



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 Advent (Year A) - 8 December 2019

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

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
 7:00-8:00pm (in the oratory)
 Friday: 11.00am -12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.

(Please contact the Parish Office)

Weddings: By appointment

(Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

By and large, the kings of Israel were a disappointing lot. With few exceptions, they use their power to benefit themselves, not the people. It would have been so easy for the psalmist's prayer to be full of complaint about the king. Instead of complaining, however, the sacred writer prays for him.

O God, give your judgement to the king,' the psalmist prays. That is, 'give your gift of wise judgement to him that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement'. The psalmist knows that if the king is humble enough to submit to the guidance of God, justice will flourish in the land and there will be lasting peace.

John the Baptist was not a king but he was a great leader because he recognised and submitted to the authority of the coming messiah: 'the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals,' he told the people.

We can sit back and criticise the leaders of our day. Or we can imitate the psalmist and pray for them, that they may be filled with the spirit of God, a spirit of wisdom and insight. And we can pray for ourselves in our own leadership roles in our families and community, that Christ, whose coming we celebrate at Christmas, will bless us with wise judgement and compassion for the poor, the needy and the weak who need our help.

The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections



HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR CASEY!

May God give you the strength, courage, power and wisdom to smoothly surmount all the challenges in your faithful and loving service to our parish. We thank God for His presence and blessings in your life. Enjoy your special day, Saturday, 7 December.

Working Bee for Christmas, Saturday, 21 December, from after 9:15 am mass. Please come to help with the cleaning.

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony

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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 or you may fill one out at the parish office.)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

2019 MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASSES

December 16 to 23 December

7:30 pm Weekdays

(Please note that on the above dates, weekday morning and all weekend Masses will be as per usual schedule.)

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24 December

6:00 pm Christmas Carols

6:30 pm Family Christmas Mass

11:30 pm Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25 December

8:30am & 10am Masses only

NO 5PM MASS

BOXING DAY

Thursday 26 December

No Masses

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday 31 December

9:15am Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday 1 January

10:30am Mass

Appeal for Children's Liturgy of the Word - Leaders and helpers

If you have been thinking about getting more involved in parish life but cannot commit too much of your time, the Children's Liturgy Team Ministry might be just the thing for you this year.

We require leaders for Yr kinder to Yr 6, as well as helpers. The only requirement is that you are 18 years or older and willing to provide a Working With Children's Check.

Mentoring will be provided to you if you are new to the ministry, by an experienced leader.

The commitment required is a maximum of two Sunday mornings, once a term; the reward for all those involved is immeasurable.

If you are interested in joining this wonderful ministry or have any questions regarding Children's Liturgy of the Word please contact Ana on the email or telephone number below.

Ana Naduva, Sacramental Coordinator Phone: 9554 5752

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS -

First Reconciliation First Holy Communion Confirmation

ENROLMENT PACKAGES are available in the foyer of the Church and from the Parish Office.

Completed enrolment forms may be returned to the Parish office or emailed to the Sacramental Coordinator, Ana Naduva

On email:

olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Closing Date: 18th December 2019

ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

Once again this year, we will be holding evening Advent Masses in the immediate days leading up to Christmas. Let us join together as a worshipping community, in preparing our hearts for the coming of our saviour, this Christmas advent season.

**Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove Parish
89 Shaw Street Kingsgrove NSW 2208**

Invites you to Advent Evening Masses

7:30 pm on the following dates:

16 December – Monday

17 December – Tuesday

18 December – Wednesday

19 December – Thursday

20 December – Friday

23 December-Monday

Weekend and weekday masses will be as per usual schedule.

Alongside with Father Casey and Fr George, we will be inviting guest priests to celebrate mass.

Light refreshments will be served after each of the above masses. Please bring a plate of food to share at the final mass on Monday, 23rd December.

A Special Invitation

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers will be held again this year on Saturday 14th December at 5:00pm in the Church followed by light refreshments. All parishioners who have made a contribution during the year, either through formal ministry or simply by lending a hand, are invited to come along. It is a night to express our gratitude to you. For catering purposes, please RSVP to the Office. Look forward to seeing you there.

We are currently recruiting singers from years 5-9 for the Christmas Family Mass. Practice dates are Thursdays, 4pm on 5 December, 12 December, 19 December and Sunday, 15 December at 2:30pm. Please Contact Antonia Chan on 0404 807 595.

Lights of Christmas

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral. A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night that started 5 December until Christmas featuring a range of choirs



The St Vincent de Paul Society is now selling 2020 Columban Calendars for \$8 and St Vincent de Paul and Magellan Christmas cards for \$5 for a pack of 10 cards.

The Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group Is in recess for the rest of the year. Our next meeting will be Monday 10th February 2020 .

Please do not place any posters or flyers on the brick walls in the church. Notices, flyers and posters can only be placed in church Notice Boards (not on brick walls) with prior permission from the Parish Office or Fr Casey. Thank you.

Mass Collection-Reminder

Please keep in mind that the First Collection is used to support the Clergy in the Parish and beyond. The Second Collection is for the maintenance of our Parish and to meet other regular financial commitments. Your support to the Second Collection is much appreciated.

