

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 25 June 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

Jesus was no stranger to persecution but it did not prevent him from boldly proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and instructing his disciples to do the same. Jesus tells his followers, 'Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body.' Sometimes, we can become discouraged in the face of opposition or difficulties. Jesus wants us to lift our gaze and set our eyes on what is eternal. The Gospel message is too important for us to allow discouragement to stop us from proclaiming it boldly. Today we pray for courage to face of the challenges that come from living out our faith. May our courage be renewed as we strive to build the kingdom of God here on earth and make the love of Jesus better known, even in the face of opposition and hardships. *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*

Planned Giving Envelopes Financial Year 2023/2024

The new sets of Planned Giving envelopes are now available for collection in the foyer. **Please ensure that you check your name with corresponding address and you pick the correct one. Some envelope numbers had been changed to lower number.** If you are not a member of the Planned Giving, please call Parish Office to join. The tax deduction is 30%.

Alternatively, instead of envelopes, you could opt for periodic deduction using your credit card or do direct deposit to our CBA bank account 100000143; BSB 062 784.

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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: _____



Our Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on the weekend June 24/25. Envelopes will be available in the church pews and will be collected in a special collection by wardens after Communion. For those who prefer to make their donation online, the link is provided below:

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way-conference/vinnies-kingsgrove-conference>



OUR YOUTH.....



All Year 6 and High School youths are welcome.

Next Gathering:
- 25th June, 2023,
(Sunday) after
5pm mass.
Topic: Pentecost
and the Mystery
of the Trinity.

GROWING IN FAITH

YEAR A

JUNE 2023

Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

26 Mon

Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5 (371)

27 Tue

Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)

28 Wed

Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Memorial

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20 (373)

29 Thu

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Solemnity

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 (590)

Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591) Pss

Prop

30 Fri

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4 (375)

JULY 2023

1 Sat

BVM

Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17 (376)

2 SUN THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97) Pss I

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.

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.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging our support for a petition asking the ACT government to reverse its decision to take over Calvary Public Hospital. Please sign the petition at: www.savecalvary.com.au.

PLEASE HELP STOP the spread of Covid and flu

When winter is now approaching, we are reminded to be aware of ourselves and those around us. To help reduce the spread of viruses among our community, we request that you stay up to date with vaccinations and stay home if you have colds, flu or Covid symptoms. Thank you.

Purpose Nights—Black and White Event

Topic: What is Truth?

Date & Time: Tuesday, 27 June 2023, 5:30 to 9:00pm

Dress Code: Black & white clothing. Open to students across Sydney in years 9-12 (under 18 years)

Venue: St Christopher's, Holsworthy. 205 Heathcote Road, Holsworthy Registrations are essential. For more information and to register, visit Purpose Nights—Black and White Night Tickets, St Christopher's, Holsworthy/TryBooking Australia.



Women's Social Support Group



Lunch at The Lantern Club

Location: *The Lantern Club,
21 Roselands Avenue,
Roselands*

Date: *Friday 21st July 2023*

Time: *12noon*

RSVP: *Friday 14th July, 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 0412216166 or
email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



Funeral of John Henderson , a long time parishioner and coordinator of St Vincent De Paul Society, held here at Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove last Monday, 19 June with Bishop Emeritus Terry Brady. Burial at Rookwood Cemetery. The family would like to thank all who attended, prayed and for the special part each had played in John's life.

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:
24 June: Carina & Alex Garcia

From the Sacramental Coordinator

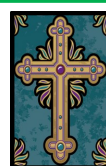


Sacramental Announcement: First Holy Communion 2023

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated this Sunday 25th June, 2023 with two special Masses at 11:30 AM and 2:00

PM. We would like to congratulate all Candidates and their families who have been working hard and studying towards this wonderful milestone. Earlier this year, they have celebrated their First Reconciliation and received God's graces for the second time in their rehearsal nights. On behalf of the Sacramental team and the Parish, we would like to welcome all the families to celebrate and pray for this grand occasion.

Please Note: There will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday 18th June, but there will be a lesson on Sunday 25th of June.



Millie Cerny's funeral will be held on Tuesday, 4th July, 11:00am at St Patrick College Chapel, Francis Street, Strathfield. May she rest in Peace.



Thanks and glory to God! The knee replacement operation of **Sr Mary O'Neill** last Tuesday was successful. Thank you for your prayers. We continue to pray for her speedy recovery.



the Disputation of the Sacrament, by Raphael (c.1510)
 found in *Stanze di Raffaello*, in the Apostolic Palace in the Vatican.

What can we see in adoration?

When children are encouraged to draw an imagination of Church or what they see in the Holy Mass, it is no wonder we can say they have a higher spiritual intellect. After some observation many of them associate Church and Mass as part of a heavenly presence and they easily say Jesus is found at the Altar. Now that many of us have matured, you can ask yourself, ‘what am I actually looking at’ when I envision the Mass?

We often see the Renaissance artist Raphael’s image of the *Disputation of the Holy Sacrament* as a mnemonic image of the Mass. The wonderful painting that is found in the Vatican ceilings has so many answers to our questions of adoration and worship of Our Lord. It also answers the question of ‘*what are we looking at?*’ and ‘*who can be involved?*’. The Mass is the complete Worship of God – Heaven and Earth, united, for the purpose of God, but divided in a distinctive placement of where we are called to be.

