

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 Easter Year B Divine Mercy Sunday 7 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)



RELECTION

Thomas was absent at the first appearance of the risen Jesus to His disciples, but he was the central character in the second appearance which ends with a beatitude forever associated with Him : " Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe".

Thomas represents future generations of Christians who are called to believe on the testimony of others. At the Last Supper, in His prayer to the Father, Jesus already had them in mind : " I pray not only for these, but for those also who through their words will believe in me. Maybe they be one. Father, may they be one in us, as You are in Me and I am with you". (John 17:20-21).

As profound as Thomas' confession was after he came to believe, the faith of those who do not enjoy the kind of experience he and the other disciples had is more remarkable. Peter speaks so beautifully of his faith: "You did not see Him, yet you love Him, and still without seeing Him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it can not be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls' (1Peter 1:8-9).

God's Word 2024



daylight saving time ends

**Daylight savings time ends
 this Sunday, 7th April; from
 3:00am, put back your clock
 one hour earlier.**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 07 APRIL 2024 OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

2pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Divine Mercy Prayers & Confession

3pm Benediction

3.15pm Holy Mass
 (with blessing of Divine Mercy Images)
 Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image



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Second Sunday of Easter Year B, 7 Apr 2024

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group was united, heart and soul.

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24, R. v.1*

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Second Reading *1 John 5:1-6*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;
this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,

because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only, but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation *John 20:29*

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel *John 20:19-31*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

APRIL 2024

YEAR B— Easter Week

8 Mon

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Solemnity

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545) Pss Prop

9 Tue

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15 (268) Pss II

10 Wed

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)

11 Thu

Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

Memorial

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)

12 Fri

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)

13 Sat

Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)

14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 (47) Pss III



Sunday School & Parent Fellowship

Our April lesson will be held on **7 Apr (Sun)**

Time: 11:15–11:45 am
(After 10:00am Mass)

Venue: In the Clune Centre of OLF Church

Children: Attend a lesson on “A Happy Sunday – Easter” with short video “**Faith, Fun and Celebration**” and other activities.

Adults: Gather for a cup of tea/coffee while having group sharing on “**Do you desire to find God in All Things**”.

All adults and children are welcome

If you cannot join the Clune Centre gathering, here is the QR code for you to access the March lesson learning materials and we will post the QR code for the April lesson in the parish bulletin next week. Feel free to access the learning materials for both lessons during the term break.



For enquiry, please send email to

sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com or send text message to **0413 096 960**



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:



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, 6 April 2024 at Winnie & Kam Young**

Clergy Conference

Both Fr Casey and Fr Emmanuel are attending a Clergy Conference over the next four days, Monday to Thursday, 8 to 11 April. There will be no mass, but Holy Communion Service only.

Free Wills Seminar

Please join to help you gain an understanding of writing Wills, Estate Planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney.
When: Tuesday, 16 April 2024, 11:30am to 1:30pm
Where: Regent St Pavillion (part of Dooleys), 67 Regent St, Regents Park
Note: Light refreshments will be served as well as a Complimentary Will offer for attendees. (Terms and conditions apply)
Further info to: Tony Maricic on 1800 753 959 or Tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org.

Dear parishioners and friends,

Easter Joy brings us the Good News that Jesus is Risen! So during this time of Easter we are encouraged to proclaim this very important tenet in our Catholic faith that our Lord Christ who died for us because of his unconditional love came back to life. His victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of goodness over evil is our victory, too.

Our liturgical celebrations of Lent to Holy Week and Easter were inspiring and meaningful. We see the increase of numbers of people who participated in our activities.

Very noticeable and uplifting were the huge crowd who came and participated in our Holy Week and Easter services. As Parish Priest, I wish to thank all those involved in all our activities and events from Lent to Easter. The different groups, ministries, individuals are acknowledged. Your unwavering love, support and contribution is much appreciated.

We are blessed as a parish to have volunteers who are always willing to lend a helping hand to reach out and support us. Let us, as a parish community renew our love and faith to our Resurrected Lord by our love for each one and by the good works we do.

