



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 28 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)



LECTION

Our readings today are all about listening. Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet from among them, who will speak in God's name and with authority, and that it's to him they'll need to listen. Our responsorial psalm urges us to open our hearts to God's voice. Paul encourages the people of Corinth to free themselves from worry and to listen to God—he promotes the single life as a way to be fully focused on the Lord's affairs. And our Gospel reading describes an encounter in the synagogue in Capernaum, where we find Jesus teaching with authority and driving out unclean spirits. While the onlookers aren't sure what it all means, they recognise Jesus brings authority and a teaching they have never heard before. Today, let's reflect: what do I hear God is saying to me today? How well do I listen?

God's Word 2024

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.



**Friday, 2
 February 2024,
 12:00 noon**

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

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GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

JANUARY 2024

Fourth week in ordinary time

29 Mon

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 (323)

30 Tue

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43 (324)

31 Wed

Saint John Bosco, Priest

Memorial

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 (325)

FEBRUARY 2024

1 Thu

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)

2 Fri

The Presentation of the Lord

Feast

Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524) Pss Prop

3 Sat

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop; BVM

1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)

4 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 (74) Pss 1

CATECHIST SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

Next weekend, we celebrate Catechist Sunday when we give public recognition and support to our volunteer catechists who perform an important role in the following ways:

- As catechists to the Catholic children in Kingsgrove Public School
- As catechists and helpers for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children (RCIA & RCIC)
- Sunday school

A rite of commitment and commissioning for our volunteer catechists and helpers will be performed by Father at Saturday's vigil 5:00pm mass, 27 January, after the homily.

If you would like to take on a role as a volunteer catechist or helper, please contact the Parish Office for referral to the relevant person.

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.

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, 27 January 2024 Mira Pernar**



Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School will hold a planning meeting for 2024 **on 3 Feb (Sat) at 10:30am in the Parish meeting room.**

All interested parents/adults

who like to give suggestions/requests to the Sunday School Team are welcome to join the meeting.

For enquiry, please send email to us at

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com

or send message to 0413 096 960

We wish to walk the faith journey with the children of OLF Parish. God bless all!

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 OLF 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, 2nd week of February to have this form completed.

We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school!

Anthony Weir—School Principal

As we are drawing close to the Lenten Season, the Parish Renewal Team has created a Lenten Companion to support the Faithful of Sydney as they meditate upon the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. This can be used as a resource within the context of of a Parish Lenten group, or for own individual or family prayer. It is entitled **REPENT AND BELIEVE: Be Filled With the Love of God.**

Copies are available at the church foyer or Parish office from this weekend.. Please take a copy home.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 28 Jan 2024

First Reading *Deuteronomy 18:15-20* A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them all I command.

Moses said to the people: "Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9*

(R.) If today, you hear 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 kneel 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 *1 Corinthians 7:32-35* A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the

world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mark 1:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.
Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

FIGHT POVERTY WITH YOUR USED STAMPS

Every year, we collect stamps for 'Mary Mackillop Today' (MMT) who recycle used stamps to give disabled children an education in Papua New Guinea, fund training programs for poor women to learn life skills in Peru and provide vital health care to poor communities in Timor-Leste.

We have a box at the church foyer to put in your used stamps or give them at the Parish Office.



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:

Ashok Naidu, Ronald Singh, Aboud Sarkis, Kenny Leung, Jenny Fulton, Shiela Kovacs, Frank Brown, Geoff Buckley, Fernando Nucum Jr, Violet Bozic, Antoninette McGahan, Guy Cassar, Ben McNeill, Mercı 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 Ravaillon, Steven Holman, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, James Crito, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, Raigan Kerr, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Luigi Cinelli, Helene Geagea, Winifred Gale, John Quan, Arlene De Leon,, Claire Baroni, Peter Pham Cuong, Simplicia Awayan, Grace Veronica Atmadi, Concettina Micalizzi, Laurie Alquist, Maria Alicandro, Alegria Nelmida, Lina Feliciano.

Anniversaries: Phyllis Abela, Chantelle Delboe, Lisa Stragapede, 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 Tran family, 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 3/4 February 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Henderson	E Russo
Commentator:	L Corbett	P Frederick
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Pak

	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	R Lansdown	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte	Wilson	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	H Choi, A Tsoi
Sun 8.30am	:	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	B Setiadji, J Lacorcıa
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 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/XuQFRsvq3BYtXqT9> 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.



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

Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group is in Summer recess and we will recommence 6:30pm tomorrow, Monday, 29 January 2024. Please 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.