

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B - 12 May 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)



REFLECTION

We read in Acts and in Mark's Gospel, that Jesus had shown Himself to the apostles after His passion. We can imagine the conversations they had with Jesus. What conversation do you need to have with Jesus about what's happening in your life and in our world? Sit with the apostles and Jesus, and hear Jesus say to you, "Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation." We are part of creation. How are you being called to make a difference in the world?.

In *Laudato Si* we are invited to pray : All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of Your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. *God's Word 2024*



Proverbs 31:25-26

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

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The Ascension of the Lord

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations.
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so, the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

MAY 2024

YEAR B

Seventh week of Easter

13 Mon

Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)

14 Tue

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Feast

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564) Pss Prop

15 Wed

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)

16 Thu

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)

17 Fri

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)

18 Sat

Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)

19 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Solemnity

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62)

Day: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15 (63) Pss Prop



Sunday School & Parent Fellowship

For centuries, our Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children on six

occasions in Fatima in 1917. The first apparition was on 13 May. Our Parish has celebrated this special feast day on Sunday the 5th May, with Rosary, procession, Holy Mass and Festivities.

The Sunday School teaching focus for the month of May lesson is on Our Lady of Fatima and the Holy Rosary.

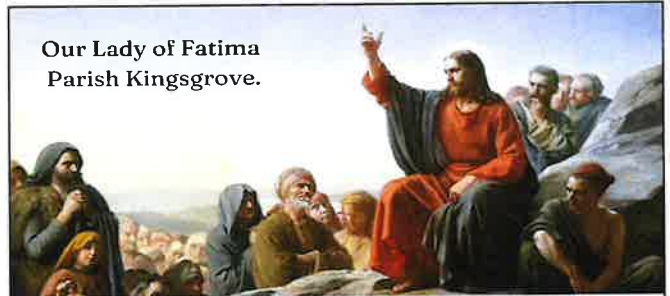
For children: There is a song **Mary said Yes** and a cartoon **Our Lady of Fatima** with a few challenging worksheets for our children to tackle.

For adults: There are reflection materials on **Finding God in All Things**. We have read **Day 1 to Day 4 in April**. We will read **Day 5 to Day 8 in May**. Here is the QR Code for you to access the learning materials in Google Drive and learn at home.



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

Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Kingsgrove.



Q&A with Fr. Emmanuel

Youth (aged 18-25) are invited for a Pizza Night and Q and A on Friday 17th May, 2024

Join us in the Clune Centre at 6:30pm for a pizza and drinks followed by 7pm Questions and Answers.

Fr. Emmanuel is a Doctorate in Bioethics and led the youth of St. Mary's Cathedral's youth Group 'Embrace'. He would now like to meet the members of our Parish. Drop off your question(s) in the Church Foyer, or come with prepared questions for the night. Please RSVP for catering purposes: kingsgroveOLF@gmail.com

89 Shaw St. Kingsgrove, 2208

The St George Network of Family Educator's invites you to a

Women's Health Night!

Let us come together as women to celebrate our friendships and share our joy.

WHEN - Wednesday 15th May, 6.30pm

WHERE - St Raphael's Catholic Primary School,

82 George St, South Hurstville

COST - \$10 via QR code

RSVP - May 10th (over 18 event)

Join us for guest speakers, finger food, a glass of bubbles and lucky door prizes!



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, 11 May: Josette and George Sukkar**

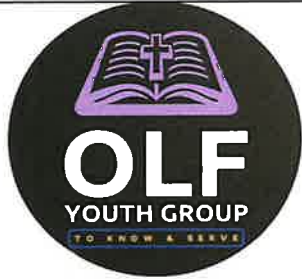


BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 5th June @8:00 pm

RSVP by 4th June 2024

Coordinators: Tom and Tina Coorey. Ph. 915060161 - Mp. 0423854633



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!



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) in May is due now.

The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the *Good Shepherd Seminary, Catholic Care, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies.* Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so keep an eye out for them.

You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donation to CWF of \$2 or more is 100% tax deductible. *Thank you.*

ROSARY BEADS MAKING - Expressions of interest

Our Parishioners Janice & Willie Quan are asking our community for expressions of interest in learning how to make Rosary beads sets. The Quan family have been donating their work to our Parish for many years. Our Parish have been distributing their work at many occasion including feast days, the children's liturgies and to our reflection days.



Below is a brief story on their impact of their mission for the world to pray.

..Where we grew up in the Solomon Islands, there were no rosary beads for sale. This had prompted us make the rosary beads....

