



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 Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 22 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

In the ancient world, it was not uncommon for rulers to describe themselves as gods, claiming to have certain divine powers and qualities. The people of Israel would never allow their rulers to be called gods. There is only one God, the Lord. Their faith is expressed in today's psalm: "The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods (pagan rulers). The gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens."

The people of Israel were, however, tolerant of pagan rulers calling themselves gods. They saw these rulers as having a subordinate role in God's governance of the world. Through them, God's will could be accomplished among the peoples. A good example was Cyrus, the Persian king mentioned in today's first reading, whom the Jews saw as God's chosen instrument to liberate them from their exile in Babylon.

In our own day the leaders of nations have the power to effect good and promote the values of the kingdom of God. Not all leaders do this but there are many who strive to exercise wise and just leadership. There need not be an unbridgeable gulf between civil governance and the governance of God. In fulfilling our obligations toward the State, we can in fact be promoting the values of the kingdom of God. Respecting legitimate temporal authority is one means of paying homage to God, the only One to whom all praise and honour are due. *God's Word 2023*

ALL SAINTS' DAY MASS
WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER, 9:15AM
Blessing of the Shrine of Remembrance

ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES
THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER
9:15AM & 7:00PM

On behalf of our Lady of Fatima Parish Community, the Caring and Support Group invites you and your family members to attend a special Remembrance Mass to celebrate all deceased parishioners, family members and friends from the past year.

To be held on: Friday, 3 November, 6:30pm

*Dear Parishioners,
I will be retiring on the 20th October. I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation to the parishioners for all your kindness and the friendships I have made while working here at Our Lady of Fatima for the last fourteen years as the parish secretary. I also would like to thank Fr Casey for his guidance and support over the last eleven years & to my parish team for making it a pleasure to come to work. God Bless and thank you.*

Katrina

Congratulations Katrina!
Thank you for your 14 years of loyalty and dedicated service to the Parish.



God bless you and family.
Fr Casey, Staff, Parishioners and friends



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.

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-ninth week of ordinary time

23 Mon

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21 (473)

24 Tue

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38 (474)

25 Wed

Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48 (475)

26 Thu

Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53 (476)

27 Fri

Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59 (477)

28 Sat

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

Feast

BVM



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, Sunday School has placed flyers at the entrances of our church. The flyer includes a total of four lessons with QR code to access the learning materials. You may go through the materials with your children when you have spare time.

We all know about the crisis in the Holy Land. Please pray the Rosary with your children to ask Our Lady to intercede our prayer to God and ask God to intervene. May God replace the hearts of stone with hearts of love alone to those people with deep hatred. May God bless those people who sacrifice their lives to help the most vulnerable people there. God bless all!

ATTENTION READERS CHRISTMAS 2023

The next roster commences on 18/19 November and will cover the Christmas/January period. Please advise of any dates you are unavailable during that time, as it can be difficult for you to organise a swap at that time of year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. The Hobans.

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, **21 October: Hiam & Danny Sukkar**

"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Edward & Elizabeth Streets 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 McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the stairs near the new toilets).



catholic MISSION

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

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Marla Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrollina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Women's Social Support Group

EMAIL PROBLEMS

I am having trouble sending emails through to some of our group. The email addresses are @bigpond.com or @hotmail.com - they keep bouncing back.

This has been going on for a couple of weeks and I keep resending them, but sometimes they go through, other times they bounce back.

If you could please check if your mail boxes are full, or the problem is with my computer.

Please let me know by email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au by sending me a testing email.

I want to get this sorted out because you are missing out on coming events.

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.**



Women's Social Support Group **Christmas Party Dinner**

Date: **Wednesday 6th December 2023**

Location: **EBP RSL – The Creek Room**

Time: **6.30pm for 7pm**

Cost: **To be confirmed**

There will be a raffle and lucky door prizes.



Our Christmas Party is an open invitation for any woman in the

Parish who would like to attend. It would be really great to have you there.

Please RSVP by Friday 29th November 2023 to Veronica on 0412 216 166 or vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



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.



OUR YOUTH.....

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During our September youth group gathering, Father Casey blessed the meal before we commenced. The gathering centered around the theme of

"The Cross" with Tuione and Joe leading the discussion. They explored the various ways Catholics perceive the cross, whether as a religious symbol representing Jesus' sacrifice or simply as a piece of jewellery.

Throughout the session, we encouraged the youth to look up specific Bible verses, helping them develop their skills in using and reading the Bible for future gatherings. One of the key verses discussed was Romans 5:8, which states, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this, while we were still sinners Christ died for us." We also delved into the story of the Bronze Snake (Numbers 21:4-9), which serves as a powerful metaphor for God's grace, forgiveness, and the role of faith in bringing healing and salvation.

During the gathering, the youth engaged in open discussions about their perspectives on the cross and their emotional responses when looking at it. Some expressed feelings of gratitude, as the cross symbolised Jesus' sacrifice for sinners like themselves. Others associated it with the Catholic Church and the concept of forgiveness through confession. Following these discussions, which expanded the youth's understanding of the Cross, we concluded the gathering with team-building activities.

The youth were divided into two groups, and we organised four rounds of different activities. These included a crossword puzzle, a word search, trivia questions related to the crucifixion, and a spelling bee. Congratulations to Group 2 who were our all-rounder champions. To end our gathering, Father Casey offered a final blessing to the youth group.

October 29th, following the 5pm Sunday Mass

Pizza-making night!

We welcome old and new youth members participate our journey with Christ together.

Youth Christmas outing.

Early bird by 30/10 - \$20A or \$15A for Group;

Full fare - \$25A/\$15 U18/Free U5

Contact: please text 0410 074 989 Light dinner sponsored.

JOIN US



7:00PM

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

EASTFEST

PRESENTS

JOURNEY

WITH FR.
ROB GALEA

AT OUR LADY OF THE SACRED
HEART CHURCH RANDWICK

FOR MORE INFO & TO
BOOK YOUR TICKETS:
TRYBOOKING.COM/CLNRB

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*EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT AVAILABLE UNTIL OCT 31ST





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:
Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, 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:

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 Ravailion, 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:

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

Anniversaries: Mary Deacon, Maria Ierace, Ida Pagnaco, Celestina Sanna, Lino Maini, Luba Ancic, Joe Ancic, Betty Maguire, Maria Camuglia, Maria Iacono, Italo Giannocolo, Frances Merenda,.

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 before 12:00 noon on Thursdays. Thank you.



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 28/29 October

	5:00pm	8:30am
Reader:	Deadys	P Frederick
Commentator:	Deadys	N Linning
Acolyte:	Emily	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	F David	
Acolyte	Kelvin	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: G Floro, B Setiadji
Sun 8.30am	: I Policarpio
Sun 10.00am	: A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
Sun 5.00pm	: J Brown, A Chan, 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
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 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.

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

22 Oct 2023 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading [Isaiah 45:1,4-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v.7](#)

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation [Philippians 2:15. 16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Matthew 22:15-21](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

LET'S PRAY FOR ISRAEL

O God the creator of all life, we bring before you
all the people who call Israel and Palestine home.
We particularly remember those living in Jerusalem and Gaza
whose lives are marred by restrictions to their freedom,
the threat of eviction from their homes
and the constant fear of armed conflict.
We ask your forgiveness for the anger, hatred and violence
that all of us have the potential to carry within us.
We beseech you to soften hearts and open minds
so that the sanctity of life is always protected,
the right to freedom of worship upheld
and the security of a safe home defended.
We pray that justice will flow like rivers.
That human dignity will be respected and,
that each of us may strive to do justice,
love mercy and walk humbly with you our God. Amen