



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B, 31 Dec. 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)



### RELECTION

The Gospel reading on this feast centres on the family that is attuned to God. Luke presents Joseph and Mary as particularly faithful to the tradition of their people. Joseph and Mary bring the Child Jesus to the Temple in obedience to the law of the Lord. "Every first born male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord." As the first born son (Lk 2:7), Jesus is consecrated to the Lord as the law requires (Ex 13:2, 12). While holding the child Jesus in his arms, the old man Simeon blesses God who has fulfilled his promise of salvation—"a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel." When they have fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law, they return to Nazareth where Jesus will spend 30 years of 'hidden life' - waiting for the hour of his manifestation to Israel.

On 5 Jan 1964, speaking in the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, St Paul V1 gave this beautiful message, "May Nazareth teach us what the family is, in its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character! Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation which one receives here is gentle and irreplaceable, and that, on the social level, it is primordial and without comparison.

Oh Nazareth, home of the 'carpenter's son'! It is here that we would like to understand and celebrate the hard and redemptive law of human work; to re-establish the consciousness of the noble value of labour, to remember that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and nobility, in addition to its economic value, come from the values that underlie its end. And in this place, we wish to salute all the workers of the world and show them their great model, their divine brother, the prophet of all their just causes: CHRIST OUR LORD" *God's Word 2023*

May the faith of God  
 be with you this year.  
 May the peace of God  
 surround you,  
 and may you be blessed  
 each day!

*Happy New Year*

**Please note: Parish Office will be opened on Tuesday, 2 January 2024. Office hours will resume to 8:30am to 2:30pm, Tuesday to Friday. Monday Closed. Our new email address: [kingsgroveolf@gmail.com](mailto:kingsgroveolf@gmail.com).**

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**Assistant Priest: Fr Emmanuel Lubega**

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

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## GROWING IN FAITH

### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B  
JANUARY 2024

**1 Mon**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord  
Solemnity (not a Holyday of Obligation this year)  
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18) Pss Prop

**2 Tue**  
**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
Memorial  
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205) Pss I

**3 Wed**  
**The Most Holy Name of Jesus**  
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)

**4 Thu**  
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42 (207)

**5 Fri**  
1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51 (208)

**6 Sat**  
1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38 (209)

**7 SUN**  
**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
Solemnity  
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20) Pss Pro

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2023/2024 MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, 30 December**  
**9:15am—Morning Mass**  
**5:00pm Vigil Mass**

**NEW Year's Eve**  
**Sunday, 31 December**  
Normal Sunday schedule.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**Monday, 1 January 2024 Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God**  
10:00am - New Year's Day Mass

**NO EVENING 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.

### 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, 30 December Teddy & Morris Mukasa**

### Mass to mark the Anniversary of the Death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

DATE: Wednesday 10 January, 2024.

TIME: 10 am

VENUE: St Brigid's Church, Cnr Brook and Waltham Streets, Coogee.

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT: Bishop Emeritus Terry Brady

Following the Mass, you are invited to morning tea in the parish hall. There will then be an opportunity for private prayer at Eileen's tomb in Dudley Street, Coogee.

All are welcome

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://olkingsgrove.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

**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.**



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 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024  
**Session:** 1pm.  
**Tickets** \$71.00 per person.  
(seats are all in the stalls).  
**RSVP by:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024  
**Payment by:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024  
**Payment by:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Ravailion, 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:**

Alegria Nelmda, Lina Feliciano, Noel Gacusan, Michael Spinks, Gloria Tuazon Songco, Cecilia Hadipraja, Therese Cardinali, Michelle Lewis, April Scibarras, Eileen Monaghan, Paolo Meduro (Maria La Spada's father), Kelvin Dark, Colin Chandler, Eddie Gallagher, Peg Denny.

**Anniversaries:** Arcadia Soriano, Maria La Spada Snr, Joshua Callaghan, Crisanta Maia, Maria Aleixo, Vittorio Stendardo, Vincent Camuglia.

*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, Ces, Myrtle Norris, Louie Pretti, Rita Naughton, Hizon-Consunji family 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 6/7 January 2024**

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	Deady's	Rana MN
Commentator:	Deady's	N Linning
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Pak
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte	Wilson	Michael

**Altar Servers:**

Sat Vigil	: P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am	: T & S-R Bassil
Sun 10.00am	: B Setiadji, A Lontos
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 [safeguardingequities@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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 give thanks and pray for all visitors and our faith family members who are celebrating the Christmastide with us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Bless them, protect them and fulfil their needs. We also pray for protection over our parishioners who are travelling.

**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.**

# Sunday 31 Dec 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

## First Reading Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3

### A reading from the book of Genesis

*Your own son shall be your heir.*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'.

'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

### **(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! **(R.)**
2. Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. **(R.)**
3. Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. **(R.)**
4. He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name

will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## **Gospel Acclamation** *Hebrews 1:1-2*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.

**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel** *Luke 2:22-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master,  
you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans  
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.