



# 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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year B) - 27 December 2020*

Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, Masses resumed with restrictions. From Monday, 21 December, our church can have 230 people with 4-square-metre rule.



## REFLECTION

Today, we reflect on the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth. At one level we know very little about this period of Jesus' life. In today's Gospel St Luke simply tell us that in Nazareth 'the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom, and God's favour was with him.'

Luke also tells us that his parents did 'everything the Law of the Law required'. From that, we can conclude that Jesus grew up in a religious home in Nazareth, characterised by prayer and faithfulness to God's law. Throughout his public ministry Jesus revealed a familiarity with the Hebrew Scriptures-the Torah, the prophets and psalms-and we can assume that he came to know these texts during his formative years in Nazareth. We also know that he worked as a carpenter, like Joseph.

No doubt, the holy Family experienced difficult times in Nazareth, as well as blessed moments. We have the record of an incident when Jesus was twelve-years-old, and his parents lost him. How traumatic that must have been for Mary and Joseph. At a certain stage Jesus and Mary would have grieved the death of Joseph. Simeon's prophecy to Mary that a sword would pierce her own soul points to Jesus passion and death, and much more besides including incidents, unknown to us, during Jesus' childhood.

Outwardly, modern-day family life appears so different to family life in Jesus' day. But in the essentials of faith in God, love for each other, and courage in difficult times, the life of the Holy Family continues to offer us encouragement and inspiration.

*God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections*



## 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

**Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm no booking for 230 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with weekday masses. No booking for all these masses**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Friday:11.00am -12noon

**Baptisms:** Every 1st and 3rd  
Sunday of each month. (Please call  
Parish Office)

**Weddings:** By Appointment (Please  
call Parish Office)

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*Dear parishioners,*

It is so frustrating that we have again some cases of community transmission of Coronavirus in some parts of NSW. As such, the easing of restrictions from 7 December was reversed and we are back again to 4-square metre rule.

We have to be careful and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. **We are again back to 4 square metre rule with 230 people in the church.** Indicators are in each pew for the limit of number of people to sit unless from same household. Dot markers are placed where people should sit. **No booking required on all masses but on a first come, first serve basis.**

**It is always a requirement that attendees should write their name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on Weekdays, or register by scanning the QR code on your mobile phones.**

As you would all be aware, the government has strongly recommended the **wearing of face masks** in closed-in places, including places of worship. Whilst this is not compulsory, we would urge you to consider complying for your benefit and that of everyone else too. **Congregation singing is now cancelled until further notice.** We are trying as much as possible to keep our church a safe place in which all are welcome to come and worship the Lord. I, for one choose to wear a mask, particularly when distributing communion and when meeting and talking to people. I know you will understand that I do so for our common protection.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church is open for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 12:00 noon Tuesday to Saturday.** Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required. Entry by side door.

2. **Daily Mass:**  
**Tuesday- Thursday and Saturday 9:15am**  
**Friday 11:00am-12:00pm Exposition of the Holy Eucharist followed by Mass at 12:00pm.**  
**Maximum of 230 people.** Physical distancing and hygiene directions apply. No booking required.

3. **Saturday 9:15 am** morning Mass is followed by **Confession until 10.30am.** No booking required.

4. **Weekend Mass, regular schedule resumed, maximum of 460 people. All weekend mass - no Booking required**

**Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm**  
**Sunday - 8:30am**  
**10:00am**  
**5:00pm**

Please come early when attending mass for registration and to secure your seats. Until further notice, we are allowed 230 people inside the church on a first come, first serve basis.

5. **In last week's bulletin, we had stated that Dispensation had been lifted but with the current situation of more cases of Coronavirus going around, dispensation is again back until further notice. All Catholics but priests will be dispensed from Sunday and Holy day obligations.**

6. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.

7. For **funerals** up to 300 people with 4-square metre rule.

8. **Baptisms** can be celebrated with 230 attendees subject to 4-square-metre rule.

9. **Weddings** - can be celebrated with 230 guests inside our church. Other venues, 300 people.

**All of these notices might change depending on the Covid 19 situation.**

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, I am available to pray for you over the telephone. Please call to organise.

Please remember that you may offer Mass for anniversaries, special intentions, thanksgiving or any reason simply by placing your request in an envelope and bringing that to the office or in the mass offering box at the presbytery.

**Please continue to check our parish website: [www.olfkingsgrove.org.au](http://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au) as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: [info@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:info@olfkingsgrove.org.au) or Ph: 9150 9665**

*Father Hamilton (Casey) Ureta*  
Parish Priest

### GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

DECEMBER 2020

28 Mon

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Feast

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop

29 Tue

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202) Pss Prop

30 Wed

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203) Pss Prop

31 Thu

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss Prop

JANUARY 2021

1 Fri

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity

[Holyday of Obligation]

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18) Pss Prop

2 Sat

**Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

Memorial

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205) Pss I

3 SUN

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Solemnity

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20) Pss Prop

**Parish Office is closed from**  
**Thursday, 3:00 PM, 24**  
**December and will re-open on**  
**Tuesday, 5 January 2021.**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR  
2020 MASS SCHEDULE**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**Thursday 31 December**

9:15am Mass (followed by holy hour with Benediction)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Friday 1 January** Exposition 11am followed by Mass



We are not God. The earth was here before us and it has been given to us. This allows us to respond to the charge that Judaeo-Christian thinking, on the basis of the Genesis account which

grants man "dominion" over the earth (cf. Gen 1:28), has encouraged the unbridled exploitation of nature by painting him as domineering and destructive by nature. This is not a correct interpretation of the Bible as understood by the Church. ... we are called to recognize that other living beings have a value of their own in God's eyes: "by their mere existence they bless him and give him glory", and indeed, "the Lord rejoices in all his works" (Ps 104:31). ... the Church does not simply state that other creatures are completely subordinated to the good of human beings, as if they have no worth in themselves and can be treated as we wish. ... everything is interconnected, and ... genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others.

