



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 4 February 2024

MASS TIMES

Monday: Closed Tuesday: 9:15am Wednesday: 9:15am Thursday: 9.15am Friday: 12noon

Saturday: 9.15am & Vigil

5.00pm

8:30am 10am & Sunday:

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

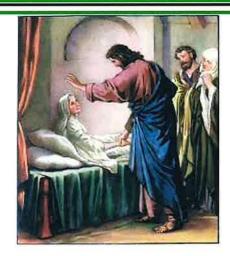
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Weddings: By Appointment (Please call Parish Office)



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.



RELECTION

Like the other evangelists, Mark records many occasions in which Jesus heals people stricken with serious illnesses and brings wholeness to people handicapped by bodily defects. In today's Gospel, it is Peter's mother-in-law who is the subject of his compassionate ministrations. Mark goes a step further in proclaiming the Good News by highlighting how frequently Jesus also brings freedom to those who are bedevilled and enslaved by maladies that afflict the human spirit. In our lives, this servitude can take many forms—destructive addictions, compulsive behaviour, habits of serious sin, envy of others, greed, self centredness and bigotry, to mention just a few. Committed to amending our lives in whatever impedes our relationship with God and our neighbour, let us humbly stand before Jesus and ask for healing of mind, body and spirit and release from our personal demons. In this connection, Paul offers us good advice: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty with which Christ has made us free. and be not entangled again with the voke of bondage" God's Word 2024

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.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 04 Feb 2024 First Reading Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the book of Job

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?
Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

- Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.)
- 2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)
- Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

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

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all

men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

February 2024

Fifth week in ordinary time

5 Mon

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Memorial

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 (329)

6 Tue

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Memorial

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 (330)

7 Wed

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 (331)

8 Thu

Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 (332)

9 Fri

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 (333)

10 534

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Memoria

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 (334)

11 SUN SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45 (77) Pss II

Christ our Light Sunday School



Sunday School is back in mid Feb 2024 after children have settled in well in their day school.

If your child is in Kindy to Year 10, please use the below QR Code to register. Old students

are required to re-register please. We will provide further information via email after receiving your registration.

For enquiry, please send email to us at

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com or send txt message to 0413 096 960.

We look to walking the faith journey with your children. God bless all!



CATECHIST SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

This 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, 3rd February, 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.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Would you like to be a Children's Liturgy Leader? We are looking for catechists who can be part of our 2024 roster to teach at least one session during the Sunday 10am Mass. No experience is required, and all material is supplied to you. Please contact Bernadette via email to be part of the list: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

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 look forward to seeing the enrolments.

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, from 2nd week of February to have

this form completed.
We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful school!

Anthony Weir—School Principal



The Men's Circle

The Men's Circle is where men can gather regularly and grow in their faith with Catholic fellowship. The Men's Circle follows a process to creates a space for men to share their thoughts, their feelings, what is difficult and what is joyful in their lives. The group is underpinned by a Catholic spirituality that will guide the group through prayer, Sacrament and hospitality.

If you are over 18 and seeking fellowship with other Catholic men please consider coming to "The Men's Circle". We will meet, share and proceed to dinner.

Details:

When: Tuesday, 20 February 2024

Where: Clune Centre, 89 Shaw Street Kingsgrove

Start: 7:00pm Food: TBA

Please RSVP to John Finneran on 0430 317 826 by 18 February. We hope to see you

there.

On Sunday 11th February, we would like to invite the Parish for a small celebration for the 2024 Luna New Year. A performance will be held at the front of the Parish grass after the 10am Mass. The demonstration will have a Lion dance to welcome the New Year and for all to enjoy. We wish our community a faithful and prosperous New Year ahead.



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.

Seasons of Renewal – Lent and Easter: How to evangelise throughout the year

Join the Parish Renewal Team online to explore practical ideas that parishes can implement during Lent and Easter so that others may come to share in the joy and hope that only Christ can give. All welcome!

DATES: Wednesday, 7 February, 12:30 – 1:30 pm. To register for the workshop,

visit www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

Jesus, Light of the World Communities

PRAYER Gathering (Every SATURDAY)

2.30 pm Rosary; 3:00 Praise and Worship; 3:30 Talk

4:30 Prayer Ministry

Speakers:

Brian Welsh - 03 Feb 2024

Fr Rey Sentillas, MI – 10 Feb 2024

Marina George – 17 Feb 2024

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St., Rockdale, NSW

2216 (Parking entrance at Parker St.)

Enquiries:

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<u>OLF PARISH PILGRIM STATUE</u>

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, 3 February 2024 Mimi & Cesar De Vega

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.



