

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 Epiphany of the Lord 2nd January 2022



Complying with the NSW Government, Health Regulations and Archdiocese Directives, stricter restrictions are back on all masses. From 27th December 2021, our church can only have 460 people with two-square-metre rule, mandatory face mask and entry registration apply.



REFLECTION

The visit of the Magi or three kings to the infant Jesus is a beautiful and touching event, recorded in Matthew's Gospel only. Each of the gifts offered is an eloquent symbol of Christ's future destiny. The splendour of gold represents kingship and sovereignty. Frankincense, delicate and richly aromatic expresses the mystery of his divinity. The bitterness of myrrh, an analgesic sap extracted from a small, thorny tree, foretells the pain and suffering which lay ahead. Let each of us, the Magi, seek out and follow the star which will lead us to our Saviour. No matter how oppressive the blackness may be which envelopes us, no matter how empty and barren may seem the sky which looms above us, the small star-Hope-shall not fail to shine through, if we seek it with open eyes. May we follow its golden radiance, even if it be but the faintest glimmer; for it will surely lead us to that tranquil resting place where our God abides.

God's Word Daily Reflections 2022

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

Weekend Masses, Saturday, 5:00 pm vigil; Sunday, 8:30am, 10:00am and 5:00pm no booking for 460 people but needs to register on entry on main church door; same with weekday masses. No booking for all these masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday: 11.00am - 12noon

Baptisms: Every 1st and 3rd
Sunday of each month.
(Please call Parish Office)

Weddings: By Appointment
(Please call Parish Office)

**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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Youth Coordinator: TBA

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A Year of Thanksgiving and Hope for the Future

The Year 2021 is about to end and as we look back, it was truly a challenging year. We are still in the middle of the pandemic time. Like the rest of many institutions and establishments, we experienced being in lockdown for four months due to the increasing concern of people infected. It was very difficult for us, our families and the community. But even in the midst of the pandemic, not all is about just negativities. We also saw some silver linings of positivities and good things that come out of our lockdowns. We thank the efforts of those in the medical and fields of science to come out with vaccines to protect humanity. The government leaders who guided and made decisions even not popular in order to keep us safe.

In our parish, we saw how some people continue to care for each other. The regular Wednesday One Meal Outreach which is a combined outreach charity of Our Lady Fatima Parish, Our Lady of Fatima Primary and St Ursula's College continued to hand out meals to the needy. I saw how parishioners and school parents gave generously their time and resources to help. The number of new volunteers of different ages to man our Church to keep our community safe and protected. The livestream Sunday masses that enabled our parishioners to attend mass from home. The different families and groups connected in praying the rosary online.

So, there are many things we have to thank God for. Let us not forget the hands of God in our life experiences in good times and most especially in difficult times. We thank God for keeping our families connected, safe and healthy. We commend to God all our departed loved ones and beautiful parishioners who left us this year. With gratitude, we acknowledge the services of all good people in the parish who generously volunteered their time, talents and treasure to serve our parish family. I thank all our parishioners who continued to support us in their humble and different ways. As we are ushered with the beginning of 2022, we look forward with hope. The New Year begins with our liturgical celebration with the Feast of the Our Blessed Mary, Mother of God. Mary played an important role in the history of our salvation. She accepted with all humility and obedience the call to be the Mother of Jesus. Yes, Our Blessed Virgin Mary is the mother of Jesus and our mother too. We approach her as children to ask her to continue to guide and walk with us especially in this dark and troubled times and to always ask for her intercession

We pray for each one for the coming year 2022. We look forward with hope that this new year brings us more peace, love and unity in our families and in the world.

Fr Hamilton (Casey) Ureta

Parish Priest

LATEST COVID-19 UPDATE EFFECTIVE: From 27 December

1. Face masks are mandatory in the church, public transport, indoors and in organised outdoor events.
2. Congregational singing is permitted but wear mask.
3. All attendees are required to use the QR code for signing in. Those who do not have smart phones must sign in on paper, their name and phone number.
4. No booking on all masses. Our church can have 460 attendees, including upstairs observing the 2-square-metre rule. There is again limit on how many can attend weddings, baptisms, funerals with 2-square metre rule. Our church can have have 460 people inside the church.
5. Avoid congestion before or after mass; attendees should maintain safe distance when lining up for communion, 2-Square-metre rule applies.
6. Sanitise hand before entering the Church.

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

We thank Joe Yammine and his family for putting up the exterior Christmas decorations.



Please Note: Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, 4 January 2022.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (SOLEMNITY)

First Reading [Is 60:1-6](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away

and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm [Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11](#)

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Eph 3:2-3, 5-6](#)

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians**

*The revelation means that pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation [Mt 2:2](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Mt 2:1-12](#)

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew**

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Prayers on Covid 19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives. We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith. We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission. We pray for our health workers and medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Grant them health in mind, soul and body, strength in their commitment and protection from the disease. We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to good health soon. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in this trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need. May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



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; 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 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:

Carmela Lazzaro, Salam Hanna, Vittorio Angelo Stendardo, Peter Maher, John De Bellis, 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, Benjamin Xuereb, Erlinda Swords, Pamela Peters, Melita Medina-Lauro, Giovanna De Fina.

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

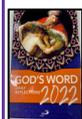
Other names anniversaries of deceased are in the red book located in the church foyer.

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, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.



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 8 & 9 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	V Hoban	R Naderuzzam
Commentator:	J Hoban	E Russo
Acolyte:	Christopher	Jeremy
10:00am		5:00pm
Reader:	Kalifa Family	Youth
Commentator:	Kalifa Family	
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.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.

GROWING IN FAITH

Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

January 2022

3 Mon Christmas Weekday

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212)

Pss II

4 Tue

1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 (213)

5 Wed

1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 (214)

6 Thu Christmas

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a (215)

7 Fri

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 (216)

8 Sat

1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)

9 SUN THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Feast

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21) Pss Prop