

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

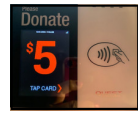
Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C) 5 December 2021



NSW Government and Health Regulations' easing of restrictions started 11 October. Sydney Archdiocese churches opened from Monday, 18 October. Our church reopened from Saturday, 23 October with 5:00pm vigil mass, then usual mass times thereafter.



Like most churches, we now have a device where you can give your donation using your credit card by a tap on the **Quest Donation Point Tap**. There will be 2 at church entrance and foyer. It has a set amount of \$5.00. Should you wish to give \$10, tap twice and so on if you want to donate more. **Please note that donations made through these are not tax deductible.** It will not show your name or envelope numbers on our bank statement. The donation will automatically go into our Parish account. Your tap donation will show as "OLF Parish Kingsgrove" in your credit card statement. This is a secure, cashless donation point used by most Parishes as recommended by the Archdiocese. For tax deductible donations, please continue using your envelopes, direct deposits and online credit cards where you can indicate your name and Planned Giving number. Thank you for your ongoing support.



'Our OLF Vinnies Christmas appeal will be conducted at all masses this weekend. Envelopes are available as usual in the Church pews or you may use the online option by logging onto our Christmas appeal website: <https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/christmas-appeal-kingsgrove-2021> Should you need to, you may take the envelopes home but please return them next week. Many families are doing it tough following a difficult year and your generosity will be greatly appreciated. God bless you for your ongoing support for the needy in our community.'

REFLECTION

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we meet John the Baptist. Note the details in the Gospel reading: John the Baptist 'went throughout the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance...' The word in the original Greek that is often translated as repentance is 'metanoia' literally meaning 'change of heart'. One commentary adds that this kind of repentance is not about regret or guilt or shame but implies making a decision to turn around, to face a new direction. When we face away from the light, all we can see is our own shadow. When we turn towards the light our shadow and the darkness are behind us. Repentance means not only turning from what is bad, but also from many things that are good, but just not for us at this time, or turning from good things to which we have become inordinately attached and which, therefore, restrict our ability to be truly free.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2021



Fr Casey, we give thanks for God's presence in your life, we appreciate your faithfulness, devotion to Our Lady of Fatima & your loving service to our parish.

On your special day on Tuesday, 7 December,

there is nothing better than praying for you and thanking God for his blessings upon your life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

We will have morning tea after 9:15am mass on Wednesday, 8 December to celebrate his birthday and Feast of Immaculate Conception. All welcome!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TEMPORARY CONTACT NUMBER FOR THE PARISH

OFFICE IS : 7207 9420.

(We are waiting for the NBN to be fixed and our original numbers to be reinstated)

Parish Priest: Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Part time Parish Assistant: Fr Stephen Onyekwere

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Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

Welcome back! It had been fantastic weeks seeing you all once again face to face. We thank God and the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima that we are together once more to celebrate our faith and pray together as a community.

For those unaware, we started to open our church last Saturday, 23 October with the 5:00pm vigil mass and from then on, resume our usual mass schedule. **We are open with mixed congregations, that is everyone whether fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or as yet unvaccinated.**

People who are especially vulnerable, who are vaccinated but anxious about mixing with the unvaccinated, or who are unvaccinated and do not want to risk contact with others, are free to remain at home and join live streamed masses from the cathedral and some parishes. We have to continue to be careful and take all reasonable precautions to protect the health of everyone involved and to observe the directives we have received. We will do all that is reasonably possible to keep everyone safe. **We are again back with 460 people in the church including upstairs with 2 square metre rule.** 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 register before entering the church. It is recommended that registration now is through scanning the Service NSW QR code using smartphones with Service NSW App. For those with no smart mobile phones please write your name, telephone or email address in the sheet provided upon church entry at main door on weekends, side doors on Weekdays.

The wearing of face masks is recommended in closed-in places, including places of worship. Congregation singing is not allowed 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. Fr Casey and Fr Stephen will be wearing mask during and after mass as required. They know you will understand that they do so for everyone's common protection and compliance.

1. Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove church reopened for **personal prayer from 8:30am to 4:00 pm Tuesday to Saturday from 23 October.** Social 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 460 people. Social 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 460 people (2 sq-metre rule inside the church including upstairs, on a first come, first serve basis.