In 1995, we started making the rosary beads and sent them to the Missionary Sisters and the Archbishops of Solomon Islands. The rosary beads were distributed to various missions around the islands for free. Slowly, the mission extended to Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, New Caledonia included the missionary and Carmelite Sisters ...To date, our rosary beads has reached 46+ countries; 100 Catholic Primary schools around Australia and it is estimated around 240,000 pairs of Rosary Beads had been made.

If you are willing to make in impact as strong as Janice and Willie, please contact our parish on 02 9150 9663 or email the office kingsgroveolf@gmail.com by Friday 31st May.

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



Rain or Shine...let us celebrate!

If it rains, we are grateful!

If it shines, we jump in joy!

As the song goes, "*This is the day that Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*"

The celebration of our Parish's feast in honor of Our Lady of Fatima was a truly a great success despite the threat of a bad weather. Our communal prayers joint together through the intercession of Our Lady was heard by God, giving us a window of opportunity to celebrate our festival.

The day started with the praying of the Rosary and Procession inside the Church, followed by a concelebration of the Holy Eucharist presided by The Very Rev Donald Richardson, Dean of St Mary's Cathedral with Fr Casey and Fr Emmanuel.

Fr Donald challenged our parish community to be a living witnesses by spreading the gospel and loving one another.

Then followed by the fete at the Clune Centre where variety of food stalls and shop items were for sale. It was indeed a joyful feast to be together as one family of Our Blessed Mother. So many supportive families and parishioners came and made the celebration fun and successful. We were blessed by the presence of Bishop Francis de Leon from the Diocese of Antipolo, Philippines.

I thank all those who has helped us in different ways to make sure our celebration be worth remembering : Liturgy Group, OLF Primary, All the Volunteers and all participating businesses.

I thank especially Bernadette Bassil and Antonia Chan for giving their 100 percent efforts in organizing and making our celebration worth remembering.

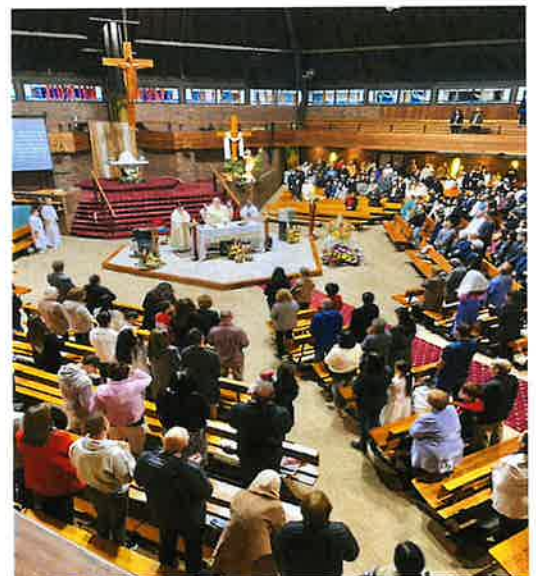
Love, Fr Casey.



Opening mass (top left/right).

Fr Casey, The Very Rev Donald Richardson, Fr. Emanuel (bottom left).

Giant martial art performance (bottom right).





Flower Offering by the Children



Africana Dance Group



Youth Group



Catholic Apparel



Sweeteews



10 am Choir



Freda's Handmade Creations stall



Mosaic Queen



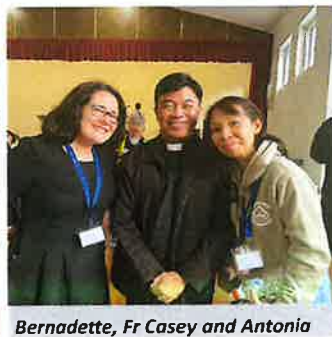
With Bishop Francis de Leon



Almaza Illustration



Treats Unleashed Sydney



Bernadette, Fr Casey and Antonia



OLF team

What did Mary do?

A very brief Mariology account of Our Lady's impact on the world today.

Happy Mother's Day to all who are gathered to our Parish. We are blessed to be under the patronage of the greatest mother of all time. We hope that this day celebrates all women and their impact to our world, but our Faith can also allow us to utilise this day to honour Our Lady the Mother of God.

We can all look at her ministry which has impacted the entire Catholic Church. Women, men, children, parents, married couples, single people and grandparents all have a vocation that would relate to Our Lady. Mary is commonly spoken about on Mother's Day, as the honourable mother, who gave birth to God, our Lord Jesus Christ, who fed the family and maintained the household. We should also look into her Spiritual life, her education and the ministry of the Church which started before she was born.

Below are the condensed main segments of Our Lady's ministry that we should be celebrating:

Early life of Our Lady.