This short synopsis gives no justice to the beauty and detail to this image. I would claim that we – the en masse – are the call to the Altar of the Lord, just the same as those depicted in the image. We are all invited to worship Our Lord. All who stand before Our Lord: lay, clergy, skilled, scholar, uninformed, new, inexperienced, distant, hurt, complete, willing or curious... The list can go on. It is the diverse range of the Baptised who are all called to worship Our Lord – Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Referring to the image above, you will see the obvious divide – hence the name ‘Disputation’ – is a distinct Heaven and Earth. We see the vision of a heavenly worship where the Saints, Angels, scholars and people of the Old and New Testament are all focused on the Holy Trinity. They see God before them in a calm and orderly fashion. As Our Lady and St. John, the Beloved were with Christ at the foot of the Cross, we see them beside Our Lord in Heaven. The Father, the Son and Holy Spirit are linear and in equal status, as per the Catholic teaching.

On Earth, we see Our Lord in the Monstrance. The presence of His Divinity is worth our undivided attention. It is the summary of the Heavenly presence here and now, for our humanly view.

As you will see on the Earthly side of this painting, we have many who like to seek God and those who are part of the commotion. There are Bishops, priests, and lay people, there are know philosophers and Saints (depicted as alive) and even the chief designer of the Vatican. What is their focus? It is simply God. Just as we all congregate together, we also see that God is with us in the chaos. Do you stop yourself from attending the Mass because you believe it is only for the few? Have you ever stipulated that you aren't worthy? We know that Our Lord is alive and present in full view. How many excuses do we make? We have to put down all distractions and turn our heads to see Him.

Each year we get older, there needs to be reminded that the Church is timeless. The image of the Disputation of the Holy Sacrament depicts many people who are not judged for their status, all are able to see God in many different ways. Old and young. Ordained or lay. Saints, angels or Apostles. We are all called to be His disciples. Our only focus is God. Heaven and Earth is united and found without time because in the holy and continual realm, God is choosing to be with you, today, as well.

St Ignatius (Left of the Monstrance), said to seek God here through the Eucharist. St. Justine (Right of the Monstrance) also encouraged us to seek God in the heavenly presence.

We are called to gather as a community at Mass once a week, seek confession when we need it, pray, believe and adore Our Lord. To be witness to God is simplistic as God will not ask much more from you than your love towards Him.

Reminders for Prayer and Adoration in our Parish:

Mondays: 6:30pm Community Prayers (in the Clune Centre).

Tuesday- Thursday: Rosary 9am and 9:15am Mass.

Wednesday: Community Prayers (said in Italian) after Mass (in the Clune Centre).

Friday: Eucharistic Adoration 11am and Mass 12pm.

Saturday: 9:15am Mass followed by Confession – **Vigil Mass** at 5pm.

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am and 5pm Mass.

(Enquire with our Parish office for other initiatives.)

By Bernadette Bassil
Sacramental Co-ordinator of
Our Lady of Fatima, Parish Kingsgrove.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:
Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, Peg Denny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Anthony, 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:

Agnes (Sonju) Lee Wong, Swastika Hawach, Jane Gallo, Tony Redford, Fiapai To'oto'o, Michael Talbot, Frank Crimi, Chris Banks, Am Gonzales, Justin Bautista, George Coorey, Dorie Encarnacion, Patricia Grey, Laura Smith, John Aleixo, James Genco, Judy Fleming, Isaias Alaso, Lydia Arrogante, Annalisa Castagnone, Anna Glinatsis, Jeanette Affara, Colin Elliott, Samar Munoz, Luisa Maria Karin, 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, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Nunziata Biviano, Millie Cerny, Shirley Farrell, Rachel Cooper, Raymond Joseph O'Mara, John Dwyer, John Henderson, Laurie Enright, Sr Denise Daly, OSU, Anthony (Tony) Pun, Kevin McCreanor, Olive Gajudo Torino, Manolito La Guardia, Rothwell Harrison Ernest Panis, Angela Ablong.

Anniversaries: Moussi Nakhle, Joe Aidone, Patricia Smith, Vito Genco, Tom Ventura, Domingo Fiamingo, Peter Fang, Frances Bottaro, John & Mary Fick, John Vella, Salwa Jabbour, Nazzareno Vazzoler.

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 from Paul & Dani Farrell, Gener-Jasmin family, deceased Michele & Sarina Raffaele, Josefina Dela Cruz, Filippo & Annunziata Di Paola, Benjamin, Marina, Gil & Ramon Tonel, Maria Portia Mariano, Lina Raffaele, Winifred McCreanor, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Monday, 10th July 2023, 6:00pm.

RSVP 7th July 2023.

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz

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Myrna De La Pena Ph: 0490 410 896

ROSTERS 1 & 2 July

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Deadys	E Russo
Commentator:	Deadys	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Emily	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	T Abela-King	Youth
Commentator:	N Kevic	
Acolyte:	Wilson	Anthony

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am	:	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	D Yazbeck, M Serraglio A Liontos
Sun 5.00pm	:	E Loho, A Nehme, A Chan



“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/XuQFRsvq3BYtXqT9> 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.



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Vivienne and Warejee Streets** praying for their needs and intentions. "