Clune Centre will be open with speakers for attendees over 460 inside the church. Those unable to attend mass are encouraged to do Prayers at home, read scriptures or watch live streamed mass on TV and asking God for Graces normally received at Holy Communion.

5. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
6. For **funerals** uncapped with 2-square metre rule or 460 people inside our church.
7. **Baptisms** can be celebrated uncapped subject to 2-square-metre rule 460 guests inside the church.
8. **Weddings** can be celebrated uncapped with 2-square metre rule or 460 guests inside our church.
9. Office OPENED Tuesday, 12 October with the usual opening time 8:30am, closing time 4:00pm with one hour break 12:30 to 1:30pm

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

Parish bulletins will be available online or hard copies may be collected from outside the church on Fridays after 1pm.

If you or someone you love is ill and you wish to offer a prayer for them, We are 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.

Though our churches are already open, let us not be complacent as the Delta virus is still around. Let us shake Heaven with our prayers and care and support one another in faith. Our Lady of Fatima, our celestial Mother, walks with us so let us turn to her in prayer to end this pandemic. We are all one on this journey.

Please continue to check our parish website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au as it is being updated. You may also contact us via Email: info@olfkingsgrove.org.au or Ph: 7207 9420.

May God bless us all.

Father Casey and Father Stephen



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS

We would like to congratulate all the wonderful couples who have celebrated a special Wedding Anniversary this year and last year.

We are so sorry that we could not have the Wedding Anniversary Mass for this year & last year, due unfortunately to Covid and lockdowns.

May God bless you all and bless your wonderful marriages.

We look forward to celebrating with you at some time in the future.

*Best wishes & congratulations from,
Wedding Anniversary Committee*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday/Sunday 11/12 December:
Mass of Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers

ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASSES

15 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

Friday 24 December

NO 9:15am MORNING MASS

6:15 pm Christmas Carols

6:30pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass

9:00 pm Christmas Mass

12:00 Midnight Christmas Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday 25 December

9:00am Christmas Mass

10:30am Christmas Mass

NO EVENING MASS

BOXING DAY

Sunday 26 December

Masses as usual

8:30am

10:00am

5:00pm

NEW Year's Eve

FRIDAY 31 December

11:00am Adoration –in thanksgiving to the year ending

12 Noon Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday 1 January

10:00am New Year's Day Mass

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 2 January

Masses as usual, 8:30am, 10:00am, 5:00pm



“Well, Christmas is approaching and as you can see the Christmas tree has gone up a little early this year. This is because the St Vincent de Paul Society will **NEED THE GIFTS RETURNED BY 5 DECEMBER AT THE LATEST** so they can be distributed to the families.”

If you have a child that would like to play an active part in the Christmas Eve family Mass please email judith.kennedy@syd.catholic.edu.au. All ages are very welcome. Your child may like to read, sing, or be part of a small reenactment. All ages are very welcome. Thank you, Judith Kennedy- Family Educator.



GOD'S WORD 2022

A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God. The book includes the Bible readings set down for each day, with a reflection. It would be a nice Christmas gift to your family and friends. **It's on sale at Parish Office during office hours at a discounted price of \$15.00 per copy. It's \$19.95 at other Catholic bookstores.** Please call or send email if you can't come during office hours.

ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

As part of our yearly parish tradition, we celebrate Christmas evening masses as a community to welcome the Birth of Christ. We invite different priests every evening to celebrate the Holy Eucharist and often, we have a short gathering outside with food and drinks. The Most Rev. Archbishop Anthony Fisher had confirmed, that he will celebrate with us the last evening, Thursday, 23/11. With Covid, we still have to discern what is best to do on the gathering after each mass. You will be informed later.

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

Invites you to Advent Evening Masses

7:30 pm on the following dates:

15 December – Wednesday

16 December – Thursday

17 December – Friday

20 December – Monday

21 December-Tuesday

22 December-Wednesday

23-Thursday-Thursday

Weekend and weekday masses will be as per usual schedule.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

6 Mon Advent

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)

7 Tue

Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Memorial

Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14 (182)

8 Wed

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Solemnity (Holyday of Obligation)

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689)

9 Thu

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)

10 Fri

Our Lady of Loreto

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

11 Sat

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

12 SUN THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 (9) Pss III

Market Day Fundraiser (organised by St Joseph's Riverwood parishioners) at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst for Saturday 4 December is being postponed due to bad weather being forecast for Saturday.

Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt

Every night from 9-25 December, 7:30 to 11:00 pm

Join in Sydney's favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital story telling projected onto St Mary's Cathedral.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners living in retirement:

Peg Denny, Noreen McAvinue, Millie Czerny, Colin Chandler, Merle Kenna, Jane Gallo, Patricia North, Noelene Bennett, Enid Taylor; Carmela Lazzaro; Nancy Dawson; Frances English, Shirley Farrell, Anthony (Tony) Redford, Anne Sheerin, Caterina Ancona, and Justina De Bellis.

(Should you want to know the place of their retirement homes, please call Parish Office' temporary phone # 7207 9420).

Parishioners/friends who are Sick:

Patricia Gray, Maximino Ilaya, John De Bellis, Mary Brown, Maria (Thi Quyen) Lee, Samar & Carlos Munoz, Aileen Munoz, Peter Morgan, Jeanette Assaeloff, Anna Burnett, Mercedes Nardella, Michael Neville, Peter Carter, Priscilla Watson, Aidan Ravallion, Steven Holman, Timothy Sackett, Dhiren Boidya, Leonardo Pagano, Kevin Ryan, Nelly Vanzyl, Paolo & Rhea Primavera, Loretta Visser, Frank Crimi, Tom De Michele, Rosemary Theodoris, Angelo Taranto, James Crilto, Alida Banks, Peter Nair, Angela Braga, Grazia Passeretti, Antonietta Roberto, Stephen Doyle, Josie Wenko, Renae Corban, Joe Khoury, Amanda Teer, Anne Marie Michels, Raigan Kerr.

(Please update us of their status)

Please pray for our Recently Deceased:

John Lee, Oskar Abiraad, Yuk Hwo Sin, Colleen Davoren, Famiglia Parisi, Gaetano & Testa Pietro, Consuelo Gacusan, Michael Maloney, Amneris Yassa, Magda Braskich, Fr Renato Paras, Benjamin Xuereb, Erlinda Swords, Pamela Peters, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna De Fina, John Vella, Peter Wastie, Hilton Smith, Don Khoury.

Anniversaries: Josephine Doueihy, Lawrence Stevens, Angelina De Fina, Vince and Maria Camuglia, Philip Zammit, Kathleen & Joseph Dingli, Lydia Zidaric, John Vella, Ida Taranto, Mary Deacon. *Other names anniversaries of deceased are in the red book located in the church foyer.*

Also For: Deceased Kevin Quintal, Laurie Maguire and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all in our shrine of remembrance book. *Please note: For mass requests to be put in Bulletin, please drop them in the Petitions Box, in the office, call or send email on or before 12:00 noon on Thursdays. Bulletins are printed or sent electronically on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. Thank you.*



CWF appeal will be held on 17th & 18th December 2021 instead of this weekend.

For your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT), below is our new bank details:

Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 100000143
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove
Reference: Name & envelope number (if applicable)

ROSTERS 11 & 12 December

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	J & J Henderson	J Kachel
Commentator:	J Hoban	J Kachel
Acolyte:	Alyssa	Leslie
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	J Deacon	Youth
Commentator:	A Sicari	
Acolyte:	Anthony	Tom



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

None for January 2022. Will resume: Wednesday, 2 February 2022, RSVP 28 Jan 2022.

Coordinators: Paul & Clothilde Elsibai,
Phone: 0410 583 808



PRAYERS for our Parish:

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

You are welcome to join **The Living Water Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group** every Monday, 6:30pm in the McGinley Room, upstairs in the Clune Centre.



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA KINGSROVE'S ADVENT PROGRAM 2021

Every Tuesday mornings at Clune Centre, 7th & 14th Dec., from 10:00am to 11:00am, you are invited

to make a true preparation for CHRISTMAS. Enjoy a cup of tea and truly prepare for the birth of Christ.

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"



"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>

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@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.