Our Lady's parents, St. Anne and St. Joachim, were considered as older parents when they conceived Mary. Our Lady was given the title of the 'Immaculate Conception' (1854 - Pope Pius IX) as she was spared of Original Sin and her soul would be completely unblemished; in perfect tact for the ministry that would be put before her. As the accounts state, Mary was presented to the Temple when she was three years old (*the Presentation of Our Lady - Protoevangelium of James.*). Her ministry in the Temple was to learn and stay educated about the Jewish Faith. She would have read the text about the Prophecy of Our Lord's coming to claim His Kingdom (*what we call Christmas*). Our Lady was perpetually Virgin, even to the time of her betrothal and marriage to St. Joseph.

As a dedicated woman of the service to the Temple, her duties for prayer and community events were daily accounts both at home and in public. Her impact is relatable to our families and the wider community as we see so many women today building and strengthening the church just as she did.

Ministry to Our Lord.

Mary's Motherhood is foretold by the Arch Angel Gabriel (*The Annunciation- Luke 1:26–38*). Our Lady did not object with the Arch Angel or God – she instead enlivened the word 'Fiat' which is a complete trust in God. Her status in the Temple meant that the birth of Our Lord would only have to be through the intercession of the Holy Spirit (*Theotokos: Council of Ephesus*). As she was knowledgeable of this prophecy the Cantic of Our Lady can only explain the joy and sheer appreciation that Our Lady had to be worthy to give birth to God. God dwelt among us and put forward His Mother for many of Her events from the account of Finding Jesus in the Temple to the Wedding of Cana. Mary was always there. His ministry on Earth would never leave us, as on the foot of the cross, Jesus told Our Lady that she would inherit us all as her children (as spoken through St. John the Beloved who was with her). This ministry to God, impacts us all as we see behind every great and Holy moment meant that a prayerful, hopeful, knowledgeable, faithful and loving mother was always there. Today, anyone with the ministry of motherhood or religious instruction can use Mary as the best example of a ministry to God.

The Continuation of Her Ministry

Mary died in a natural and human way but was Assumed body and soul into Heaven (*The Assumption Pope Pius XII*). She appeared across the globe to continue the ministry of Our Lord and help us attain the hope of living and dying in God's grace. Her love is projected each time we call for her intercessions as she takes our petitions and gives them directly to God. We never pray to Mary. We only ask her to *Pray for Us*. In the account of Our Lady appearing to the children of Fatima, Mary explained to us that the world has moved away from the Church and our actions of sin are offending Our Lord. The impact of her apparition was to help us come back to Him and restore our love and devotion to God. Her message was for us to pray the rosary every day, to come back to church and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation often so we can receive the Eucharist in the purist state of Grace.

As a mum would say "This does not ask too much of us. Mary's loving ways will only benefit us in the long run." *By Bernadette Bassil*



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.



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:

John Ivers, Selwyn Ward, Henry Fernandez, Teresita Rublico, Carol Thomson, Jill Preston, Lana Hraiki, Maureen Dowd, Helen Donnelly, Anne Taranto, Maureen Narayan, Anna Kevic, 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, 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, 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 Ravallion, 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:

Catherine Yim, Michael Addicoat, Aaron Feliciano, Brian Posgate, Silvio Talotta, Colin Elliott, Denis Young, Ian Neale, Robert (Bob) Ascoli, Emily Grantham, John Martlew, Beverley Byers, Frank Lazzaro, Bill Taylor, William (Bill) Dunkley, Damien Wong, Maria Briscas, Dominic Lam, Cesare Tasselli.

Anniversaries:

Giuseppe Di Lucchio, Peter Fang, Domenico La Spada, Ada Leung, Luisa Veran, Ivan Bozic, Chiara Azara, Maria Rosa Livolsi, Raymond & Naomi Chakty, Caterina Giannoccolo, 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.

Also For:

Thanksgiving and intentions of Malou/Marlon Agbuya & family, Pinkie Jasmin and family, deceased Maria Corazon Diego, and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory.

ROSTERS 18/19 May 2024

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	Hobans	S Fisher
Commentator:	Hobans	A Marquez
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers:	J Deacon	Youth
Commentator:	T A - King	
Acolyte	Michael	Tom

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: H. Choi & A .Tsoi
Sun 8.30am	: J & A. Shori
Sun 10.00am	: A & J. Faddoul, S. Sicari
Sun 5:00pm	: E. Loho, A Chan & S Finneran

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/9ebT3voEAuP7P8R9> 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.

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



"As a caring faith community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Pacific Street and Pangee Street**. We pray for their needs and Intentions".

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.