

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A, 17 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

Jesus' act of reviving Lazarus from the dead appears to have been something he undertook only with a degree of reluctance. Not only did he delay his going to see him, but spoke of his revival as a matter of 'waking one who sleeps'. Moreover, we read in the next chapter of John's Gospel that Lazarus was put to death very shortly thereafter. In effect, he gained very little by being revived, but underwent all the sufferings of physical death a second time. The miracle perhaps benefitted those who witnessed it more than poor Lazarus himself! It behoves us to accept physical death as an integral part of mortal life, something neither to be dreaded nor to be mourned excessively. Since Christ, who is Himself the Resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come, let us view physical death, not as an inexplicable tragedy, but rather as a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginably greater.

God's Word from past year's Reflections

WE NEED HELP TO CLEAN OUR CHURCH!



Working Bee will b held on Saturday,
 23rd March after the 9:15am Mass.
 Please come if you are free to help
 clean our Church. Please bring
 cleaning materials. Thank you.

SEVEN CHURCHES PILGRIMAGE

On **Holy Thursday** evening parishioners are invited to complete the Seven Churches Pilgrimage, keeping watch with Jesus in his suffering while visiting seven local churches to watch and pray with him. The churches, all of which will be open until midnight are: Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove, Regina Coeli Beverley Hills, Our Lady of Lourdes Earlwood, Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst, St Declan's Penhurst, St Joseph's Oatley, St Bernadette's Carlton and St Patrick's Kogarah.

Position Vacant - Parish Secretary

This position is still 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.**

FOOT WASHING HOLY THURSDAY

If you wish to volunteer to have your feet washed during the Mass on Holy Thursday, please add your name to the list in the church foyer. 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, Thursday; Friday; Imelda Dela Cruz - **Secretary/Accounts:** Thursday, Friday;

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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First Reading *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 129. R. v.7*

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Romans 8:8-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation See John 11:25. 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

YEAR B

March 2024

Fifth week of Lent

18 Mon

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 (251)

19 Tue

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a (543)

Pss Prop

20 Wed

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42 (253)

21 Thu

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)

22 Fri

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)

23 Sat

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)

24 SUN PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—
15:47 or 15:1-39 (38) Pss II

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

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, 16 Mar 2024 Linda & Peter Coleman**



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



Mar Lesson

St Mary's Cathedral Choir Sydney

CHORISTER OPEN DAYS 2024

All Choristers receive a full Scholarship to St Mary's Cathedral College. Places are available for Boys in Year 3 & 4 and for Girls in Years 3 to 7

Monday 20 May at 2pm
Tuesday 20 August at 2pm
Saturday 26 October at 10:30am

Scan the QR Code to register for the open day:

LENTEN SEASON SERVICES 2024

Last Thursday for the Public Adoration of the Holy Eucharist during Lent on 21 March at 6pm-8pm, No Friday adoration at 11:00am during Lent.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent 1:30am and 7:00pm. Last Friday on 22 March.

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)

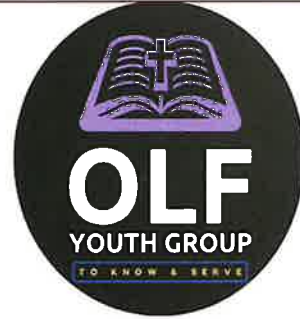
Holy Saturday: 30 March No morning mass; 9:00 to 11:30am RCIA Ritual of Reconciliation; 7pm Easter Vigil Celebration; Blessing of the fire; Baptism of the Catechumens

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!



Fifth Sunday of Lent 16 and 17 March 2024

Partnership In Action!

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind the scenes every day to create a better future to communities.

Caritas Aust partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the Philippines. Programs include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, gardening, etc.

Caritas Aust., partners with Caritas Samoa to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities. Caritas Aust partners with the Catholic Dev. Commission in Malawi through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

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

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.

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



Walk by FAITH not by SIGHT

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Day Retreat with Mother Mary 13 April 2024 (Saturday)

Rev Fr Rey Sentillas, MI
Retreat Facilitator

Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall,
Walz St, Rockdale NSW (Parking entry at Parker St)
Time: 9am - 5.30pm including MASS
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea is FREE
Bookings essential for the purpose of catering
Enquiries: Helen on 0433 455 114 or Ida 0424 267 500

E: jlowcommunity@gmail.com | W: www.jlowcom.org

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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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





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:

Anna Kevick, Silvio Ta Lo Ha, 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 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, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

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

Anniversaries: Francesco Giglio, Anna Fiamingo, Dorina Jasmin, Eng Heng Tan, Arnulfo Pan, Teresita Villanueva OdtoJan, Natalina Panto, Felicidad/Jesus Cadiz, Ned Nehme, Raimondo, Maria & Santina Azara, Hassib Chalhoub, Antonio De La Pena, Emily Nader, Victr Hanzl, Ting Kwan Yee, Ned Nehme.

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 23/24 March 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	L Corbett, P Simon	The Ormerods
Commentator:	J Hoban	T Spata
Acolyte:	Christopher	Pak

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers:	T Coorey, J Deacon	Youth
Commentator:	T Abela-King	
Acolyte	Michael	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: G Floro, A Speranza
Sun 8.30am	: C & N Badr
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 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 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 Moorefields Road and Moreton 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.



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival

Sunday 5th May, 2024

Join us for a
celebrations in
commemoration of
the Feast of Our
Lady of Fatima



Details of the event:

9am: Rosary and Procession.

10am: Holy Mass.

11:15am - 3pm: Festival.

89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove, 2208

Raffles ● Fun ● Food ● Gifts ● Facepainting ● Music ● Prayer