

# 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 15 October 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

About 600 years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah wanted to give a message of hope to the Jewish people in exile, and he searched for an image that would help them understand what a restored Jerusalem, a restored Mount Zion, will be like when the Israelites return to their homeland. And the image he thought of, that he knew would speak to the people, was the image of a banquet: "On Mount Zion the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, of fine strained wines. He will remove the mourning veil covering all people. He will wipe away the tears from every cheek. The people will rejoice in the Lord, their saviour, in whom they hoped."

Later, the Christian tradition took up this vision of Isaiah to speak of the heavenly banquet to which we are all called. All images have their limitations, but the banquet image certainly conveys in some small way the joy and communion with each other and with God, the banquet host, that we will experience in heaven.

The banquet to which God is inviting us is not reserved only the next life. In the midst of its many challenges, our lives have their joyous moments when we are called to pause and celebrate with God and with our friends and loved ones. Today's liturgy urges us not to be so caught up in the challenges of life that we fail to respond when God, the gracious and generous host, invites us to pause, to sit down and enjoy the banquet prepared to us.  
*God's Word 2023*



It is with great sadness that **Colin Chandler**, our dear long time active parishioner & volunteer has passed away.

A funeral mass will be held on Friday 20th October at 9:30am here at our Church.

*May he rest in peace.*



**NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH TO PRAY and**

**REMEMBER ALL OUR DECEASED LOVE ONES, PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS.**

During all of November there will be a sanctuary to place all the names of our deceased **RELATIVES & FRIENDS**. The November mass offering envelopes are available beside the mass offering box of the presbytery **AND IN CHURCH FOYER**. **PLEASE WRITE NAMES CLEARLY**. **PLEASE DROP YOUR ENVELOPE AND OFFERINGS INTO THE MASS OFFERING BOX IN THE**

**PRESBYTERY OR IN PARISH OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS. Thank you.**

Dear Parishioners, There have been reports of SMS message scams targeting individuals and parishes in the Archdiocese. These scams impersonate the members of our parish, including myself, asking for urgent help and often requesting gift card purchases for those in need. Rest assured that neither I or any member of our parish staff would ever ask for such assistance through SMS or any other unsolicited means. If you receive suspicious messages, contact us directly via phone or in person. *Fr Casey*

*Do u like to sing, dance, act or entertain a large crowd?*

*This year the Parish Christmas Carols Night is on 16/12/23 Saturday after vigil mass. We would love to invite the many talented people, young or young in heart, who would be interested in showcasing God's gifts and performing at this Event.*

**IT'S NEVER**  
**too early for**  
**Christmas,**  
**MUSIC**

### GROWING IN FAITH

#### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

##### YEAR A

OCTOBER 2023

Twenty-eighth week of ordinary time

**16 Mon**

**Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32 (467)

**17 Tue**

**Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Memorial**

Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41 (468)

**18 Wed**

**Saint Luke, Evangelist**

Feast

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9 (661) Pss Prop

**19 Thu**

**Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs**

Memorial

Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54 (470)

**20 Fri**

**Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest**

Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7 (471)

**21 Sat**

**BVM**

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12 (472)

**22 SUN TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

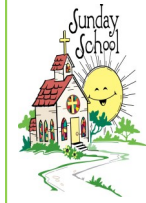
Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 (145) Pss I



### Angels Choir is calling!

Sunday 5pm Angels Choir is currently recruiting 2024 Year 5-9. If you want to know us more or have a

feel of participating mass from a different perspective, pop in and join us at 4pm on Sunday. Consistent choir members will be singing at the upcoming Christmas Family mass. Contact: Antonia 0404 807 595 or parish office.



### Christ our Light Sunday School

Dear parents and students,

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. On 13 Oct 2017, Our Lady

appeared to the three little shepherds

and there was the miracle of the sun in Fatima,

Portugal. Sunday School would like our children to

revisit the YouTube cartoon on the

incident. Here is the Google Link/QR code for

Lesson 11:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uWYYMyBn-TeVzmwWmHq9d4MrorNXqSsN?usp=sharing>

Anyone can access the learning material at a time that suits them at home.

