



OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) - 9 February 2020

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) **(will resume 1st Thursday of February)**
 Friday: 11.00am - 12noon
Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month.
 (Please contact the Parish Office)



REFLECTION

The powerful words of Isaiah, 'If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness...', are reflected by Paul who in fear and trembling, but relying on the Spirit and the power of God, and as a light in the darkness, preaches Jesus Christ to the Corinthians. Jesus reminds us that we have to let our light shine, so that others, on seeing our good actions, give glory to God.

Outside the walls of the Old City of Jerusalem, is Mount Zion Catholic cemetery. Here on a humble grave is the name, Oskar Schindler. Why is this person, a member of the Nazi Party, buried here? Oskar, though a man with many faults, realised he could not stand by and see the Jewish people sent to the gas chambers without helping them, even at the risk of his own life. He is credited with saving 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust. In 1993, he and his courageous wife, Emilie, were named Righteous Among the Nations by the Israeli government. Oskar, while being aware of his own weaknesses like Paul, let his light shine before others, and helped so many afflicted people. Today, we give thanks to God for such people.

God's Word 2020 Daily Reflections

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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: _____



Prayer for Rain

Thank you Lord God for answered prayer of providing us with rain in the last few days. May you continue to bless us with these rain where they are needed. We make this prayer with many, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gives new life to all living things. Amen.

Women's Social Support Group

Mass and Luncheon

I would like to invite any women, young or not so young, to come along and join our group and enjoy and share some time with other women.



We have a variety of activities such as lunches, dinners, tours, train trips and we have lots of laughs and enjoy each other's company. It would be great to have you come and join us. We also collect gold coins at all our functions for our charity.

Details for our first event for the year are below:
We will commence with **Mass at 12 noon** at Our Lady of Fatima followed by lunch at **Rations Café Kingsgrove RSL** Lunch will be at **1pm**.
Date: Friday 21st February, 2020

I hope you can make either Mass or lunch.
If you would like to come please **rsvp** to **Veronica**



by **Wednesday 19th February 2020** on **0412 216 166** or **vtier-ney37@optusnet.com.au**.

ATTENTION READERS – NEW ROSTER

The new roster can be collected in the church from under the St Mary Mackillop statue. Thank you.

OLF PARISH CALENDARS 2020 ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School usually starts after the day school starts but this year the Organising Team has decided to take a gap year. It means there will be no Sunday school in 2020. Whether it will resume in 2021 will depend on the needs that arise. For detail, please pick up a news letter at the foyer of our church. If you are interested in supporting Sunday School next year, please complete an "Express of Interest" form at the back of the news letter and place in the envelope next to the news letter or give it to Fr Casey. Thank you.

CATECHIST MEETING– Will be held in the Presbytery Meeting Room on Wednesday, 12 February at 9:45am (after the 9:15am Mass). All catechists, helpers, prayer partners and anyone interested in becoming one of the former are invited.

Enquiries Peter Coleman 9787 2554

CATECHIST SERVICE CERTIFICATE AWARDS

We congratulate the following Catechists for receiving Catechist Service Certificate Awards:

Monique Choueifati 5 years
Anne Sheerin 10 years
Agnes Man 15 years

Both Monique and Anne have now retired as Catechists and we are in urgent need of replacements. If you can help, please contact Peter Coleman on 9787 2554



"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.

Prayer Meeting recommencing 6:30pm Monday 10 February. Come and give thanks to Our God for all blessings you have received. Worship and Praise Our Lord with the Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group this Monday 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre (entry via the courtyard adjacent to the church).
Inquiries - John Deacon 0418 77 88 56.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2020

First Reading

Is 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Enrolment for Year 7 in 2022 at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove

If you are a Catholic family that regularly worship in this Parish and intend seeking enrolment for your daughter into Year 7 in 2022 at St Ursula's College Kingsgrove please contact the Enrolment Team on telephone 9502 3300 (option 2 Enrolments) or by email:

info@stursulakingsgrove.catholic.edu.au to obtain an enrolment pack. Note that if you have already registered your interest you will be sent an enrolment pack in March 2020.