*Pope Francis, Laudato Si'*

**We need volunteers to be rostered as main entrance door attendants/counters at each of the weekend masses to oversee our compliance with safety directives. If you are interested, please call Parish Office, 9150 9665, Tuesday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm. Thank you.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING**

**None in January 2021; next is**

Thursday, 4 February 2021

7:00 pm RSVP: 2 February 2021

Coordinators: Imelda Dela Cruz,

ph 0414 979 241; Myrna De La Pena, ph 0490 410 896



**PARISH DONATIONS** Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes or by credit card. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated.

We now have the facility for credit card donation through our website: [www.olfkingsgrove.org.au](http://www.olfkingsgrove.org.au). Please Click on **SUPPORT US on the top right of screen, then Donate, and 'Click here to donate to Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove'**.

There is a drop down arrow to select biller code for the type of donation you wish to give, either Planned Giving, First Collection, Second Collection, etc., then follow the next steps.

Alternatively, for your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:

**Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784**

**Account Number: 5025001**

**Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove**

**Reference: Name & envelope number** (if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).



CatholicCare's Home Care Services for seniors can support you or a loved one to live at home independently with comfort and confidence and to remain connected to your parish community.

To learn more call our **Home Care Team**

**PHONE: 13 18 19**

[connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org)

**PRAYERS for our Parish:**

As a caring faith community, we give thank and pray for all our friends and faith family members who are celebrating the Christmas Season with us at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Bless them, protect them, and fulfil their needs. We also pray protection over our parishioners who are travelling." May the Good Lord Bless you and Keep you.







## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoran, Noreen McAvinue, Sid Dixon, Ted Cooper and Millie Czerny (Huntingdon Gardens), 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), Patricia North (Southhaven 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); Pat Parkinson (Bexley Park Aged Care); Frances English (Strathfield Gardens), Patrick Lehane (Homewood Aged Care), Yuk Hwo Sin (Fairlea Aged Care); Anthony (Tony) Resford (Pathways Cronulla Pines).

### Parishioners who are Sick:

Wilson Villamala, Nelly Vanzyl, David Burrell, Joanne Dick, Rhose Cunningham, Rosa Alaso, Caterina Ancona, Joe Millen, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Carol Braga, Betty Maguire, Michael & Eileen Neville, Rosemary Cooley, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Margaret Lynn, Jim Sackett, Margaret McCafferty, John Foxe, Angelo Taranto, James Crlito, Bambina Canosa, Alida Banks, Govind Reddy, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Colin Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Antonietta Roberto, Lou Rovali, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Helen Donnelly, Joe Khoury, Don Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr, Larissa Anne Salt, Ben Xuereb, Judy & Colin Elliott, Frank Brown, Rosalina Mirabueno, Maria Braga, John Fick, Valerie McInnis, Samar Munoz.

### Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

Nyree Council, Len O'Hara, Robert Powell, Fernande Cantrell, Peter Schattner Weskamp, Edmund Pew, Maria Boufrancis, Nell Stenning, Eliza Ferreira.

**Anniversaries:** Peter Khoury, Ibrahim Mitry, Maria Alicandro, Damiana Valdoria, Vittorio Morone, Nellie Scott, Francis Osborne, William McAllister, Beryl Gard, Josephine Bessio, Michael McCafferty, Ann McLennan, Warren McCormack, Sheryl Conley, Clara Holmes, Mervyn Barnes, Ann Ellison, Joan Nair, Bik Sam Chan, Edward Sims, Fernando Fagnani, Eileen Brown, Robert Connors, Tecla Menegus

**Also For:** Thanksgiving for improvement in health of Margaret McCafferty, thanksgiving for Gener-Dizon families, Hizon-Consunji family, Powell, Stead & Hickey families; for deceased Maria Alexio, Bella Simoes, Richard, Mary, Paul & Reymond Coorie, Yvette Basha, Hizon-Consunji Family, friends & relatives and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS 2/3 January

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	P Frederick	N Ormerod
Commentator:	K Doherty	T Ormerod
Acolyte:	Michelle	Pak
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	S Sicari	Youth
Commentator:	T Coorey	
Acolyte :	Kelvin	Michael



### Prayers against the Spread of Corona Virus

God our Father, we come to you in our need. We ask for your protection against the COVID-19 Corona Virus, that has claimed many lives and has affected many. We pray for your grace for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion and of those governments and private agencies that must find a cure and a solution to this pandemic. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon. Grant us the grace to work for good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



### "Safeguarding in our Parish

**It is my responsibility and your responsibility!**

Are you a part of the Children's Liturgy, Children's choir, Youth Ministry, a Acolyte or Minister of Holy Communion, Senior Altar Server, Reader, Warden or counter?

To protect our children and youth, if you have not attended a parish Safeguarding Induction Training session, please register for an on-line training course at <https://goo.gl/forms/wSkRi3ZO6PzkRfbo1>

If you are over 18, you also need a Working with Children (WWC) approval that you can apply for online.

Volunteers do not need to pay for the WWC.

Thank you to the volunteers of our OLF Community who have already attended Safeguarding Training and supplied details of their WWC to the Parish Office.

During June, the Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office is asking adults, youth and children to participate in a staying safe online 5 minute CyberSafety

Survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TC7CYQ3>

If you have Safeguarding concerns you wish to raise, you can approach Fr Casey, or email John Deacon and Gina Giuffrida, PSSO (Parish Safeguarding Support Officer) via the email

address [safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au](mailto:safeguardingPSSO@olfkingsgrove.org.au)

**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 [safeguardingequities@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingequities@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.