Parish Courses for Liturgical Ministers in 2024

Courses	Dates	Venue
Readers	15 th and 22 nd February 2024	
	6pm-9pm	St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
	Thursday	
Readers	17 th and 24 th February 2024	
	9:30am - 12:30pm	St Joseph, Belmore
	Saturday	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Refresher	21st February 2024	St Therese, Denistone
	6:30pm - 9:30pm	
	Wednesday	
Acolytes	28 th February, 6 th and 13 th	St Therese, Denistone
	March 2024	
	6:30pm - 9:30pm	
	Wednesday	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	29 th February, 7 th and 14 th	St Thomas More, Brighton-Le Sands
	March 2024	
	6:00pm - 9:00pm	
	Thursday	
	2 nd and 9 th March 2024	St Joseph, Riverwood
Sacristans	10am - 1pm	
	Saturday	
	6 th , 13 th and 20 th April 2024	St Thomas More, Brighton-Le- Sands
Acolytes	Session 1: 9:30am - 12:30pm	
	Sessions 2 & 3: 9:00am -	
	12:00pm	
	Saturday	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	11 th , 18 th and 24 th April 2024	
	6pm - 9pm	St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
	Thursday	
Readers	2 nd and 9 th May	
	6pm - 9pm	St Martha, Leichhardt
	Thursday	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	21 st and 28 th May, 4 th June	St Martha, Leichhardt
	2024	
	6pm - 9pm	
	Tuesday	
Sacred Music- Cantors and Musicians	25 th May and 1 st June 2024	
	9am - 2:30pm	ТВС
	Saturday	

- To enrol, please contact the Liturgy Office at liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org; Ph. 9307 8360
- Please note that priority in enrolments will need to be given to the parish hosting the event
- Please note that there will be more courses for liturgical ministers offered in the second part of 2024



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:

Cesare Tasselli, 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, 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:

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: Felix Mahinay Sy, Stuart Reed, Phyllis Abela, Chantelle Delboe, Lisa Stragapede, Jesus & Felicidad Cadiz, Pedro Lumapac Snr, Maura Lumapac, Maria Alicandro,

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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 6th March, 8:00pm RSVP by 3rd March 2024 Coordinators: Tom & Tina Coorey, phones 9150 6016; 0423 854 633

ROSTERS 10/11 February 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	M Millen	Rana MN
Commentator:	J Deady	S Fisher
Acolyte:	Christopher	Anthony

10:00am 5:00pm Reader: A Sicari Youth

Commentator: J Deacon

Acolyte Jeremy Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil 📑 G Floro, A Speranza

Sun 8.30am C & N Badr

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/9ebT3voEAttP7P8R9 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/

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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 equiles@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.

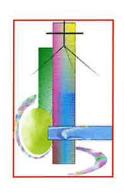


"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Lundy Avenue and Laycock Street praying for their needs and intentions. "

Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group had resumed every Monday. 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.



OLF PARISHIONERS' DEATH ANNIVERSARIES MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1st February

Peggy Finnimore Palmina Agresti

2nd February

Arnold Scott
Ettie Hunter
Patrick Greene
Angela Faccini
Leonard Walters

3rd February

Brian Kennedy John Sesta Leonardo Chionchio Aileen Poulton

4th February

Judith Pearson Carmine Buda

5th February

Dominic Pisanu William Hewitt Michael Gannon Jaroslava Mysak Norma Balzer Salvatore Ippolito Guido Di Mattia

> **6th February** Jim O'Mara

7th February

Paul Welsh Patrick Greene Nestor Reforma

8th February

Kenneth Milliss Gordon Rorison Peggy Collins

9th February

Joseph Grier Jenny Faccini Sr Julian Williams osu Angelica Triania

10th February

Clem Hill Claire Mapps

11th February

Emma Scott
Terence Kenyon
Charles Constantine
Raymond Lake
Rosina Certoma
George Ghostine
Guido Mattia

12th February

Cornelius Dunn Raphael Kenna John English David Wastie

13th February

Keith Leonard Maria Galletta Rhoda Adams Andrew Doyle Veronica Barker

14th February

Henry Pritchard Jean Harradine Catherine Kent Kevin Turner

Lily Ryan

15th January

Gaspari Valenti Marianna lacono Robert Stanley Herbert Burns

17th February

Laszlo Kovacs Rose Robertson Carmen Cuschieri

18th February

Henri Gauci

19th February

Vincenzo Colagiuri Josephine Barbato James Carroll Antonio Pinto

20th February

William McDonald Norma Prout

21st February

Lucy Crossland Maureen Kane

22ND February

John McCafferty Lucia Natoli

23RD February

Reginald Clarke Rachael Metcalfe Joan Neilson

24[™] February

Frederick Goodwin Winifred Brooks Mark Brennan

Victor Crowder

25th February

Frances Nolan Angela Tusa Patricia Browne Lloyd Talbot Mary Brown

26th February

Shirley Grill

27th February

Edward Kearney
Madeline Thomas
Rosaleen Byrne
Josephine Cullen
Giuseppe Tesoriero
Maria Gregorio
Maria Villareal

28th February

Margorie Hanson

29th February

Joan Hamilton Joseph Patterson