

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 23 July 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

When I was a child, I remember seeing a tree in our garden being slowly overtaken by a parasitic plant. The plant looked beautiful and luscious, almost like a tree itself, but over time it started to choke the tree. Removing it was a big operation. In our Gospel today, Jesus uses similar imagery to reflect on the situation of the world and the reality of living a life of faith. Darnel and wheat look very similar until the ear appears. While the servants in the reading are ready to remove the darnel, the owner is wary they may pull out the wheat as well, and so instructs them to let them grow together. Our life is full of wheat and weeds - beautiful acts and experiences of faith and love, and challenging, painful experiences of resentment, violence and hurt. The challenge is accepting that the two will exist together, while we hold on to our life of faith, trusting in the nearness of God and his Spirit, What are the wheat and weeds in my life How do I care for them? Which do I allow to grow? *God's Word Daily Reflections 2023*

### **PARISH SYNOD SESSION: THE SYNODAL PATH: JOURNEYING TOGETHER**

Pope Francis has called the Church to become a synodal Church, a Church that journeys together, that listens to one another, and that reaches out to the world in mission. This session will help you understand the purpose of the synod, where it has come from, and where it is going:

- How is a synod different from a Church Council?
- What is Pope Francis' vision for the Church?
- How can we become a synodal Church?

**There will be input from theologian Prof Neil Ormerod and ample time for discussion and questions.**

**Date and time: Saturday 29 July, 10am-12 noon Venue: Clune Centre ALL WELCOME**

**TAX RECEIPTS** for Planned Giving, CWF, Project Compassion (Caritas) and Priest Retirement Fund for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 are now available for collection at the church foyer. If you no longer claim tax deduction on your donations and do not require tax receipt for the next financial year 2023/2024, please advise the Parish office. Thank you for your ongoing financial support and generosity.

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

**Youth Coordinator:** TBA

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## GROWING IN FAITH

### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

#### YEAR A

JULY 2023

Seventeenth week in ordinary time

**24 Mon**

**Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest**

Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42 (395)

**25 Tue**

**Saint James, Apostle**

Feast

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 (605) Pss Prop

**26 Wed**

**Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Memorial

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9 (397)

**27 Thu**

Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17 (398)

**28 Fri**

Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)

**29 Sat**

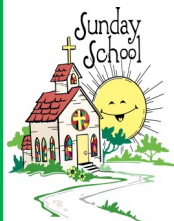
**Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

Memorial

Ex 24:3-8 (400)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)

**30 SUN SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 (109) Pss I



## Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School has delivered the home learning materials on the Old Testament story: Hannah and Samuel (Lesson 8) to the registered families.

We will arrange a face-to-face gathering for all old students and new students in the Clune Centre on 6 August (First Sunday) from 11:00am to around 1:00pm (after 10:00am Mass). It will include demo lesson on Lesson 8 and then followed by light lunch and games. All kindy and primary students are welcome.

If your child wishes to be part of the Sunday School family, please register using the QR Code.

For catering purposes, if you are attending the gathering in the Clune Centre on 6 August, please advise the number of adults and children attending (in the last question in the registration form).

For enquiry: please send email to [sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com)



### Lunch at The Lantern Club

#### **CHANGE OF DATE**

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

**Date:** *Friday 28th July 2023*

**Time:** *12noon*

**RSVP:** *Friday 21st July, 2023*

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

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

If you wish to attend please contact Veronica  
On mob 0412216166 or  
email [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au)

*Dear Fr Casey & all the wonderful OLF  
parishioners,*

My family and I would like to thank all of you for your fervent prayers for dear Laurie during his prolonged illness. Your prayers helped him so much along the way and then to his VERY peaceful death. He was praying as well-I found this note among his belongings-"Jesus, Mary & Joseph make me a good patient!"

*Thank you, Marie Enright*



Thursday, 20 July is Shielia Kovacs' 98th birthday. We wish and pray for her happiness, good health and for God's continued abundant blessings.

**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.**



"As a caring faith community, we give thanks and pray for all our friends living in other parishes who have chosen to worship and grow in faith with us in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Bless them, protect them, and fulfil their needs."

## Sacramental News:

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, at the 5pm Vigil Mass.**

We thank the families and the Parish for being understanding of this variation to the Vigil Mass on 9<sup>th</sup> September. The Most Rev. Terry Brady will be celebrating this Mass for the 49 Candidates and their families.

