

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A, 10 March 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

In the Gospel of John, the image of light is often used as a metaphor to depict Jesus, who presents us with the illuminating Truth whereby we are set free from the darkness of 'the world', and the blindness of sin. Jesus, as the Divine light, brings vision to the man born blind, in miraculous fashion. To each of us, he offers the grace of vision_not that we may see this world with greater clarity or sharpness, but rather that we may catch a glimpse into the eternal realities which lie beyond this world_that we may perceive the hidden presence of God in all things, and in the infinitude which lies beyond all things.

God's Word from past year's Reflections

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.**

NEXT READERS' ROSTER

The next roster begins the weekend after Easter Sunday. As this will be HOLIDAY TIME, please advise of any dates you will be unavailable as soon as possible. Thank you, The Hobans.

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, Thursday; Friday; Imelda Dela Cruz - **Secretary/Accounts:** Thursday, Friday;

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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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 (also available at church foyer) or you may fill one out at the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.'

Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God; he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

March 2024

Fourth week of Lent

11 Mon

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

12 Tue

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)

13 Wed

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

14 Thu

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47 (247)

15 Fri

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

16 Sat

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

17 SUN FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year A

Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34) Pss I

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.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are

reminded to indicate which of the ceremonies from Holy Thursday through to Easter Sunday, they are able to assist with. If assisting at the Easter Vigil, you will be asked to assist in the lighting of candles. Please use the form to be found in the foyer of the Church. Thank you.
Liturgy Committee



Sunday School & Parent Fellowship

We had the first lesson last Sun. Children and adults had a nice time.

The next lesson will be on 7 April (the Sunday after Easter)

Time: 11:15–11:45 am (After 10:00am Mass)
Venue: In the Clune Centre of OLF Church

In between time, we welcome families to logon to Google Drive using this QR code to access the Lesson One learning materials.

We encourage children to send back completed worksheets via email or place in the "Sunday School box" at the foyer of our church.

If you like us to print the worksheets for you, please send us an email. We will print and place the worksheets in the Sunday school box address to you to be collected when you next go to church.

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



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, 9 March 2024 Maria Setiawan**

Prayer & the Mission to Proclaim Jesus: Living the Year of Prayer 2024

Join us as Eric Chow shares how to make our parishes missionary outposts, with prayer as the foundation. Eric will share proven principles, practical stories of renewal from the extensive experience in missionary leadership.

Date: Monday, 18 March 2024; Time: 7:30 to 9:00pm
Venue: St Martha's Church, 38 Renwick St., Leichhardt
Parking: On site & street parking available.
Cost: free

RSVP: Reserve your place by Thursday 15 March at trybooking.com/CPENF

Some of you may know William (Bill) Dunkley, a long time parishioner resident at Morgan St. and a former Reader at our Our Lady of Fatima church. He passed away peacefully on 2 March, age 90, surrounded by his beloved wife Lucia, his children and grandchildren. The funeral will be held on Monday, 11 March, 12:00pm at the Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, South Chapel. May he rest in peace.

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

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)

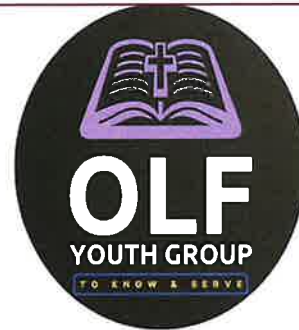
Holy Saturday: 30 March No morning mass; 9:00 to 11:30am RCIA Ritual of Reconciliation; 7pm Easter Vigil Celebration; Blessing of the fire; Baptism of the Catechumens

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!



Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 and 10 March 2024

Memory is 26 years old and lives in rural Malawi. As the oldest child in a low income farming family, Memory had to take on many household chores and farming activities to support her parents. They struggled to pay for Memory's school fees and school supplies, and she often had to walk to school barefooted. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner the Catholic Developmental Commission in Malawi (CADECOM), she was able to enrol at a technical college where she learnt technical skills in carpentry. She undertook a three year carpentry course with CADECOM supporting her tuition and boarding fees. Memory became the 1st female carpenter from her village. Today, she works as a carpenter at one of Malawi's largest hydroelectric power stations. With the income from her job, she can provide financial support for her family and inspire other young women so that they may have the opportunity to succeed in a male dominated industry.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build 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.

