

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

First Sunday of Lent Year B, 18 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)

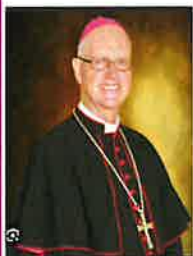


RELECTION

Jesus shared our human nature in all things but sin. (Fourth Eucharistic Prayer). Expanding this affirmation, the Epistle to the Hebrews states, that, in Jesus, "we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin". (Hebrews 4:15) - a truth graphically illustrated in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' confrontation with Satan during the forty days he spent in the wilderness before proclaiming his mission. "The time is fulfilled." he said to the Galileans, "and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the Good News." Though his kingdom is not from this world, (John 18:16), as Jesus assured Pontius Pilate, it is among us here and now (Luke 17:21). The beginning of Lent is a good time to reflect on these texts. Paul's advice is: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

God's Word 2024

Apostolic Nuncio Visit to our Parish



We welcome His Excellency Archbishop Eugene Nugent, Apostolic Nuncio of Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar who will be visiting our Parish and will celebrate mass with Fr Casey and Fr Emmanuel on Sunday, 25th February at 10:00am mass.

At this mass, our kindergarten children will have special blessing.

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

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

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

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

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The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is not said.

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

A reading from the book of Genesis

I will recall the covenant between myself and you... the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still

waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel *Mark 1:12-15*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

February 2024

First week of Lent

19 Mon

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)

20 Tue

Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)

21 Wed

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)

22 Thu

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

Feast

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19 (535) Pss Prop

23 Fri

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)

24 Sat

Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)

25 SUN SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 (26) Pss II

Has your child started Kindergarten in 2024? Please come along to the 10am Mass On Sunday 25th February where all Kindergarten children will receive a special blessing. You are welcome to stay for some light refreshments after Mass



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14



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

LENTEN SEASON SERVICES 2024

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist: Public adoration will occur every Thursday night during Lent at 6pm-8pm, starting 15 February. No Friday adoration at 11:00am during Lent.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday from 16 February, 11:30am and 7:00pm

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!

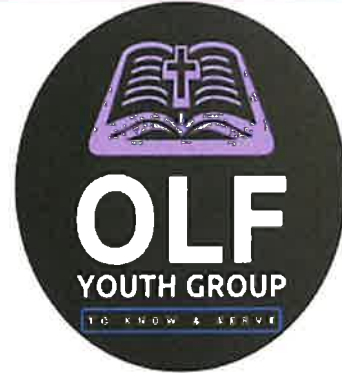
Feast of Divine Mercy—Sunday, 7 April from 2:00pm

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:

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"



First Sunday of Lent 17 & 18 February

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Ronita is a mother of two young boys from the Philippines living in a slum area. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could earn income to support her children.

Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Memory from Malawi, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village. Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey

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.



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.



Last Sunday, the Parish celebrated the Chinese New Year with a live presentation of the Kung Fu Demo Team and lion dance at the lawn area in front of the church.



At the mass, expectant parents had a special blessing. A big thank you to the organisers of these 2 successful events and to those who attended.

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.

In compliance with the Church and Government regulations, regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation structure of transparency, the smoked glass door windows were changed to clear glasses. Thank you to Tony Furfaro for the gift and labour of love.

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 or at the church foyer 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

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

Web : www.jlowcom.org

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.

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, 17 February 2024 Marilyn & Vitor Quintal**



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 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:

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, Guido Di Mattia, 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 and intentions of Linda & Jose De Nava, William Patrick Hayward, De Nava and Gener-Jasmin family; deceased Juan Agbuya, Portia Mariano and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

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

ROSTERS 24/25 February 2024

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

	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
Acolyte	Anthony	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	H Choi, A Tsoi
Sun 8.30am	:	J & A Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	A & J Faddoul, S Sicari
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 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 Maluka Place and MacDonald Crescent 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.