

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 Easter Year B 28 April 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)

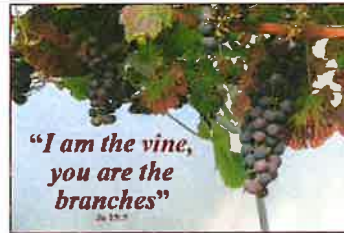
We are pleased to warmly welcome **Monik Setyaningsih, our new Secretary starting on Tuesday, 7 May.** Monik is a parishioner, a volunteer member of the Indonesian choir and one of our catechists.

WELCOME...Monik to our team.

Please Note:

Starting 1 May 2024, our office will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30am to 2:30pm. Office will be closed on Monday and Wednesday.

For enquiries: please send email to: kingsgroveolf@gmail.com.



REFLECTION

Viticulture or the production of grapes was as common in Israel in Jesus' time as it is today. The vines are usually planted on the slopes of hills, which were less suitable for the planting of crops. The ground is cleared of stones and terraced, the vineyard secured by an enclosing wall or hedge, and a watchtower is built for an additional protection. These steps are described in the Vineyard Song in Isaiah 5.

Metaphorically, Israel is compared with the vine (Psalm 80:90). It was brought out of Egypt (the Exodus story) and planted in the promised land. It was the peculiar object of the care of the Lord from which he expected much fruit. But the vine yielded only 'wild grapes' or, more precisely, grapes that not before they are ripe, Israel did not produce the fruits expected by the divine grower because of its bloodshed and injustice.

At the Last Supper, when Jesus declares that he is the 'true vine', he proclaims that he is the new Israel who bears fruits pleasing to God. But he also focuses on his disciples whom he calls 'branches'. United with Jesus, they become the new Israel, the new people of God. But to bear fruit that is pleasing to the grower, they must abide with Jesus. They must stay attached to Jesus as if their life depended on it. Pope Francis says that to remain in Jesus means—"to do good, to help others, to pray to the Father to care for the sick, to help the poor, to have the joy of the Holy Spirit.

God's Word 2024

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

Secretary: Monik Setyaningsih – Tuesday, Thursday, Friday; **Accounts:** Imelda Dela Cruz – Thursday, Friday

Youth Coordinator: TBA

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GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

APRIL 2024

YEAR B—Fifth week of Easter

29 Mon

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Memorial

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)

30 Tue

Saint Pius V, Pope

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)

MAY 2024

1 Wed

Saint Joseph the Worker

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)

2 Thu

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church white
Memorial

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)

3 Fri

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Feast

1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14 (561) Pss Prop

4 Sat

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)

5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17 (56) Pss II



Sunday School & Parent Fellowship

Please note that there will not be in person gathering in May. You are encouraged to join the parish celebration of Our Lady of Fatima Festival on 5 May.

The learning material for May lesson will be on the Google Drive. The QR code will be available in early May.

Wish the children will use the below QR codes to access the lesson materials in Google Drive during the school holiday.

Here are the QR codes to access learning materials for the March and April lessons.



Mar Lesson



April lesson

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

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival

Sunday 5th May, 2024

Join us in celebrating the commemoration of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



Details of the event:

9am: Rosary and Procession.

10am: Holy Mass.

11:15am - 3pm: Festival.

80 Shaw St, Kingsgrove, 2208



Raffle tickets are available after all weekend masses and during the Feast Day, 5 May; \$2.00 each or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Thankyou.

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, 27 April 2024 : Ceclia and Harry Lo.**

PARISH FEAST DAY TRIDUUM

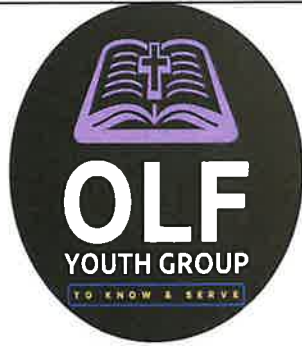
On the 3 evenings leading up to our Parish Feast Day (5 May), a Triduum of Masses will be celebrated in the church preceded by recitation of The Rosary and flowers offering.

