



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 10 September 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

The theme for this Sunday's liturgy is that of personal and communal growth. Being a human community, the church always needs to find ways of relating with those who do not adhere to the values and standards which define it. In the first reading from Ezekiel, we learn that the prophet is authorized by the Lord to warn and correct those behaving in a malicious way. In fact, if one is not proactive in this regard, he or she is accountable. In the Gospel, Matthew gives the New Testament context for altering any behaviour that could be identified as unchristian. This process of correction, with the steps detailed by Matthew, is always to be done in a relational way and grounded in prayer. Such behavioural issues have always been part of the Church, a community of people on the way who seek forgiveness rather than perfection. Today, this Gospel calls each of us to live authentically as we witness to what it means to be people who forgive and be forgiven, God's Word 2023



We received \$3,211.85 from the August CWF Appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

## PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

### Father Day Appeal – next weekend

Each year our Archdiocese hosts the annual Father's Day Appeal to support retired priests and thank our Fathers for their wonderful service to our community. Our gift is a 'thank you' to our priests who've contributed in many ways in your life. They are friends who've counselled, comforted and provided spiritual nourishment through their wisdom and willingness to teach. Give generously. Your tax-deductible gift will make a big difference to our retired Fathers who need our care. The Archdiocese will match every donation two-for-one. For example, if you give \$50, the Archdiocese will add another \$100, making your contribution worth \$150. Envelopes are provided at the pews or at the church foyer. You may also donate at [www.ourfaithourworks/prf](http://www.ourfaithourworks/prf).

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## GROWING IN FAITH

### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

#### YEAR A

September 2023

Twenty-third week of ordinary time

#### 11 Mon

Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11 (437)

#### 12 Tue

**The Most Holy Name of Mary**

Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19 (438)

#### 13 Wed

**Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

Memorial

Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26 (439)

#### 14 Thu

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Feast

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

#### 15 Fri

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

Memorial

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 (441)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop

#### 16 Sat

**Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

Memorial

1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49 (442)

#### 17 SUN TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130) Pss IV



### Women's Social Support Group

#### VISIT TO THE TULIPS & LUNCH IN BOWRAL

We are off to Bowral to see the beautiful Tulips, followed by lunch. We will be getting three trains to get us to Bowral starting from Kingsgrove.

Trains times: Leaves Kingsgrove 8.32am (Bexley North 8.30am).  
arrives Revesby at 8.45am.  
Leaves Revesby at 8.58am  
arrives Campbelltown 9.32am.  
Leaves Campbelltown at 9.53am  
arrives Bowral 11.05am.  
Short walk to the Tulips.

Entry Cost: The cost for entry into the Tulips concession price \$10.00.

Lunch: Royal Hotel Bowral.

Date: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023.

I will need definite numbers to be able to order the tickets and I will need for the tickets to be paid for before we go. I have booked a table for lunch, I need to confirm numbers for that as well.

Our return trains are either 2.11pm or 3.14pm from Bowral and then two more trains home to Kingsgrove.

**If you wish to go can you RSVP by Thursday 14th September and Payment by Monday 18th September, 2023.**

Veronica Tierney on mob 0412 216 166 or email: vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

## Sacramental News:

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held this 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 two hours. You are welcome to join us for this Sacramental Celebration or if you would prefer to attend the Sunday celebrations the next day.

## 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, 9 Sept 2023: **Carina and Alex Garcia**



### OLF FAMILY MASS

Family Mass Sunday 17th September, 10am.

Please join us as we gather as a community and celebrate Mass together. We especially extend an invitation to the children who have been recently Confirmed and their families.



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

**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.**



## Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School is to bring us closer to Jesus and to bring Jesus to our family. We welcome **children and adults** to participate. Learning materials are uploaded onto Google Drive. The QR Code/ Google link are display on the posters at the entrances of our church and in the parish bulletin. Anyone can access the learning material at a time that suits them at home.



Parents are encouraged to go through the lessons with young children and older children can go through the lesson themselves. For adults, after viewing the material, they can go back to the Bible to read the chapter on that topic.

The link for **Lesson 8 on "Hannah & Samuel"**:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CoC9uPJN6SFo0DnVvSmMnQZ6A6rGPZiK?usp=sharing>

The link for **Lesson 9 on "David & Goliath"**:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hmiQghaSMg4yek9Z99GLtkCH0kwvt9m4?usp=sharing>

Lesson 8 QR Code



Lesson 9 QR Code



We encourage children to send us one of their completed worksheets to this email address:

[sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com)

This will be counted towards the end of year award at around Christmas time. Adults are welcome to send us suggestions and feedback.

Tips: if you like us to send Google link to you in the email when new lesson is uploaded, you may register to Sunday School using this QR Code.



**Salvatore Spata's** celebration and thanksgiving mass of his 65 years in Music will be on Sunday, 24 September at 10:00am with Bishop Terry Brady and Fr Casey here at our church. To mark the occasion, he had released a new CD which can be purchased, the proceeds of them will be given as donation to our church. There will be light refreshments at the hall where he will be playing the accordion. For catering purposes please call the Parish office.