The Mass will be expected to go longer than the usual 1-hour service as the Rite of the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing with Chrism will be at the centre and summit of the Mass celebration. Please keep this in mind that this Mass is expected to go for 2 hours. You are welcome to join us for this Sacramental Celebration or if you would prefer to attend the Sunday celebrations the next day.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS**

*The Wedding Anniversary celebration Mass will take place at the 10am Mass on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.*

*If you are celebrating a special Wedding Anniversary for the following years 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 or more, you are invited to be part of this celebration.*

*If you want to be included in this celebration please RSVP to*

**Veronica on 0412 216 166 or email [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au) no later than Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.**

*If you are taking part in this Celebration Mass we would like to have a current photo, plus a wedding photo for a PowerPoint presentation.*

*Could you please forward these photos by email to [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au) or leave the photos at the Parish Office marked for Wedding Anniversary Committee – Attention Veronica*



### **OLF FAMILY MASS**

**Family Mass Sunday 6th August, 10am.**

**Let's welcome all the children who recently received the Sacrament of 1st Communion into the OLF Parish family.**

**Please join us as we gather as a community and celebrate Mass together.**

**There will be snacks for the children after Mass. We would love to see you there!**

## **OUR YOUTH.....**

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**All Year 6 and High School youths are welcome.**



**Next Youth Gathering!**  
**30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (Sunday)**  
Topic: A Taste of WYD  
(2002 – Canada)

After 5pm mass followed by Food, Fellowship and Service till 7:30pm

### **OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE**

The home visits of Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue have resumed. Please contact the Parish Office on 9150 9665 if you wish to be included in the weekly roster. Name of host family will be published in the Bulletin. Host family from Saturday: **22 Ella & Thomas Ho**

**Fr Casey** will do a Sending Forth and blessing to all WYD delegates/pilgrims this Sunday, 23 July at 5:00pm mass.

Petition box is available near the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. You can write your petitions on paper provided and our youth delegates will carry them to Portugal.

**WYD Delegates from our Parish:**  
**Tuione & Joe Muller, Natalie & Jeremy Seeto, Mark Giufrida and Ursula Finneran**

**CELEBRATE Christmas**

**in July with the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Kingsgrove.**

**Please join us for a SAUSAGE SIZZLE on Sunday 30th July after the 8:30am and 10am Masses. The money raised will go to the purchase of new Christmas decorations.**

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



### 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, 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:

Clare McBriarty, Therese Cardinali, Nicholas Reed, Sarah Zaganelli, 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, 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 Ravaillion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Critto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr, James Genco.

#### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Francesco Talotta, Ping (Esther's brother in law), Epifanio Serrano, Sarah Zaganelli, Maria O'Connor, Jim O'Connor, Judy Fleming, Shirley Farrell, Domenico Famiglietti, George Rezcallah, Jane Gallo, Rachel Hannah, Willie Joe Ryan, Nunziata Biviano, Millie Cerny.

**Anniversaries:** Catalina Mitchell, Constancia Alamo, Graziella Azara, Ada, Adriano & Caterina Giannoccolo, Marisa Za, Angelina De Fina, Tony (Anthony) Callaghan, Elizabeth Donato, Wai Fong Seeto, Felicidad Cadiz, Jesus Cadiz, Peter Chee Hong Lo.

*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:** Deceased Luisa Veran, Linda Porter, Guy Tesoriero 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, 2nd August 2023,  
8:00pm. RSVP 31st July 2023.

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

## ROSTERS 29 & 30 July

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Hobans	P Frederick
Commentator:	Hobans	Rana MN
Acolyte:	Emily	Leslie
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	F Davis	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte	Wilson	Albert

#### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	H Choi, A Speranza, A Tsoi
Sun 8.30am :	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am :	Z & J Yammine, O Repice
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](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/XuQFsRsvq3BYtXqT9> 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.

#### Jesus Light of the World Communities

29 July 2023 (Saturday) 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

Day retreat on.. **"You are VICTORIOUS"**

**Marina George** Speaker

St Joseph's Parish Hall Walz St, Rockdale, NSW (Parking Entry at Parker St.) Booking Essential, FREE Lunch & Afternoon Tea  
Enquiries: Helen – 0433 455 114 Ida – 0424 267 500

[E:jlwcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:E:jlwcommunity@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
OPEN FROM 8:30AM TO 2:30PM (TUESDAY TO  
FRIDAY). Our New email address:  
[kingsgroveolf@gmail.com](mailto:kingsgroveolf@gmail.com).**