

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

Fostering communal compassion and service

*Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C) 19 December 2021*



NSW Government and Health Regulations further eased restrictions from Wednesday, 15 December 2021. There is no limit to church attendees so we can have full capacity, but we strongly recommend wearing of face masks, though no longer mandatory.

**Please Note: Parish Office will be closed from 12:00 noon, Friday, 24 December and will re-open on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.**

*The Parish Team - Fr Casey, Fr Stephen,*

*Monique Choueifati, Bernadette Bassil, Emma Williams, Frank Spiteri, Katrina McNeill, and Imelda Dela Cruz extend to you all a very happy and holy Christmas. May the love of God, through the gift of His beloved Son, Jesus, be felt amongst your families, relatives and friends and inspire you to love one another as He loves us. Keep healthy and Covid safe.*

**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.

### **REFLECTION**

I imagine a lot of love and humour in the visit of Mary to Elizabeth. It's likely that the situations of both women would have fuelled gossip in their little villages and among family and friends, and now we meet Mary seeking solidarity and refuge in the home of her cousin Elizabeth. It's helpful to recall the enthusiasm and excitement of their greeting: the child Jesus in Mary's womb 'leaped' for joy and Elizabeth was 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. Perhaps these two didn't meet all that often, but when they did, it was as friends and conversation would have carried on where they had left off at the last visit.

The humour I imagine is in the fact that the man of the house, Zechariah, was silent giving Mary and Elizabeth space to laugh and chat thus making his house their own. All of this during what must have been difficult circumstances for each of them. Their shared humour comes from their confidence that in their unexpected pregnancies, God is at work.

And don't miss the Opening Prayer of today's Mass, familiar to us as the concluding prayer of the great Angelus: The word became flesh, and dwells amongst us.

*God's Word Daily Reflections 2021*



### **CWF Parish Appeal**

*The Charitable Works Fund (CWF)*

*Parish Appeal will be held this weekend,*

*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,*

NSW government and Health had eased restrictions further in NSW from Wednesday, 15 December 2021. **There is no limit so we can have full capacity in our church, no restrictions on number of people to attend but we strongly recommend wearing of face masks, though no longer mandatory. 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 now back with no limit to church attendees but for our safety, as number of Covid cases are increasing, please still observe social distancing. We still recommend registration 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 highly recommended in our church. Congregation singing is now allowed but please wear 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.**  
**No limit of attendees but** 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, No limit of attendees. All weekend mass - no Booking required**  
**Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm**  
**Sunday - 8:30am**  
**10:00am**  
**5:00pm**
5. **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.**
6. **Anointing of the sick** will continue to be administered as a Viaticum for the gravely ill and the dying.
7. For **funerals** and baptisms are with no limit of attendees.

8. **Weddings** can be celebrated with no limit. Eating and drinking are allowed while standing and singing And dancing are permitted.
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; Christmas break from midday, 24 Dec. to 3 Jan., will re-open 4 Jan. 2022

**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 we have these further easing of restrictions, let us not be complacent as the Delta and Omicron virus are 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*



**Theatre Parties Organised by the Women's Social Support Group**

**North by Northwest**

**Location:** Lyric Theatre on  
**Date :** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022  
**Session:** 1pm.  
**Tickets:** \$100.00 per person.  
**(Our Group bookings are for seniors only).**

**At this stage Face Masks, sign in for QR code and proof of vaccinations are required to attend.**

**A little background about the show.**

*Gripping, suspenseful and visually stunning, Hitchcock's classic NORTH BY NORTHWEST comes to Sydney Lyric Theatre in all its glamorous and gleeful glory in March 2022. In an exclusive Sydney season, the sensational DAVID CAMPBELL stars as the suave advertising executive Roger O. Thornhill in director Simon Phillips' action-packed thriller of mistaken identity, kidnapping and espionage. Boldly-inventive, it is the theatrical event of 2022.*

**Please contact Veronica on email [vtierney37@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vtierney37@optusnet.com.au) or mob: 0412216166 by Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 to RSVP.**  
**Payment of money by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES 2021 MASS SCHEDULE

### 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

### 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.

**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:**

**20 December – Monday**

**21 December-Tuesday**

**22 December-Wednesday**

**23-December - Thursday**

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

**Supper was served on the first night, Wednesday,  
15 December & will be served on the last night, 23  
December, at Clune Centre.**

**Coffee, tea & biscuits will be served on the other  
nights.**

### GROWING IN FAITH

**Scriptural readings and Saints for this week**

**December 2021**

**20 Mon Advent Weekday**

Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38 (196)

**21 Tue Advent Weekday**

**Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

**22 Wed Advent Weekday**

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)

**23 Thu Advent Weekday**

**Saint John of Kanty, Priest**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

**24 Fri Advent Weekday**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

**25 Sat**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**

**Solemnity (Holy day of Obligation)**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
(13) Night: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)

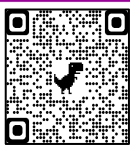
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16) Pss  
Prop

**26 SUNDAY**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND  
JOSEPH**

**Feast**

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 (17) Pss  
Prop



## Christ our Light Sunday School

Sunday School will send off the 2021 year by a  
Zoom gathering on Sunday, 19 Dec.

New school year will start on the second  
Sunday of February 2022. More details will be  
provided in January. Registration is open for  
2022. All Kindy to Yr 10 students are welcome to  
register to join Sunday School using the above  
QR code.

**The new format of Sunday School is to send  
learning materials to the registered families twice  
a month through the Seesaw platform and will  
meet in person once a term.**

**Enquiry: [sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschool.olfkingsgrove@gmail.com)**





## 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 Ravailion, 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:

Maggie Duarte, 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:** Ibrahim Mitry, Peter Khoury, John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueihy, Joseph Ciliegi, 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:** Thanksgiving & intentions of Gener/Jasmin family, Deceased Pedro Lumapac Snr, Maura Lumpac, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, John Ringo Little, 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.*

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 25 & 26 December

## CHRISTMAS ROSTER



### 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 **Park Street & Paterson Avenue** 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.



### "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 [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.

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.

### 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.