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.



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 0412 216 166 or email: vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

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.

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 :
Helen : +61 433 455 114; Ida. : +61 426 953 697
Email : jlowcommunity@gmail.com
Web : www.jlowcom.org

St Patrick's Day Mass

Bishop Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus warmly invites everyone to the celebration of the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass.
DATE: Monday, 18th March 2024
TIME: 10:00am
VENUE: St Mary's Cathedral

Theatre Parties Organised by The Women's Social Support Group

Sunset Blvd

Theatre Sunset Blvd
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 (3 seats)
Dress Circle	\$148.00 per person (9 seats)
Dress Circle	\$105.00 per person (7 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 0412 216 166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au





Last Saturday, 2 March, many of our parishioners attended the Lenten Retreat/Reflection with Father Aloysius Rego, OCD, a Carmelite priest as facilitator. The retreat started with the usual mass at 9:15am, then continued his talks at the Clune Centre. It finished at around 2:30pm.

Fr Aloysius talked about Prayer: friendship with God. He mentioned Saint Teresa Avila's definition of prayer as "an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him (God or Jesus) who we know loves us unconditionally". He asked questions and encouraged participants to share their experiences.



OUR YOUTH



During our first youth gathering in 2024, we commenced with an opening prayer and the blessing of our meal led by Father Emmanuel. Going forward, Father Emmanuel will be a part of our youth gatherings, guiding and nurturing our journey towards deeper faith in Christ. Our evening began with a spread of rice paper rolls and spring rolls, fostering both fellowship and discussions about our Lenten commitments.

Following our meal, we congregated at the church where Anabella guided us through the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on the profound suffering endured by our Savior for the redemption of our sins. After, we collectively prayed a decade of the sorrowful mystery, and concluded with a period of personal reflection and individual prayers.

Returning to the hall, we engaged in heartfelt discussions, exploring our interpretations of suffering and its significance in our lives. To wrap up the gathering, we enjoyed some lively games, including a station of the cross-themed word search, a spelling bee, bible trivia, and a round of charades, where the youths demonstrated their creativity and competitive spirits by acting out the stations of the cross.

Father Emmanuel closed the evening with a final prayer, sending us forth into the new week with renewed faith and purpose.



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:

John Fulton, 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:

William (Bill) Dunkley, Damien Wong, Cesare Tasselli, Sam Farah, Rolando Abesamis, Adam Feliciano, Gil Ilagan, Luigi Cinelli, Helene Geagea, Winifred Gale, Arlene De Leon,, Claire Baroni, Concettina Micalizzi.

Anniversaries: Felicidad/Jesus Cadiz, Ned Nehme, Raimondo, Maria & Santina Azara, Hassib Chalhoub, Antonio De La Pena, Emily Nader, Victr Hanzl, Ting Kwan Yee, Ned Nehme, Fernando Ferreira, Helen & Ramon Chakty, Sabatino Tullio D'Ercole, Jaroslava Mysak, Frank Mysak, Guido Di Mattia, Rosina Certoma, George Ghostine.

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, intentions of Tran Family; deceased Moses Nakhle, Jun Arrogante, Anunciada Ferreira, Ventura De Sousa, and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 3rd April, 8:00pm

RSVP by 1st April 2024

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde
Elsibai, phone: 0410 583 808

ROSTERS 16/17 March 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J Henderson	S Fisher
Commentator:	M Millen	Rana MN
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Leslie

	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	F David	Youth
Commentator:	N Kevic	
Acolyte	Anthony	Albert

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	H Choi, A Tsoi
Sun 8.30am	:	J & A Shori
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 2021. 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 2021 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 Mashman and Monaro Avenue 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.