

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, 11 February 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)



RELECTION

People afflicted with leprosy and similar skin diseases were regarded as untouchables in the Jewish society of Jesus' day. In keeping with the law (see today's first readings), they had to proclaim their uncleanness publicly and keep their distance from all but their kind. Today's Gospel story, narrated with an economy of detail, poignantly captures the pariah status of one such unfortunate man. No onlookers are identified; there are only two characters—the leper in need of compassion and Jesus mercifully responsive to his need. In a sense, Jesus takes upon himself the uncleanness of the leper; for in touching him, he renders himself, according to the Law, ritually impure. In our own day, there are classes of people who are bracketed out by society—outcasts, judged harshly as inferior beings by law-abiding citizens and condemned to lead lives of conspicuous misery. Even as we stand by them in faith and love, we can make our own the leper's prayer: "Lord, if you want to, you can cure me."

God's Word 2024



ASH WEDNESDAY (Beginning of Lent) 14 February

**Mass times : 9:15am &
7:00pm**

Day of fasting and abstinence except for over 60 years old and those with medical conditions.

Position Vacant - Parish Secretary

This position is available at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove. A part-time opportunity working 21 hours per week, 8.30am - 3pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. For more information contact **Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.**

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, Thursday; Imelda Dela Cruz - **Secretary/Accounts** Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; **Youth Coordinator:** TBA

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First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,
whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord
imputes no guilt,
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;
my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess
my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,
exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy,
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

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

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mark 1:40-45**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

LENTEN SEASON SERVICES 2024

Ash Wednesday, 14 February, 9:15am and 7:00pm.
(Beginning of Lent) Observe fasting & abstinence

Stations of the Cross Every Friday from
16 February, 11:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday, 2nd March Lenten OLF Parish Retreat
9:15am—Mass
10:30am to 2:30pm
Speaker—Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD,
Carmelite

Wednesday: 13 March

2nd Rite of Reconciliation, 7:00pm

Tuesday, 19 March, 6:30pm, Rehearsal Night for
Holy Week Services

Saturday, 23 March, Working Bee, after 9:15am
mass

Saturday Vigil, 23 March, 5:00PM; Sunday, 24
March, 8:30AM, 10:00AM & 5:00PM:

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Solemn Entry & Blessing of Palms at all Masses
outside in St Francis' Courtyard. You can bring your own
palm for blessing. Palms will be available in the Church to
be distributed by volunteers.

Holy Thursday: 28 Mar 7.00pm (Easter Triduum)

Mass of The Lord's Supper & Washing of
the Feet. (Exposition of The Holy Eucharist
right after mass)

Adoration in the Church until 12:00midnight

No morning Mass in parishes and in

OLF; Chrism Mass at St Mary's Cathedral,
10:00am;

(pray for the priests as they renew their
Priestly vows)

Good Friday: 29 March, 10:00am Stations of
the Cross

3pm - Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion (Fasting & Abstinence, exemption
for those who are sick or over 60)

Holy Saturday: 30 March No morning mass; 9:00 to

11:30am RCIA Ritual of Reconciliation;

7pm Easter Vigil Celebration;

Blessing of the fire; Baptism of the
Catechumens

Easter Sunday: 31 March - 8.30am, & 10.00am

(NO AFTERNOON MASS)

HAPPY EASTER!

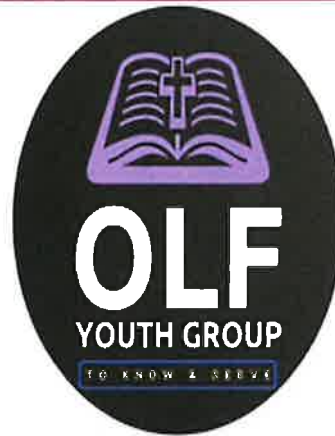
Seasons of Renewal—Lent & Easter: How to evangelise

All welcome to join online discussion on practical ideas that
we can implement to share the joy and hope that following
Christ brings:

Friday 16 February 10:00 to 11:00am

Thursday 22 February 2:00 to 3:00pm; Please register:

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events



WE INVITE YOU TO Our Lady of Fatima Youth Group

When: Last Sunday of each month. Directly after 5pm Youth
Mass

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall

Who: Year 6 to High School

Duration: 6:10- 8pm

There will be food provided, games, fellowship, talks, outings
and many more exciting plans installed for this year!