Join Fr Casey (Pilgrimage Chaplain), Parishioners and friends on this specially arranged Spiritual Journey by OLF Parish to enrich and enliven our faith. Walk in the footsteps of our dear Lord Jesus Christ visiting Nazareth, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Bethany, Emmaus, plus much more. It's a 14 days pilgrimage departing 3rd April, 2024. The group will fly on Emirates airlines to and from Tel Aviv. It is intended to be a small group to a maximum of 27 pilgrims so come and get a copy of flyer with details, itinerary and booking form at the church foyer. O'Connor World Travel, the pilgrimage opeerator had been doing spiritual journeys, not tours for 31 years. For more information, please call Imelda on 0414 979 241, email: [ldlcimelda14@gmail.com](mailto:ldlcimelda14@gmail.com); office email: [kingsgroveolf@gmail.com](mailto:kingsgroveolf@gmail.com)



**The next Expectant Parent Blessing will be this Sunday 10 September at 10.00am mass.**

**Morning Tea will be provided after mass.**



We have early delivery of God's Word 2024 for sale starting this weekend. The book is a daily companion to pray, to share and to grow in God's love and be nourished by the word of God. It has Bible readings for each day with reflection. It would be a nice gift to your family and friends for occasions especially Christmas. It's on sale at Parish Office during office hours at a discounted price of \$17.00 per copy. You can buy it also from Piety Store. It's \$21.95 at Catholic bookstores. Please call or send email if you can't come during office hours.

The Planned Giving envelopes for the financial year 2023/2024 were in the church foyer since end of June 2023. We had removed them from last weekend. These can be collected from the Parish Office. Tax Receipts for the year ending 30 June 2023 will still be at the church foyer until further notice. Thank you.



# PARISH EVENTS

Last Sunday's celebration of Fathers' Day was well attended especially the 10:00am mass. Thank you to the Primary School who organized the family mass with a presentation by children. The fathers were blessed and received memento pens.





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The fund raising to purchase new Christmas decorations were continued by the Italian ladies bringing their many biscotties for sale at last week's Fathers' Day masses. Thank you ladies and the generosity of Parishers and friends who supported. They raised \$2,502! Congratulations! Well done!



Sister Mary O'Neill, OSU, our long time Pastoral Care Coordinator celebrated with Parishioners and friends her birthday with thanksgiving mass by Fr Casey last Wednesday, 6 September at 9:15am mass. This was followed by light refreshments at the Clune Centre. She was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for years of Outstanding Christian Love and Service to our community, as well as cards and gifts from parishioners and friends. Thank you to all who helped to organize this special event for her.







PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, Peg Denny, Colin Chandler, , Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor; Nancy

Dawson; Frances English, Anthony, Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, Justina De Bellis, Patricia Gray, .Antonietta Roberto, Netta Donnelly, Mary Melville.

*(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).*

**Parishioners/friends who are Sick:**

Beatriz Nucum, Violet Bozic, Antoninette McGahan, Antoinette Taza, Marie Toutounji, Therese Cardinali, Nicholas Reed, Agnes (Sonju) Lee Wong, Swastika Hawach, Fiapai To'oto'o, Michael Talbot, Frank Crimi, Chris Banks, Am Gonzales, Justin Bautista, , 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, 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, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crillo, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Amanda Teer, Raigan Kerr, James Genco.

**Please pray for our Recently Deceased:**

Merle Kenna, Tony Redford, Maurice Sahlani, Abdullah Khoury, Giuseppe Roppolo, Angelo Rossetti, Leon Ung, George Coorey, Clare McBriarty, Jim O'Connor, Francesco Talotta, Hilda Daaboul, Ping (Esther'brother in law), Mercedita Macawili, Manuel Fernandez, Elias Samaras, Joey Doueihy, Sarah Zaganelli, Maria O'Connor,

**Anniversaries:** Maria Rosa Mandile, Yvonne Lynch, Isidoro (John) De Fina, Enrique D. Burgos, Filippo Sollazzo, Simon Ghosen, Mary Ann Gotsopoulos, Tony Bottaro, Joanne Dick, Ram Reddy Giorgio Casciola, Ah May Chung, Salvatore Sollazzo, Laurie Maguire.

*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 Fr Terence Mahedy, Zosimo Osmena, 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 4th October 2023

8:00pm. RSVP\_1st October 2023

Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey

Ph: 9150 6016; 0423 854 633

## ROSTERS 16/17 September

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Deadys	E Russo
Commentator:	Deadys	N Linning
Acolyte:	Christopher	Anthony
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	Family Mass	Youth
Commentator:	Family Mass	
Acolyte	Jeremy	Wilson

### Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am	:	T & S-R Bassil
Sun 10.00am	:	A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
Sun 5.00pm	:	J Brown, 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](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 [safeguarding@equities@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@equities@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.

**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).**

## 10 Sep 2023 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### First Reading *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

### Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8*

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

### Second Reading *Romans 13:8-10*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

### Gospel Acclamation *2 Corinthians 5:19*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel Matthew** 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'