

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

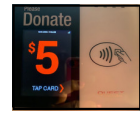
Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) 12 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.

## REFLECTION

One of the four candles on an Advent wreath is usually rose-coloured. This is the candle lit today. Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday also named Gaudete or 'rejoicing' Sunday, a name taken from the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass.

Before the birth of Christ, people often seemed to be at a loss about how to live in harmony with God. While they received the law through Moses as a gift, they soon tragically reduced this life-giving direction to little rules that served to bind rather than free. Those who are captive, struggle to sing songs of rejoicing. Such directionless people flock to John asking: What must we do then? At this point John presents the first clear social teaching of the Christian era, firstly to the people, then tax collectors, then the soldiers. Afterwards John declares before them all that Christ whom they had awaited was immanent and the era they had long awaited had arrived.

The risk we face is to see the arrival of the Messiah only as an historical event. The reality is that Jesus Christ, who overcame death, is present in our world today, and wherever there is love, there is God. There is no greater cause for rejoicing than awareness of this fact.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*

**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)**

## CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to assist with Advent Novena and Christmas Masses by filling in the rosters in the foyer. Many thanks.



## CWF Parish Appeal

*The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF)*

*Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend of*

**18 & 19 December.** *Your generous donations*

*will help those most vulnerable in Sydney, with*

*crisis pregnancy support, telecare counselling,*

*support for the deaf and hard of hearing, pastoral*

*support for our Aboriginal communities, and care for*

*children needing foster care, among many other things.*



Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make

adonation and find out more at [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)

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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 allowed but wear face mask. 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](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: 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

### 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.



Thank you to all who prepared food and who attended the gathering after mass to celebrate Fr Casey's birthday and Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We had Fr Joseph Vesentin of Scalabrini Village, Bexley joining us.



**GOD'S WORD 2022 were SOLD OUT! St Paul's Publications ran out of stock. We placed back order. We will put notice if we receive them.**

### ADVENT NOVENA EVENING MASS

As part of our yearly parish tradition, we celebrate Christmas evening masses as a community to welcome and prepare for 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, 23/12. 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-December - Thursday**

**Weekend and weekday masses will be as per usual schedule.**

**Supper will be served on the first night,  
15 December & on the last, 23 December.  
Coffee, tea & biscuits will be served on the other  
nights.**

### GROWING IN FAITH

#### Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

**December 2021**

**13 Mon**

**Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

Memorial

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)

**14 Tue**

**Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Memorial

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)

**15 Wed**

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23 (189)

**16 Thu**

Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30 (190)

**17 Fri**

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

**18 Sat**

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

**19 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 (12) Pss IV

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](mailto: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.



## 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:

Patrick Quinlan, John Chuck Wan Lee, Oskar Abiraad, Yuk Hwo Sin, Colleen Davoren, Famiglia Parisi, Don Khoury, 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.

**Anniversaries:** John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueihy, Joseph Cillegi, Maria La Spada Snr., 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 Pedro Lumapac Snr, Maura Lumpac, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, Josephine Khoury, Laurie Maguire and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

*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.

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 18 & 19 December

	<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>8.30am</b>
Reader:	T Abela-King	P Frederick
Commentator:	K Doherty	R Naderuzzam
Acolyte:	Michelle	Jeremy
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
Reader:	T Coorey	Youth
Commentator:	R Lansdown	
Acolyte:	Michael	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 **Pacific & Pangee Streets** 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.



Our OLF Vinnies Christmas appeal was conducted at all masses last weekend.

Envelopes are still 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](https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/fundraise-your-way/christmas-appeal-kingsgrove-2021)

For those who had taken their envelopes home, please return them this 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."



### "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.equities@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding.equities@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.