If your daughter is already enrolled in one of the following Catholic primary schools you DO NOT need to register your interest as you will be contacted by the College via your daughter's school over the next few weeks:

- St Francis Xaviers' Catholic Primary School Ashbury
- Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School Beverly Hills
- Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School Earlwood
- Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School Kingsgrove

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Riverwood. For your information St Ursula's College is holding an Open Day on Thursday 5 March 2020 between 3:30pm - 6pm and you are warmly invited to come and experience our vibrant community.

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.

PRAYERS for our Parish:

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





PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Coleen Davoren, (Huntington 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), 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); 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: Angela Braga, Colin
Chandler, Grazia Passeretti, Maria Ryan, Margolit
Phillips, Esme Elefante, Raiyne Saunders, Linda
Swords, Angelo Taranto, Emilia Scali, Tak Ying Lau,
Antonietta Roberto, Lou and Jean Rovali, Ray Mason,
Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Arcadia Soriano, Yolly
Ventoza, Tanya Eid, Ofa Halafihi, Alida Banks,
Rena 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:

Maria Di Benedetto, Brian Gammel, Noel Spinks,
Filomena Palisoc, Freddie Paragas, Jan Maree Baty,
Colin Burns, Pietro Modellino, Eddie O'Shea, Pasquale
Cordi, Danielle Linkson, Maria Condello, Lidia Zidaric,
Patsy Dunne, Tony Geovenco.

Anniversaries: Anna & Mechele Silvestre, Maria &
Pietro Modelino, George, Haiam and Jamel Khoury,
Lorenzo Gianotta, Ronald Watson, Anthony Sheehan,
Kevin Dale, Anthony Van Beers, Charlie Dix, James
Porter, George Schembri, Antoinetta Conduci,
Veronica Barker, Enid Martin, Winifred Morris,
Wilhemia Bentley, Fortune Dorman, Carl Morrissey,
John Twyford, Nell Garretty, Patrick Robinson, Eileen
Derrig, Chiara Di Francesco.

Also For: Thanksgiving for wedding anniversary of
Ray & Fidela Jasmin, special intentions of Jason
Jasmin, Mark Thompson, Tony Chan, Therese,
Jamie, Joe, Gina Ottallah family, Mary Ann Grace
Tesoriero, Muriel Lillian Knighton, Portia Mariano,
Linda Porter, Victoria, Domenico Beth Conlon, and all
the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

BAPTISM PREPARATION EVENING

Wednesday, 4th March 2020

8:00 pm

RSVP: 2 March 2020 Tina & Tom Coorey

Ph: 9150 6016



ROSTERS

15/16 FEBRUARY

	5:00pm	8.30am
Readers:	M Millen P Lee	M Lee K Villamala
Commentator:	J Hoban	S Fisher
Acolyte	Wilson	Jeremy
Music:	Mary/Agnes	Thea/Margolit
Holy Good Store:	Nelochana	T Valdoria
Warden:		P Hizon
	10:00am	5:00pm
Readers	J Deacon S Graham	Youth
Commentator:	T Pighin	
Acolyte	Michelle	Win/Giok
Music:	10am Choir	Youth
Holy goods Stall:		
Warden:	J Deacon	
Cleaning Roster:	F & G Cassar, M Lorzanto	
Counters:	M & A Latido, C Simon	

Altar Servers:

Sat Vigil	:	C & D Farag, E Hawkins
Sun 8.30am	:	J Hana, K Loho, R Mulia, P Warner
Sun 10.00am	:	A Lansdown, E, I & J Wu
Sun 5.00pm	:	N Seneviratne, J & K Yazbeck

The Pilgrim Statue: will be at the home of
Marilyn & Vitor Quintal. 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, 4th March 2020.

**(Please note of change of time, previously 8:45 AM before
mass)**

Next Sunday's Readings: Sirach 15:15-20;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

