.com) by**

**Friday 12 May 2023.**

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

## GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

### YEAR A

**MAY 2023**

**15 Mon Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)

**16 Tue Easter Weekday**

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)

**17 Wed Easter Weekday**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)

**18 Thu Easter Weekday**

**Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**

Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20 (294)

**19 Fri Easter Weekday**

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)

**20 Sat Easter Weekday**

**Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest**

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)

**21 SUN THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Solemnity**

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58) Pss Prop



**WN BULL**  
FUNERALS

*Leaders in Personal Service*

Thank you to WN Bull Funerals for their continued support to our Parish by sponsoring once again our yearly Planned Giving envelopes.

## Jesus Light of the World Communities

27 May 2023 (Saturday) 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

### "Day of **OUTPOURING**"

Ron Maldigri

Speaker

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St Joseph's Parish Hall

Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.)

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## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE



Are You Good With PowerPoint Presentations?

We have been very blessed for many years in having Teresa Macpherson,

who has always looked after the PowerPoint Presentation for the Wedding

Anniversary Mass. Teresa has now left our Parish and we have lost her skills.

So we are looking for someone who might like to volunteer to take over this most rewarding role. You will of course need to be experienced in using PowerPoint.

**If you are interested could you please contact Veronica on 0412 216 or email to [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au) if this is something you would like to do.**

## 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](mailto:info@sydneycatholicyouth.org)

## Prayer for Priests

Lord, they carry the troubles of others, yet like all people, they know loneliness and temptation. Keep them close to the friendship of your love. They baptise us, absolve us, teach us, pray for us, care for us. Do we ever pray for them? Bless all our priests especially Father Casey and all clergy, Archbishops, Bishops and Religious to whom we owe so much. **Amen.**



### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Mavis Armour, 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:

Tony Redford, Fiapai To'oto'o, Michael Talbot, Frank Crimi, Chris Banks, Rei Santos, Justin Bautista, George Coorey, Sherwin Encarnacion, Patricia Grey, Laura Smith, John Aleixo, James Genco, Judy Fleming, Laurie Enright, Isaias Alaso, Lydia Arrogante, 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, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Ante Kevic, Giuseppe Di Lucchio, Teodora Lee, Gopamma Naidu, Nick Travia, Patrizia Flaherty, Norman Sharf, Sevilla Alarca, Anna Ippolito, Angela Ablong, Janet Gattas, Gracia Campagna, John Yassa.

**Anniversaries:** Chiara Maciocco, Luigi Giannoccolo, Ida & Costante Paraggio, Jean & Luciano Rovcali, Mark Rovali, Ian Ravallion, Apolonia Gener, Ivan Bozic, Joan & John McCreanor.

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 and intentions of Gener-Jasmin Family, Maria Di Paola; deceased Michele & Sarina Raffaele, Filippo & Annunziata Di Paola, Pietro & Amedeo Modellino, Lina Raffaele,, Juanita & Felix Sy, Winifred McCreanor, Caterina Vella, John Vella, and 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.



### BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 7th June 2023, 6:00pm.  
RSVP 5 June 2023.

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elisibai  
Ph: 0410 583 808

## ROSTERS 20 & 21 May

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Deadys	P Frederick
Commentator:	Deadys	Rana MN
Acolyte:	Christopher	Anthony
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	F David	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte	Kelvin	Tom

### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	H Choi, A Speranza, A Chan
Sun 8.30am	:	C & N Badr
Sun 10.00am	:	D Yazbeck, M Serraglio, A Liontos
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](mailto: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/XuQFRsvq3BYtXqT9> or via Zoom by sending an email to [safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Sheffield Street & Simmons Road** praying for their needs and intentions."