Join us on our first gathering
on the 25th Feb, our topic will
be "Stations of the Cross"



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**PROJECT COMPASSION
FOR ALL FUTURE
GENERATIONS**

Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February Please
take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation
envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten
season and help support vulnerable people around the
world, now and for all future generations. With your
support, Caritas Australia has been able to support
vulnerable communities around the world to tackle
poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation
and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for
all. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face
their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for
all future generations. You can donate through Project
Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at
the church foyer, or by visiting caritas.org.au/
projectcompassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B
February 2024

Sixth week in ordinary time

12 Mon

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)

13 Tue

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)

14 Wed

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Pss IV

15 Thu after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)

16 Fri after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)

17 Sat after Ash Wednesday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Commemoration

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)

18 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15 (23) Pss I

EXPECTANT PARENT BLESSING

It will be this Sunday, 11 February at 10am mass.

There will be Morning Tea provided after mass.



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OPPORTUNITY ON OUR DOORSTEP

Last week's Bulletin contained details of training for ministry. Current readers and anyone interested in exploring this ministry are advised that a course is available at **St Joseph's Belmore on 17th and 24th February (Saturdays) 9:30 to 12:30, enrol at: liturgyassistant@sydneycatholic.org, ph 9307 8360**

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

Sunday School & Parent Fellowship

How can we help our kids and family form strong faith and trust in God that will last throughout their lives?



***** Sunday School resumes IN-PERSON on 3 Mar 2024 *****

After receiving suggestions from parishioners, we have decided to hold In-person Sunday School on the 1st Sunday of the month

from 11:00-11:30am in the Clune Centre after 10am Mass. Children will attend a tailored program focusing on forming a close relationship with God through Bible stories and prayer, while adults will have a cuppa and sharing.

All are welcome. Please register using the QR code to receive an online introductory session and regular updates. We strongly encourage your in-person attendance, however monthly online materials will be made available for those who cannot meet in person.

For enquiry, please send email to sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com or send text message to 0413 096 960



SCAN ME

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 create 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.

This 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 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.

Lenten Retreat Day

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH

Facilitator: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD, Carmelite

9:15am Mass

9:45am Tea/Coffee

10:15am start session till 2:30pm

With lunch break and reconciliation.

All Welcome Please register at Parish Office for catering purposes. Thank you.

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:

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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Email : jlowcommunity@gmail.com

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, 10 February 2024 Mary and Hugh Seeto**

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.



LENTEN PENANCE

In this season of Lent, we seek to experience the mercy of God the Father, and to practice it in our daily lives. But first we must experience *our need for mercy*, that is, our brokenness and, indeed, our sinfulness, insofar as we have failed to love God above all, and to love our fellow men and women as ourselves. This is why the Church's Canon Law reaffirms the obligation to do penance – to interrupt the usual comforts of life, to rediscover in prayer the merciful love of God, and to practice charity and justice towards those in need. The special times of penance are all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent.

We recall that St John the Baptist prepared for the coming of the Lord by “preaching a baptism of repentance”. Jesus began his ministry with the exhortation: “Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mk 1:15). Repentance means the rejection of sin. It implies conversion to, and reconciliation with, God. Prayer, self-denial, and works of charity are the concrete expressions of repentance. Each of these identifies us more closely with our Saviour. By penance we make satisfaction for our sins, and take real steps in the renewal of our lives. Repentance and conversion are central, on-going, and even daily practices of Christian living.

In nominating special times of penance, the Church encourages and promotes in all of us the *habit* of penance. Furthermore, observance of these special times by all Catholics throughout the universal Church emphasises what we call “the social dimension of sin”. The sin of the individual member always in some measure infects the whole body. Therefore during Lent and on every Friday throughout the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take very seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence; in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choice. We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, *must* be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
 - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENT LASTS FROM ASH WEDNESDAY (14th FEBRUARY) TO THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (28th MARCH). ON GOOD FRIDAY AND, IF POSSIBLE, ALSO ON HOLY SATURDAY UNTIL THE EASTER VIGIL, THE EASTER FAST IS OBSERVED.

PASCHAL PRECEPT

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday, 14th February, and Trinity Sunday, 26th May, 2024 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

St. Mary's Cathedral
SYDNEY
14th February 2024

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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 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:

Adam Feliciano, Gil Ilagan, Luigi Cinelli, Helene Geagea, Winifred Gale, John Quan, Arlene De Leon, Claire Baroni, Peter Pham Cuong, Simplicia Awayan, Grace Veronica Atmadi, Concettina Micalizzi.

Anniversaries: Jaroslava Mysak, Frank Mysak, Rosina Certoma, George Ghostine, Santo Livolski, 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 17/18 February 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Henderson	Ormerods
Commentator:	B Deady	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Emily	Leslie

	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	M Nigem	Youth
Commentator:	F David	
Acolyte	Wilson	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	P Brunet, A Shen
Sun 8.30am	:	T and S-R Bassil
Sun 10.00am	:	Z & J Yammine
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/9ebT3voEAfP7P8R9> 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 Lynesta Avenue and Mabel 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.