



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 21 January 2024

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

I'm usually an early riser, and it's rare that I oversleep. But when I do, it's always when I have a big commitment that day, or when I forgot to set my alarm—and you'll find me racing around trying to get everything together. We notice something similar in our readings today—in each story, there's a sort of 'deadline' or big commitment people are asked to meet. Jonah is called by God to urge the Ninevites to repent within forty days. Paul stresses to the Corinthians that time is short and they need to change their ways urgently. And Jesus proclaims that God's time has come, and calls Simon, Andrew, James and John, to follow him which they did without hesitation. It can be tempting to put off a chore we don't want to do, or an assignment or even just getting out of bed—but as our readings say, we can never put off following God and taking God's call into our hearts. Today, let's reflect: what might God be asking me to do today? Am I responding in the best possible way? *God's Word 2024*



**AUSTRALIA DAY MASS WILL BE AT
 9:15AM, FRIDAY,
 26 January 2024**

**NO EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
 SACRAMENT AND 12:00 NOON MASS
 OFFICE IS CLOSED**

Our Parish Calendars for the Year 2024 are now available in the church foyer or at the Parish Office. Please take a copy home. Thank you.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Assistant Priest: Fr Emmanuel Lubega

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Secretaries: TBA – Tuesday, Wednesday; Imelda Dela Cruz - **Secretary/Accounts** Monday, Thursday, Friday;

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

JANUARY 2024

Third week in ordinary time

22 Mon

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30 (317)

23 Tue

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35 (318)

24 Wed

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20 (319)

25 Thu

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

Feast

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 (519) Pss Prop

26 Fri

Australia Day

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 (520)/Mk 4:26-34 (321)

27 Sat

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin; BVM

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41 (322)

28 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 (71) Pss IV

ATTENTION READERS

The next roster is due to be issued at the end of the month. Please email the Hobans with any dates to be avoided. ALSO, it has been brought to our attention that a couple of recent Masses have not been covered. Please check your roster and arrange cover if you are unable to attend. Thank you.



Christ our Light Sunday School

Hi Parents and Children, Please note that there is a Sunday School flyer at the entrances of our Church.

[On the front page](#), there is a short survey to gather your view on the

continuation of Sunday School in 2024 year.

[On the back page](#), there are QR codes for accessing the learning materials for the last 6 lessons.

Christmas Season has ended, Jesus is always with us. It is still exciting for the children to read the Bible stories and complete the worksheets in those lessons during the long school holiday. If you need us to print the worksheets for you, please send us an email and we will print them out and place them at the foyer of OLF Church for you to pick up when you next go to church.

Best wishes for blessed and joyous New Year!

EXPECTANT PARENT BLESSING



The next Expectant Parent Blessing will be on Sunday 11 February at 10am mass, There will be Morning Tea provided after mass.

From Sacramental Coordinator: Sacrament of Confirmation—Information Afternoon

Dear families, I wanted to make a clarification for the Induction afternoon for information on the Sacrament of Confirmation. The present meeting will be on SUNDAY, 28th JULY at 4pm in the Clune Centre. After, there will be the Commitment Mass at 5pm in the church. Sorry about the confusion. I wish you a peaceful Christmas and I look forward to seeing the enrolments.

Reminder: Please submit your enrollments for the Sacramental Programs on or before 23rd January 2024.

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, 20 January Maria & Carmine Torrelli**

Dear Parishioners,
OLF Catholic Primary School gives high priority to Catholic families seeking enrolment for their children. The enrolment process for Kindergarten 2025 officially begins early next year, however, parents can choose to lodge an enrolment form online beforehand at <https://olfkingsgrove.syd.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/enrol-now>

Catholic families who are active members of the OLP Parish need to include a Parish Priest Reference form which is added to your enrolment application. The Parish Priest Enrolment Form is available as part of the online enrolment form. Please make an appointment to meet with Fr Casey to have this form completed. We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school!

Anthony Weir—School Principal



We still have a few copies left of God's Word 2024 for sale. 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'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.



Theatre Parties Organised by The Women's Social Support Group

The cast consists of Anthony Warlow (Billy Flynn) Zoe Ventura (Velma Kelly) Lucy Mauder (Roxie Hart) Peter Rowsthorn (Amos Hart) Asabi Goodman as Matron 'Mama' Morton.

Theatre: Capitol Theatre Sydney
Date: Wednesday 12th June, 2024
Session: 1pm.
Tickets \$71.00 per person.
(seats are all in the stalls).
RSVP by: Monday 25th March, 2024
Payment by: Monday 8th April, 2024

These Theatre Parties are open to all in the Parish.
If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please contact Veronica on mob 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



Theatre Parties Organised by The Women's Social Support Group

Sunset Blvd

Theatre: Sydney Opera House,
Joan Sutherland Theatre
Date: Saturday 28th September, 2024
Session: 2pm.
Tickets Three different types of seats available for this Theatre Party. The seats are in stalls & Dress Circle.
Stalls: \$183.00 per person (16 seats)
Dress Circle \$148.00 per person (12 seats)
Dress Circle \$105.00 per person (12 seats).

The Opera House only offers limited seats to Ticketmaster and the group concessions are the prices above. So if you want tickets for any of these seats, let me know as soon as possible.

RSVP by: Friday 12th July, 2024

Payment by: Friday 19th July, 2024

If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please contact Veronica on mob 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



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:

Kenny Leung, Jenny Fulton, Shiela Kovacs, Frank Brown, Geoff Buckley, Beatriz Nucum, Violet Bozic, Antoninette McGahan, Guy Cassar, Ben McNeill, Merci Valix, Antoinette Taza, Marie Toutounji, , 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, 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 Ravaillion, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Raigan Kerr, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

John Quan, Arlene De Leon,, Claire Baroni, Peter Pham Cuong, Simplicia Aawayan, Grace Veronica Atmadi, Concettina Micalizzi, Laurie Alquist, Maria Alicandro, Alegria Nelmda, Lina Feliciano, Noel Gacusan, Michael Spinks.

Anniversaries: Jesus & Felicidad Cadiz, Pedro Lumapac Snr, Maura Lumapac, Maria Alicandro, Paul Deacon, Noel Freeman, Arcadia Soriano, Maria Aleixo, Crisanta Maia.

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 of Gener-Jasmin family; deceased Betty & Laurie Maguire, Joan and John Buckley 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.



NO BAPTISM PREPARATION IN JANUARY 2024

The first one for 2024 is on Thursday, 1st February 2024, 7:00pm. RSVP 28 Jan 2024

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz, ph 0414 979 241; Myrna De La Pena, ph 0490 410 896

ROSTERS 27/28 January 2024

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| | 5:00pm | 8.30am |
| Reader: | K Doherty | N Linning |
| Commentator: | P Simon | Rana Mn |
| Acolyte: | Emily | Leslie |

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| | 10:00am | 5:00pm |
| Reader: | Kalifa Family | Youth |
| Commentator: | Kalifa Family | |
| Acolyte | Michael | Kelvin |

Altar Servers:

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| Sat Vigil | : | P Brunet, A Shen |
| Sun 8.30am | : | T & S-R Bassil |
| Sun 10.00am | : | A & J Faddoul, S Sicari |
| Sun 5:00pm | : | E Loho, 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 Servers 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 safeguarding@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 Kingsland and Kingsgrove Roads praying for their needs and intentions. "

Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

is now in Summer recess and we will recommence 6:30pm on Monday, 29 January 2024. Mark the date in your calendar and join us in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre.

(entry via the stairs near the new toilets).

Enquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.