

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Second Sunday of Lent Year B, 25 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)

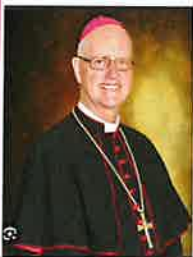
Weddings: By Appointment
 (Please call Parish Office)



RELECTION

The observation of the English mystic poet William Blake that 'great things happen when men and mountains meet' is true of such pivotal events in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures of Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai and the transfiguration of Jesus 'on a high mountain'. In the latter instance, as recorded by all three synoptic writers and now included in the luminous mysteries of the rosary by St John Paul 11, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. Accompanied by representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), he is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John. His human bodiliness becomes the vehicle through which his inner reality as God-Man shines forth. Surely, this was a source of hope to his disciples after Jesus' prediction of his death by crucifixion became a reality. Alluding to this event, Peter wrote: "We had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...while we were with him on the holy mountain". *God's Word 2024*

Apostolic Nuncio Visit to our Parish



Today, 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 at the 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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9

**(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.**

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation See Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

The Creed is said.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

February 2024

Second week of Lent

26 Mon

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)

27 Tue

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

28 Wed

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)

29 Thu

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)

MARCH 2024

1 Fri

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)

2 Sat

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)

3 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28) Pss III

WHY YEAR A READINGS AND NOT YEAR B?

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent, those in the RCIA program undertake the Scrutinies, three ceremonies of healing and strengthening in preparation for the Easter Vigil. The Church recommends the Scripture readings of Year A as being most appropriate on these three Sundays, even in Years B and C.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year the annual **World Day of Prayer** will be held on **Friday, 1st March** in **St Thomas More Catholic Church**,

Brighton-le-Sands at 10.30am. The service this year has been prepared by the committee for Palestine with the theme "I beg of you...bear with one another in love". N.B. This service was prepared well before the present situation in Palestine.

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome all our parishioners to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Light refreshments will follow the service.

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



The first in-person lesson is on 3 Mar (Sunday)

The lesson is for half an hour after the 10:00am Mass (11:15 – 11:45 am) in the Clune Centre. Children will attend a tailored program focusing on forming a close

relationship with Jesus. Adults will gather for a cuppa with group sharing and Lenten reflection.

All are welcome. The registration QR Code is on the flyer that is available at the entrances of OLF Church. Registered families will receive updates via email.

For the interest of the children, here is the QR code to logon to the Google Drive to pre-view the learning materials for the introductory lesson with a Lent song and a short video

We strongly encourage parents to attend the Sunday School gathering with their children.

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. No Friday adoration at 11:00am during Lent.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday until 22 March
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

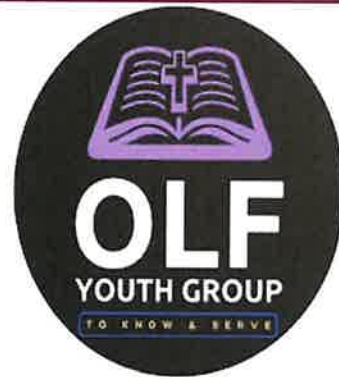
Easter Sunday: 31 March - 8.30am, & 10.00am (NO AFTERNOON MASS)

HAPPY EASTER!

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



Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to divine mercy.
(St. Faustina's Diary, p. 132)



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"



Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February

Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

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.

Women's Social Support Group

Lunch at The Peakhurst, In the Panorama Room



Location: **The Peakhurst,
Panorama Room
705 Forest Road,
Peakhurst.**

Date: **Monday 18th
March, 2024**

Time: **12 noon**

RSVP: **Thursday 14th March, 2024**

Transport: **If you should need a lift,
please let me know.**

Parking: **There is parking at the back
of the hotel off Forest Road.**

Hoping you can come it would be great to see you.

**If you wish to attend please contact Veronica on
mob 0412216166 or email:
vtierney37@optusnet.com.au**

PLEASE HELP STOP the spread of Covid

Please note that Covid is having local resurgence. We are reminded to be aware of ourselves and those around us. To help reduce the spread of viruses among our community, we request that you stay up to date with vaccinations and stay home if you have colds, flu or Covid symptoms. Thank you.

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.**

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, 24 Feb 2024: Carina & Alex Garcia**

Didaskō Adult Faith Formation

We cannot love what we do not know (St Augustine). God is forever revealing Himself to us. Have you ever been curious to find out more? Join Chris Wolter online for a thought-provoking short course entitled God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology that will make learning about God both enjoyable and accessible.

DATES: Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024

TIME: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

MODE: Online via Zoom

COST PER COURSE: \$35 for individuals (+ booking fees).

To find out more and to register, visit <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko>

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.

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.

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.)**

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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.



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, John Fulton, 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 Ravailion, 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:

Sam Farah, Rolando Abesamis, Adam Feliciano, Gil Ilagan, Luigi Cinelli, Helene Geagea, Winifred Gale, John Quan, Arlene De Leon, Claire Baroni.

Anniversaries: Emily Nader, Fernando Ferreira, Hlen & Ramon Chakty, Sabatino Tullio D'Ercole, 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 Gener-Jasmin family; intensions of Tran family; deceased Moses Nakhle, Fr E. Clune, Martin, Betty & Frances Nugent, Pat, Gladys, Pat & Patricia Greene, Eileen, Ron & Geoffrey Keft, Coleman & Montague Families, Peg & Ray Denny, Juan Agbuya 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 2/3 March 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	Hobans	P Frederick
Commentator:	Hobans	E Russo
Acolyte:	Michelle	Pak
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	N Kevic	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte	Michael	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	G Floro, A Speranza
Sun 8.30am :	C & N Badr
Sun 10.00am :	B Setiadji, J Lacorcia
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/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 reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in Manins Avenue and Maramba Close 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.