Bereavement Support Reflection Mornings

Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au



"Safeguarding in our Parish

It is my responsibility and your responsibility!

To make our Parish a safer place, all volunteers in any Ministry in our Parish are requested to use their PC to register for an online training course at: <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1> If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can contact us via the e-mail address: safeguardingPSSO@olkingsgrove.org.au John Deacon and Gina Guiffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer)

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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 safeguardingenquiries@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.

"Safeguarding in our Parish It is my responsibility and your responsibility!"

Are you currently a volunteer within our parish? Are you thinking of volunteering for events and children's celebrations over the Christmas period? To make our Parish a safer place, all volunteers in any Ministry in our Parish are requested to attend a Safeguarding Workshop, to be held in the Clune Centre on Sunday 1st December at 3 pm. You also need to apply on line for a Working with Children Certificate via the NSW Government web site if you do not already have one. (If you already have one, please bring it with you to the training session. Thank you. John Deacon PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer)

The Catholic Weekly

Want to know what is happening in the Catholic Church here in Sydney, around the country and abroad? Then visit <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au> The website has daily updates of breaking news, features, commentary and video from Australia and the world. The Catholic Weekly online has built a proud reputation as a news-breaking brand that sets the agenda on Catholic discussion. It is also mobile compliant and can be read anywhere, anytime at your convenience.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Merle Kenna (Warrigal, Shell Cove),
Esme Roberts (St Mary's Hostel,

Berkeley) Maria Ryan (Bupa, Clemton Park), Mike Skennar (Maronite Sisters Village, Dulwich Hill), Jane Gallo (Blakehurst Aged Care Centre), Ellen Quirk & Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper (Huntingdon Gardens), Patricia North (Southaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights), Monica Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Noelene Bennett and Enid Taylor (John Paul Village); Carmela Lazzaro (Menaville Nursing Home); Nancy Dawson (Stella Maris Retirement Home); Noel Spinks, (Bupa Bexley Nursing Home); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care).

Parishioners who are Sick: Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit Phillips, Angelo Taranto, Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau, Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Ray Mason, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Esme Elefante, Yolly Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafih, Alida Banks, Renae Corban, Betty Maguire, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Agnes Mak, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Jim & Margaret Sackett, Ben Xuereb, Christine Gale, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Ivan Bozic, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

Please pray for our Recently Deceased: Mary Lawless (sister of Frances English), Fr John Flynn L.C., Ailso Beveridge, Shirley Patricia Thomas, Victor Borg, Phillip Zammit, Patricia Byrne, John Vella, Sr Joan Brennan, Keith Bryan Briones, Eileen Gehrig, Leila Pearson, Gary Burrows, Fr Patrick Baker, Gebron Gebron, Fr Silio Naduva, Ada Sclosa, James Fox, Rodney Jayatilaka, Ivanka Andrijic, Eris Paul Clark.

Anniversaries: Frederick Edwards, George Ghosn, Jack McEldowney, Angelo & Lidia Grasso, John Myers, Alexander Burbidge, Glorine Ransom, Constance McInerney, Teresa Higgins, Annie Woods, Kevin Quintal, Amy Meier, Giuseppina Corke, James Harvey, Bjarne Johansen, Maureen Harcombe, Linda Davis, Francis Morris, Katherine Flanagan, Maria Cordi, Richard Smith, Una Clyne, Rachael Langley, Andrew Moseley, Judith Owen, Rita Popplewell, Patrick Nevin, Sheila Byrne, John Knight.

Also For: For special intention of Richard & Mary Coorie, Yvette, Paul & Reymond Coorie, Simon Basha, Francesco Giglio, Kim Selby Chinnery, Yvette, Paul, Nina Angeles Moncay, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele, Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, Kevin Quintal and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

14/15 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	P Simon K Doherty	P Frederick R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	M Millen	N Ormerod
Acolyte	Tom	Michelle
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Thea/Margolit
Holy Good Store:	Nelchonna	T Valdoria
Warden:		A Garcia

	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	R Lansdown M Guiffreda	Youth
Commentator:	N Kevic	
Acolyte	Anthony	Jeremy
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:		
Warden:	J Valix	
Cleaning Roster:	L Patterson, J Quinn	
Counters:	L & D Wallworth	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	C & D Farag, E Hawkins
Sun 8.30am	:	R & C Doan, J Shori
Sun 10.00am	:	J Kim, D Pighin, E, I & J Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	M Chung, J Lui, N Ng, W Setiadji

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of Colleen & George Tan. Rosary is recited each evening from Monday until Friday at 7.30pm. All friends and neighbours are most welcome.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONAL PRAYER AT OLF CHURCH KINGSGROVE

Please join us every first Wednesday of the month, immediately after the weekday morning Mass, around 9:45 AM for special prayer session of devotional prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The next session will be on Wednesday, 1st January.
(Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before mass)

PRAYERS for our Parish:

As a caring community, we reach out in love and prayers to our brothers and sisters in **Lynesta Avenue & Mabel Street** praying for their needs and intentions.



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

None in January 2020, Next will be on Thursday, 6 February 2020, 8:00 pm RSVP: 4 February 2020.

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241
Myrna De La Pena ph 0490 410 896



Next Sunday's Readings: Is 35:1-6, 10;
James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