Thursday, 2 May Rosary 6:30pm & flowers offering (led by family from School); mass 7:00pm

Friday, 3 May Rosary 6:30pm & flowers offering (led by family from School) ;mass 7:00pm

Saturday 4 May Rosary 4:30pm & flowers offering (VOLUNTEER FROM PARISH NEEDED); Mass: 5:00pm

If you wish to volunteer for the Saturday evening, please call the Parish Office. Rosary booklets will be provided.



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!



Dear Parishioners and Friends of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Kingsgrove,

Sr. Mary Pauline, Sr. Lusia and I were pleased to have met you at last weekend's Masses.

We thank each one of you for your very warm welcome it makes us feel part of your community. It was great to see, you were so friendly and helpful to one another, so united; this will be a great help to newcomers to your Parish. Keep up the good effort.

We are most grateful for your generous donations amounted to **\$6,451.85**

Once again, we thank Fathers for allowing us to your Parish and do what we have done and hope that my little talk helped you to know who we are and what we are about. We assure you of our daily prayers and do know that a Mass is offered each month for the intentions of our friends and benefactors so you are included. Do pray for us too that we have candidates to join the Little Sisters of the Poor so that our work will continue. God bless you all, have a great day.

Sr. Elizabeth and all the Little Sisters.

Liturgical Ministers are invited to join the Liturgy Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a Eucharistic Retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

DATE: Saturday, 11 May 2024

TIME: Doors open at 9.30 AM. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

VENUE: St Martha's - 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040. COST: \$15

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1162316>

For more information, please email sydney@op-tn.org

Theatre Parties Organised by The Women's Social Support Group

Show : **Sister Act**

Theatre : Capitol Theatre, Sydney

Date : Wednesday 16th October, 2024

Session : 1 pm.

Tickets : \$71.00 per person (tickets in the stalls)

RSVP by : Friday 1st August, 2024

Payment by : Payment 7th August, 2024



If you wish to attend this Theatre Party please contact Veronica on mobile 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au

FR. JEFFREY QUINTELA
CHIEF EXORCIST
DIOCESE OF ANTIPOLO PHILIPPINES

SPEAKING OF THE DEVIL

A CONFERENCE ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE
AT
OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH
KINGSGROVE, NSW, AUSTRALIA
11 MAY 2024
5 PM CONCELEBRATED MASS FOLLOWED
BY A TALK FROM 6 PM TO 9 PM
PLEASE BRING OLIVE OIL, WATER AND ROCK SALT
FOR FR. JEFFREY TO EXORCISE AND BLESS
FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT OUR LADY OF FATIMA KINGSGROVE ON (02) 9150 9665

ARE YOU FEELING OVERWHELMED WITH SEEMINGLY NEVER ENDING PROBLEMS?
DO YOU FEEL LIKE GOD HAS ABANDONED YOU?
DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE LOST ALL HOPE?
YOU MIGHT BE UNDER SPIRITUAL ATTACK!
KNOW THE ENEMY AND LEARN HOW TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH
"PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF GOD THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO STAND THE DECEITS OF THE DEVIL FOR WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD BUT AGAINST PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS, AGAINST THE RULERS OF THE WORLD OF THIS DARKNESS"
- EPHESIANS 6:11-12

On Saturday, 11 May 2024, our parish had the privilege to have Father Jeffrey Quintela, the Chief Exorcist and Liturgist of the Diocese of Antipolo, Philippines to celebrate the 5:00pm vigil mass followed by his talk on Spiritual Warfare. **ALL WELCOME.**

Anointing
PENTECOST EVE
WORSHIP GATHERING
— HOSTED BY THE YOUTH —
18TH MAY 2024
TIME : 4:00 - 7:00 PM
VENUE : 15 PARK RD, SEVEN HILLS
SERVANTS OF JESUS

REGISTER NOW!
LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE
ccrnsw.org.au

NSW CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENAISSANCE



Women's Social Support Group

Are Hosting a Biggest Morning Tea.

We are having a Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Council. We all know someone who has had or suffered through this terrible disease, either family, friends or Parishioners.

This is a one-off fund raiser for such an important cause. Any donation over \$2.00 is a tax deductible donation. There will be lucky door prizes.

