

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) - 15 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

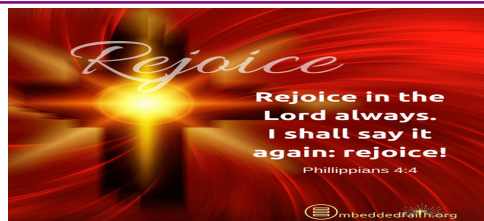
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00-8:00pm (in the oratory)

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

The lectionary offers us a choice of two very different responses to today's psalm: one is a cry for help, 'Lord, come and save us'; the other a joyful outburst of praise, 'Alleluia'. Which response will your community choose? Both responses are very appropriate for today's psalm which is a rich expression of faith in God. The sacred writer praises God who keeps faith forever, who cares for the oppressed and marginalized, who heals the sick and who sees justice done. When we respond, "Lord, come and save us", we are saying, "Lord, we believe you are such a God and we ask you to reveal your saving power and faithful love in our present difficult circumstances". When we select the joy-filled response of 'Alleluia' we are saying, "Lord, we believe you are such a God because we are presently experiencing your wonderful saving love". Perhaps we are feeling a little of both, like today's liturgy which intermixes the themes of joy and patient waiting. We rejoice in God's saving presence in our lives and in our world as we witness progress, albeit slow, in human rights and justice. But we also recognize ongoing injustice and suffering, areas in which we remain unfree, and people still marginalized and abandoned. In one prayer we mix 'alleuias' with 'Lord, come and save us'. Whatever our circumstances, faith in God who keeps faith forever is what is most important. As Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Happy the one who does not lose faith in me". *The God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections*

Working Bee for

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

**Parish Office will be closed from
 12:00 noon Tuesday, 24
 December and will re-open Friday,
 3 January 2020.**

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Assistant Priest: Fr George Sigamony

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Ana D Naduva, email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

Imelda Dela Cruz - Thursday, Friday (Bookkeeper, Accounts)

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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

ATTENTION EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AND READERS / LECTORS

It would be appreciated if you could indicate your availabilities for the Christmas Masses.

Could Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion please indicate which Christmas Mass they would be available to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion, using the form in the Foyer of the Church.

Could all Readers and Lectors please indicate at which Christmas Mass they would be available to read, using the form for Readers and Lectors in the Foyer of the Church.

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.

Healing Mass every first Thursday of the Month at St. Joseph Camperdown

Praise & Worship, Divine Mercy, Healing Mass Every first Thursday of the month at St. Joseph church, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050

Time: 7pm - 8:45pm All are welcome.

Anyone interested on being an Acolyte? Training will be provided and will be guided by an experienced Acolyte for next roster.

Enquiries: Jeremy Seeto, ph 0414 490 899, email: jessa.seeto@gmail.com.



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

First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

God himself will come and save us. Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4

(R.) Lord, come and save us. Or

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame

walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



**"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@olfkingsgrove.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.

Summer fun is back

Organised by OLF Kingsgrove Church during the summer vacation, it provides an opportunity for your young children to leave their gadgets at home so they can come and join others to experience the Church teaching in a different way. This year older kids will learn to instruct their own microcontroller to flash a few lights and know basic electronics while younger ones will be busy with interesting hand crafts and food making.

Venue: Clune Centre

Date: 6/1/2020 to 9/1/2020 (4 days)

Start time: 9:00am for 9:30 start

Finish time: 3:00pm

Fees (including snacks and project materials):

Year 1 to Year 3: \$30 / Year 4 to Year 8: \$50

Registration via <https://forms.gle/fWgQgnhhvEXaj4Fa9>

on first come first serve basis

Seats are limited

Enquiry:

Email: kenneth.man@optusnet.com.au

Phone: 0413 096 960



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
 (Southhaven Aged Care, Padstow Heights),
 Monica Cherry (Leigh Place, Roselands), Noeleen
 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 Halafihi,
 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: Danielle
 Hoban, Pietro Modellino, Lidia Zidaric, Patsy
 Dunne, 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: Kathleen O'Neill, Kevin Quintal,
 Jack McEldowney, Angelo/Lidia Grasso, Joselito,
 Ofelia & Consorcio Inso, George Ghosn,
 Damiana Valdoria, Maria Alexo, John Myers,
 Alexander Burbidge, Glorine Ransom, Teresa
 Higgins.

Also For: For special intentions of Tony Chan,
 Therese, Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family,
 Francesco Giglio, Kim Selby Chinnery, Yvette,
 Paul, Nina Angeles Moncay, Guisepe, Bartolo,
 Mary Ann Grace Tesoriero, Gaetano, Angelo,
 Vince Cusumano, Victoria, Domenico Natale
 Stomiello, Antonio, Maria, Rosina, Michele,
 Sebastiano Ferlito, Beth Conlon, and all the Holy
 Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

21/22 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	B & J Deady	M Lee K Villamala
Commentator:	J Hoban	T Ormerod
Acolyte	Win/Giok	Pak
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Grant
Holy Good Store:	M Burgess	
Warden:		P Hizon
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	T Coorey M Policarpio	Youth
Commentator:	E Hong	
Acolyte	Wilson	Kelvin
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:		
Warden:	J Policarpio	
Cleaning Roster:	C Ho & The Chinese Outreach Group	
Counters:	L & S Hua, Vincent	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	: A Bernard, R Horner, L Kasses, M Kelly
Sun 8.30am	: J Doueih, J Gebron, A & S Nacarella
Sun 10.00am	: J Hanna, A Lansdown, S & H Tandaovong
Sun 5.00pm	: R Banaghan, Y Esteban, J & J Ung

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of
 Mary Young, 21 Moya Crescent, Kingsgrove.
 Rosary is recited each evening from Monday
 until Friday at 7.30pm.



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 Macdonald Crescent and Maluka
 Place praying for their needs and intentions.



BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

NO PREPARATION EVENING IN JANUARY. WILL
 RESUME ON 6 FEBRUARY 2020; RSVP 4 Feb.

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz ph 0414 979 241
 Myrna De La Pena, ph 04901 410 896



Next Sunday's Readings: Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7;
 Mt 1:18-24