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

[sunayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com](mailto:sunayschool.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 the Google link to you in the email when new lesson is uploaded, you may register to Sunday School using this QR Code.



SCAN ME

### 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, **14 October: Josette & George Sukkar**

**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 McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the stairs near the new toilets).



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Dowsett Street & East Drive praying for their needs and intentions. "



Hearts on Fire  
FEET ON THE MOVE

**catholic MISSION**

Freecall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/timor

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

**Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.**

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

## 15 Oct 2023 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### First Reading [Isaiah 25:6-10](#)

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain,  
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people  
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,  
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.  
On this mountain he will remove the mourning  
veil covering all peoples, and the shroud en-  
wrapping all nations, he will destroy Death  
for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every  
cheek; he will take away his people's shame  
everywhere on earth,  
for the Lord has said so.  
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God  
in whom we hoped for salvation;  
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.  
We exult and we rejoice  
that he has saved us;  
for the hand of the Lord  
rests on this mountain.

### Responsorial Psalm [Ps 22. R. v.6](#)

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow  
me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## Second Reading [Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too.  
I have been through my initiation and now I am ready  
for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty  
stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot  
master with the help of the One who gives me  
strength. All the same, it was good of you to share  
with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil  
all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God  
can.

Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation [See Ephesians 1:17-18](#)

### Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

### Alleluia!

## Gospel [Matthew 22:1-14](#)

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the  
people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to  
a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent  
his servants to call those who had been invited, but  
they would not come. Next he sent some more  
servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said  
"that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and  
fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is  
ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not  
interested: one went off to his farm, another to his  
business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated  
them and killed them. The king was furious. He  
dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers  
and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants,  
"The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited  
proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the  
town and invite everyone you can find to the  
wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads  
and collected together everyone they could find, bad  
and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with  
guests. When the king came in to look at the guests  
he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding  
garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here,  
my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man  
was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind  
him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark,  
where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."  
For many are called, but few are chosen.'





### PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Kelvin Dark, Beatriz Nucum, Violet Bozic, Antoninette McGahan, Guy Cassar, Ben McNeill, 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:

Colin Chandler, Eddie Gallagher, Peg Denny, Norman Arena, Merle Kenna, Tony Redford, Agripino Estrellas, Maurice Sahlani, Abdullah Khoury, Giuseppe Roppolo, Angelo Rossetti, Leon Ung, George Coorey, Clare McBriarty, Jim O'Connor, Francesco Talotta.

**Anniversaries:** Ida Pagnaco, Celestina Sanna, Lino Maini, Luba Ancic, Joe Ancic, Betty Maguire, Maria Camuglia, Maria Iacono, Italo Giannoccolo, Frances Merenda Estela Agbuya, Jesus Cadiz, Pedro Inso, Chain Inso, Maria Rosa Mandile, Yvonne Lynch, Isidoro (John) De Fina, Enrique D. Burgos, Filippo Sollazzo, Simon Ghosen.

*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, 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*



### BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

**Wednesday 8th November 2023**  
**7:00pm. RSVP 4th November 2023**  
 Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz Ph: 0414 979 241; Myrna De La Pena Ph: 0490 410 896

## ROSTERS 21/22 October

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	G Reskakis	Ormerods
Commentator:	L Corbett	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Michelle	Pak
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	R Lansdown	Youth
Commentator:	J Deacon	
Acolyte	Michael	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



### 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: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.

### PARISH CALENDAR 2024

To assist in preparing the calendar, leaders of various ministries are requested to submit their dates for the calendar to the parish secretary, Katrina or Imelda by 30/11. Thank you in anticipation for your cooperation.

**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)**