

OUR LADY OF FATIMA, KINGSGROVE

Opening to the challenge of renewal

Living out the Eucharist & Gospel of Jesus Christ

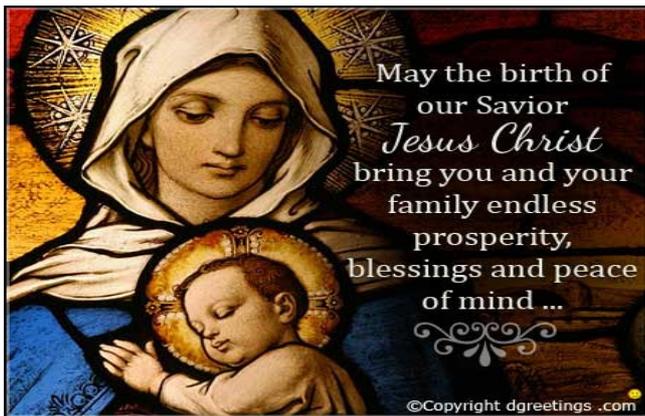
Fostering communal compassion and service

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year C) 26 December 2021



NSW Government and Health Regulations announced that wearing of face masks are again mandatory from midnight 23rd December. There is no limit to church attendees so we can have full capacity up to 26 December. 2 square metre rule will be back from 27 December to 27 January, 2022.

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



REFLECTION

For most of the history of human civilization, the term family has been used to speak of a community of love: parents and children, with a complex and diverse range of relationship connections through blood, legal contract and friendship ties.

It is not unusual today that families that have been damaged or broken through death or divorce are renewed with new relationships of love. For most, these new families have formed after much struggle, grief and pain. Thankfully, God is good at writing straight with crooked lines and for those who are able to look beyond the pain, new life is waiting.

Jesus was raised in a family of love which doesn't meet the narrow understanding of nuclear family: this without even taking into account the active role of the Holy Spirit in the birth of Jesus. Healthy families have always been 'extended' and include not only biological relations but friends and those who are in need.

The ministry of Jesus institutes a new form of family. God is now Our Father and even (in the intimate language of Jesus) our 'abba', our papa and our daddy. Now we are literally the children of God. We speak of Mary as our mother, and our sisters and brothers are those who with us look to the one Christ.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2021

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6

Happy New Year

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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)

Reminder from the Sacramental Coordinator.

Enrolments for the Sacramental Programs will be closing on **Tuesday 4th of January, 2022.**

Thank you to all the families who have submitted their forms.

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Dear Parishioners and friends,

We thank our Lord God that in spite of the increasing number of Covid cases, NSW government and Health had not closed our churches. **However, changes to eased restrictions were announced Thursday, 23 December. From 27 December to 27 January 2022, 2 square metre rule was again reintroduced. The wearing of face masks are again mandatory from midnight of 23 December. 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. **Up to 26 December, we have no limit to church attendees but for our safety, as number of Covid cases are increasing, please still observe social distancing.**

We strongly 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 again mandatory.

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.

8. **Weddings** and baptisms can be celebrated with no limit but 2-sq metre rule will apply from 27 Dec to 27 Jan 2022.

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 the church has not been closed, 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 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



Theatre Parties Organised by the Women's Social Support Group

North by Northwest

Location: Lyric Theatre on
Date : Wednesday 23rd 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 or mob: 0412216166 by Thursday 23rd December 2021 to RSVP.
Payment of money by Friday 7th January 2022.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday 24 December

NO MIDDAY 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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR C

First Reading [1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28](#)

A reading from the first book of Samuel

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord. Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.' When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v.5](#)

**(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house,
O Lord.**

I. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **(R.)**

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading [1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation [Acts 16:14](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 2:41-52](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.



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, 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 Ravaillion, 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:

Vittorio Angelo Stendaro, Peter Maher, John De Bellis, Maggie Duarte, Patrick Quinlan, John Chuck Wan Lee, Oskar Abiraad, Yuk Hwo Sin, Colleen Davoren, Familia Parisi, Don Khoury, Consuelo Gacusan, Michael Maloney, Amneris Yassa, Magda Braskich, Benjamin Xuereb, Erlinda Swords, Pamela Peters, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna De Fina.

Anniversaries: Abba Mader, Giovanni Azara, Powell, Stead & Hickey Families, Ibrahim Mitry, Peter Khoury, John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueihy, Joseph Cillegi.

Other names anniversaries of deceased are in the red book located in the church foyer.

Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Marilou Agbuya & family, Gener/Jasmin Family; Deceased Betty & Laurie Maguire, Joan & John Buckley, Maria Aleixo, 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



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."



GOD'S WORD 2022 were SOLD OUT!

St Paul's Publications ran out of stock. We placed a back order. We will put a notice if we receive them.

ROSTERS 1 & 2 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	V Hoban	J Kachel
Commentator:	J Hoban	P Lee
Acolyte:	Ella	Pak
10:00am		5:00pm
Reader:	N Kevic	Youth
Commentator:	R Lansdown	
Acolyte:	Kelvin	



"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.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

December 2021

27 Mon

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Feast

1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697) Pss Prop

28 Tue

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Feast

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

**29 Wed 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 Thu Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

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

**31 Fri 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 2022

1 Sat SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity (not a Holyday of Obligation this year)

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

2 SUN

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Solemnity

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