

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 Epiphany of the Lord Year B, 7 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

Anyone who's been on a long journey—think a long car trip with kids! - knows the joy and relief of arriving at their destination, of unpacking and of simply resting at the end of a long day. I think this sort of joy was felt by the wise men, too. We read that seeing the star filled them with delight. It was a sign of hope. Their long journey was ending, and their destination was nearing. They had found what they had been searching for, perhaps for many years, and recognized the sign of God's presence in the star and in the child Jesus with his mother Mary. Today, let's reflect: What signs of God's presence do I notice in my own life? Do they fill me with joy?

God's Word 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME TO VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

(If you would like to register in the parish, please fill out this form and put it in the collection basket and we will mail you a registration form or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email address: _____

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

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Chouefati: pastoralcareolf@gmail.com

Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

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

8 Mon

The Baptism of the Lord

Feast

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
or, in Year B, Is 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11 (21) Pss
Prop

9 Tue Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
or 1 Sm 1:1-8 (305) and 1:9-20 (306)/Mk 1:14-20 (305)
and 1:21-28 (306) Pss I

10 Wed

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

11 Thu

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

12 Fri

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

13 Sat

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

14 SUN SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 (65)
Pss II



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.

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, 6 January Sian & Leslie Phua**

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://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

George Cardinal Pell AC - 1 Year Memorial Mass

All are welcome to attend the mass and pray at the Cardinal's tomb in the crypt.

DATE: Wednesday, 10 January 2024

TIME: 5:30 pm

VENUE St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney



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 Ravallion, 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:

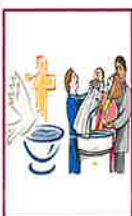
Alegria Nelmidia, Lina Feliciano, Noel Gacusan, Michael Spinks, Gloria Tuazon Songco, Cecilia Hadiprja, Therese Cardinali, Michelle Lewis, April Scibarras, Eileen Monaghan, Paolo Meduro (Maria La Spada's father), Kelvin Dark, Colin Chandler, Eddie Gallagher, Peg Denny.

Anniversaries: 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 Juan & Estela Agbuya, 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 13/14 January 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	G Reskakis	N Linning
Commentator:	L Corbett	T Spata
Acolyte:	Michelle	Leslie

	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	A Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	M Nigem	
Acolyte	Jeremy	Kelvin

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	H Choi, A Tsoi
Sun 8.30am	:	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	D Yazbeck, O Repice
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 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.

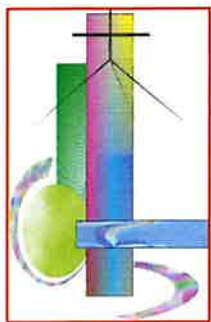


As a caring faith community, we give thanks and pray for all visitors and our faith family members who are celebrating the Christmastide with us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Bless them, protect them and fulfil their needs. We also pray for protection over our parishioners who are travelling.

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.



OLF PARISHIONERS' DEATH ANNIVERSARIES MONTH OF JANUARY

1st January

Edward Sims

Fernando Fagnani

Eileen Brown

2nd January

Robert Connors

Tecla Menegus

3rd January

Marie Marter

Mary McDermott

Trudy Moody

James Rowe

4th January

Noel Freeman

5th January

Lillian Porter

Kathleen Harrisch

Angela Caruso

Carmel Hoban

6th January

Jessie Hogan

Ann Morrissey

Paul Deacon

Damon Cordi

John Flanagan

7th January

Bruce Cramley

8th January

Amy Kelso

Kenneth Cherry

Rosina Tarantolo

Edna Clune

Monica Cherry

Caroline Braga

9th January

Rita Earley

Ruth Field

Rita Earley

Ruth Field

10th January

Lorenzo Gianotta

Ronald Watson

11th January

Anthony Sheehan

Kevin Dale

12th January

Anthony Van Beers

Charlie Dix

Wan Kie Har

Mary Rose Pohl

13th January

James Porter

George Schembri

Antoinetta Condoluci

Veronica Barker

Enid Marint

14th January

Winifred Morris

Wilhemia Bentley

15th January

Fortunee Dorman

Carl Morrissey

John Twyford

Nell Garretty

Patrick Robinson

Eileen Derrig

Chiara Di Francesco

16th January

Beny Di Franco

Violet Hennessy

Noel Spinks

17th January

Herbert McDonough

Bill Humphreys

Jack Morris

18th January

Thomas Earley

James Brown

Veronica Barker

Bertha Long

Charles Dix

Jan Baty

19th January

Antonino Sgroi

Nancy Taylor

Noeline Fitzgerald

John Foxe

20th January

Mal McQuillan

Dorothy Boyten

John Courtney

Ray Welsh

John Thompson

Giovanna Di Pasqua

Francesco Mazzucco

Ronald Watson

21st January

Francis Swain

Anna-Maria Van Beers

William D'Arcy

Arthur Bell

Jang Yee Lee

22ND January

Francis Kent

Sister St John (Catherine McDermott)

Anne Bowcock

Dino Priori

Catherine Dey

23RD January

Geraldine Fitzsimmons

Helen Roche

Joyce Munro

John O'Donoghue

Victor Xuereb

Ronald Mitchell

24TH January

Edna Ryan

Joseph Patiniott

Horace Laker

25th January

Mother M Loreto osu

Catherine Buckley

Mary Lowe

26th January

Herbert Manning

Hercules Malesci

May Harris

Gertrude Elvers

27th January

Gladys Greene

Giuseppe Tesoriero

28th January

Andrew Popplewell

29th January

John Stanley

Giuseppe Viglianti

Raymond Sharpe

30th January

Thelma Bergerson

Fiorani Protasi

Ofelia Sadio

Martinus Setiawan

31st January

Gregory Henderson

Kevin Alting

Wayne Sweeney

Bik Sam Chan

The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 07 January 2024

First Reading *Isaiah 60:1-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.