Let us proclaim that Jesus is truly alive! Alleluia! Fr. Casey



Palm Sunday, 24 March 2024



Station of The Cross, Friday, 29 March 2024

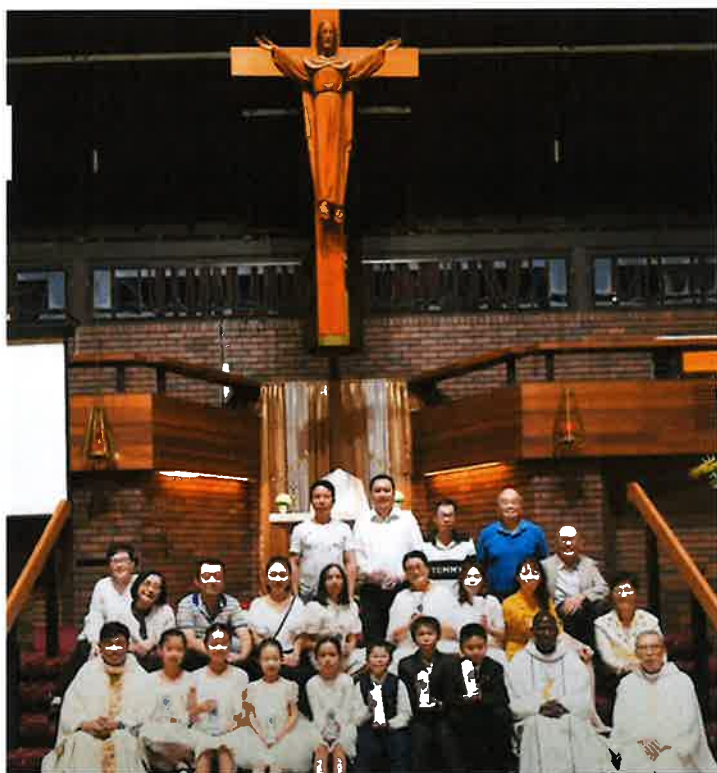


Good Friday, 29 March 2024



Good Friday mass with Bishop Richard Umbers , Fr Michael Gimena and Fr Nestor Candaba

We congratulate our new Catholics who were baptized and welcome to our new Baptised Christians during Easter Vigil



HAPPY EASTER!

From Our Lady of Fatima Parish

May God bless you

Second Sunday of Easter 7 April



THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back or visit caritas.org/projectcompassion and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

You can still 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.



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!



Theatre Parties Organised by The Women's Social Support Group

Theatre : Sydney Opera House,
Joan Sutherland Theatre
Date : Saturday 28th September, 2024
Session : 2pm.
Tickets : Two different types of seats available for this
Theatre Party.
The seats are in stalls & Dress Circle.
Stalls: \$183.00 per person (16 seats)
Dress Circle \$148.00 per person (12 seats)

The Opera House only offers limited seats to Ticketmaster and the group concessions are the prices above. So if you want the 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 0412216166 or email vtierney37@optusnet.com.au



Feast of Our Lady of Fatima Festival

Sunday 5th May, 2024

Join us for celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

The program of the day is as follows:

9am: The rosary and procession around the Church grounds.

10am: Mass concelebrate with Fr Don Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, and our Parish Priests. *This will be the only Mass for the day.*

11:15am-3pm: The festival will be celebrated in the Parish parking lot, with lively demonstrations, and fun for the entire community. Food stalls, giftware markets and raffle tickets will also be available.

Raffle Tickets will be sold after each Weekend Mass and during the event.

You can win one of the following prizes on the day:

- \$300 Coles-Myer Gift Voucher and other vouchers
- Signed Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs NRL team Jersey
- Tickets to the NRL football game.
- Gift packs

and more!



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We would like to thank all our sponsors and volunteers for their help in making this day run.