Date: Tuesday 28th May, 2024

Time: 10.30am

Location: Clune Centre – 89 Shaw Street, Kingsgrove

If you could please be kind enough to bring a plate of food for the morning tea, it would be really appreciated.

This will be a great chance to sit down and have a cuppa and catch up, and at the same time a wonderful way to raise money for such worthy cause. This event is open to everyone.

If you could RSVP by Tuesday 21st May, 2024, Veronica on 0412 216 166 or vtierney37@optusnet.com.au This will help us have a rough idea on numbers of people, for setting up tables and chairs.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, Noelene Bennett, Frances English, Patricia North, Enid Taylor; Nancy Dawson; Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, Justina De Bellis, Patricia Gray, Antonietta Roberto, Netta Donnelly, Mary Melville, Elizabeth Perusich.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office 9150 9665).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Lana Hraiki, Maureen Dowd, Helen Donnelly, Selwyn Ward, Anne Taranto, Maureen Narayan, Anna Kevic, Silvio Ta Lo Ha, John & Jenny Fulton, Michael Buckley, Ashok Naidu, Ronald Singh, Aboud Sarkis, Kenny Leung, Shiela Kovacs, Frank Brown, Geoff Buckley, Fernando Nucum Jr, Violet Bozic, Antoninette McGahan, Guy Cassar, Mercia 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, Alvin Ureta, Jasmin Ghasan, George Chayeb, Pat McGuirk, Thelma Gribocck, 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 Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Grazia Passeretti, Stephen Doyle, Renae Corban, James Genco.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Robert (Bob) Ascoli, Emily Grantham, Nelia M Quintos, Heidi Bocauto, John Martlew, Beverley Byers, Frank Lazzaro, Bill Taylor, William (Bill) Dunkley, Damien Wong, Maria Briscas, Dominic Lam, Cesare Tasselli, Sam Farah, Rolando Abesamis.

Anniversaries: Raymond & Naomi Chakty, Caterina Giannoccolo, Giuseppe Di Lucchio, Samuel Donato, Kevin McGreal, Norman Sharf, Danny Estantino, Robert Wong, Vicente C. Co. Jr, Felicidad and Jesus Cadiz, Elisa Favaro, Cirilo Encabo, Henny Sunarto, Steven McGuire, Edward Lee, Arnulfo Pan, Aurelia Sebastian, Francesco Giglio, Dorina Jasmin.

Also For: Thanksgiving and intentions of Pinkie Jasmin and family, deceased Maria Corazon Diego, and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS 4/5 May 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	K Doherty	No Mass
Commentator:	P Simon	No Mass
Acolyte:	Michelle	No Mass
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers:	T Coorey	No Mass
Commentator:	J Punay-Colloras	
Acolyte	Anthony	No Mass

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: G Floro, A Speranza
Sun 8.30am	: No Mass
Sun 10.00am	: D Yazbeck, O Repice, K Maroun
Sun 5:00pm	: No Mass

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.equities@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 Oatley and Oliver Streets. We pray for their needs and Intentions".



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Tuesday, 7 May, 7:00 pm
RSVP by 3rd May 2024
Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz,
Ph. 0414 979 241; Myrna De La
Pena Ph. 0490 410 896

Living Water

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Did you hear the great news? "He is Risen!"
Join us to pray and praise Him, 6.30pm Monday, in the Cronin Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre. (Entry via the stairs near to the right of the toilets). For details, contact John Deacon 0418 778 856.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B Sunday 28 Apr 2024

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26*

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R.)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R.)**
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 John 3:18-24*

A reading from the first letter of St John

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

My children,
our love is not to be just words or mere talk,
but something real and active;
only by this can we be certain
that we are the children of the truth
and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence,
whatever accusations it may raise against us,
because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.
My dear people,
if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,
because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.
His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 15:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit, he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes
to make it bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you unless you remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty;
for cut off from me you can do nothing.
Anyone who does not remain in me
is like a branch that has been thrown away
– he withers;
these branches are collected and thrown on the fire,
and they are burnt.
If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
you may ask what you will
and you shall get it.
It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,
and then you will be my disciples.’