All funds will go directly to the refurbishment and maintenance of the Parish

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FROM THIS WEEKEND, 6/7 APRIL 2024



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Mavis Armour, Bambina Canosa, Noelene Bennett, 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:

Anna Taranto, Anna Kevic, Silvio Ta Lo Ha, John Fulton, Michael Buckley, 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, Jun Letran, Diane Salem, Philip Maguire, Kamala Reddy, Maximino Ilaya, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, 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:

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: *Elisa Favaro, Cirilo Encabo, Henny Sunarto, Stephen McGuire, Edward Lee, Arnulfo Pan, Aurelia Sebastian, Francesco Giglio, Dorina Jasmin, Eng Heng Tan, Ng Mary N., Teresita Villanueva OdtoJan, Felicidad/Jesus Cadiz, Ned Nehme, Raimondo, Maria & Santina Azara.*

Also For: *thanksgiving and intentions of Gener-Jasmin family, deceased Hizon-Consunji family and friends, Feliciano & Asuncion Guenco, Ces & Myrtle Norris, Laurel Pretti, Rita Naughton, Pat & Herbert McDonough, Benjamin, Marina, Ramon & Gil Tonel, Ma. Portia Mariano, Clarita Naumanen, Gerardo/ Catalino Soliman, Joel Agbalog, Mary Ann Catanghal-Manuel and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.*



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

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

ROSTERS 13/14 April 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	Deadys	Ormerods
Commentator:	Deadys	Ormerods
Acolyte:	Emily	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers:	M Nigem	Youth
Commentator:	T Abela-King	
Acolyte	Kelvin	Wilson

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil :	G Floro, A Speranza
Sun 8.30am :	C & N Badr
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/9cbT3voEAtP7P8R9> 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.

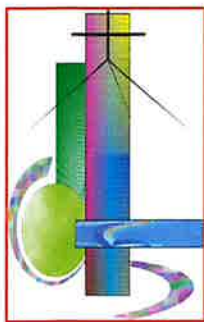
A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 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 Moyra Crescent and Nairn Street praying for their needs and intentions”.

Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group

Did you hear the great news? “He is Risen!”. Please join us to pray and praise Him, in the Cronin Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre. (entry via the stairs near the new toilets). For detail, contact John Deacon 0418778856



**OLF PARISHIONERS'
DEATH ANNIVERSARIES
MONTH OF APRIL**

1st April

Edna Rowe
Marie Lynch

2nd April

Bradley Saunders
Francis Howard
Josephine Liu
Anna Ippolito

3rd April

Deila Church
Grace Milazzo
Fortunee Shamieh
Peter Derrig
Margery McSorley
Dorothy Gleeson
Doris Bunting

4th April

Emma Beaumont
Mary Perry
Theodore Lynch

5th April

Jessie Hicks
John Tangye
Olga Favero
Joan Chandler
Marie Laker

6th April

Jean Brightman
Edward Schofield
Patricia Silcock
John Quinn
Luciano Rovali

7th April

Anne Peak

8th April

Mary Caulfield
Kathleen Carroll
Shirley Gleeson
Lorraine Lay
Angela Ablong

9th April

Cecil Smith
Beryl Brooker
Filippo Mazzucco

10th April

Anna Da Luz
Lillian Hillard
Edward Cooper
Nina Moncay

12th April

Sr Madeleine Carroll osu

Ariel Fiorini
Ellen Quirk
Maria Ryan

13th April

James Batman
Lyle Clark
Mark Rovali
Vincent Carroll
Mary Lum
James Yam

14th April

Matthew McCann
Margaret Wilson
Maria Portelli
Doug Patulny
Robert Wong

15th April

Arthur Brown

16th April

Francis Schiff
Mario Carta

17th April

Angela Dwyer
Jean Boland
Ellen Stewart
Mary Haavisto

18th April

Teresa Bui
Alice Walsh

19th April

Paul Zacaropoulos
Joseph Mangano
Patricia Finnimore
William Fernon

20th April

Giuseppe Corte
Molly Flanagan
Olive Byrnes
Amado Moncay

21ST April

Edith Mulhare
Lew Idle
Sydney Dixon

22nd April

Phillis Morris

23rd April

Nellie Santucci
Giuseppe Calcagno

24th April

Salud Estavillo
Dorothy Kinsel
Maureen Larkin

25th April

Gwen Hough

26th April

Jack Defina
Kevin George
Aires Lopes
Jean Rovali
Marianne Natoli

27th April

Dora Collis
Andrew Kirk

28th April

Sr St Rock osu
Josephine DeLa Motte

Pat Rowley

Norma Wigmore

Allan Foxe

29th April

Christina Harold

30th April

John Hickey
Mary O'Carroll
Patricia Compton
Ivan Bozic
Chu Lo