

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 Baptism of the Lord 9th 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.

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)



REFLECTION

Although Jesus, as the sinless Son of God, had no need for re-birth through baptism, he chose, in his humility, to accept the washing by John in the waves of the Jordan. In doing so, he imparted sacramental power to the waters of baptism, whereby our own being is restored to its original blessedness and purity. When Christ emerged from the water, the Spirit descends upon him as a dove, while the voice of the Father proclaims, "You are my Son, my Beloved; my favour rests upon you." This descent of the Spirit and proclamation of love and favour from the Father is a reality for each baptised person. It is a reality which is renewed constantly, or rather has a potency which is indelible and eternal. If we still our minds from distractions, worries, aspirations and fears, and look upwards to the heavens, we shall see the Holy Spirit hovering above us, as the white dove of hope and faith. And if we listen intently, we shall not fail to hear our God proclaim with infinite love and joy to each of us personally, "You are my beloved child, and my favour rests upon you."

God's Word Daily Reflections 2022

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

Pastoral Care Coordinator: Monique Choueifati: pastoralcare@olfkingsgrove.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator: Bernadette Bassil, email: olfsacramentalcoordinator@gmail.com

Youth Coordinator: TBA

Secretaries: Katrina McNeill – Tuesday, Wednesday

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

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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 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.

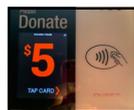
It might be difficult for some people but we request you to follow the above in order to protect ourselves and others as an exercise of 'love of neighbour'. We hope to get through this difficult time together. Thank you.

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

PARISH DONATIONS Thank you for your continued financial support of the parish either by the planned giving envelopes or by credit card. Your contributions will enable us to keep the parish running. We don't want to pressure you and understand current circumstances but if you are able to help, it would be very much appreciated. We now have the facility for credit card donation through our website: www.olfkingsgrove.org.au. Please Click on **SUPPORT US on the top right of screen, then Donate, and 'Click here to donate to Our Lady of Fatima Kingsgrove'**. There is a drop down arrow to select biller code for the type of donation you wish to give, either Planned Giving, First Collection, Second Collection, etc., then follow the next steps.

Alternatively, for your donation via direct deposit or electronic funds transfer (EFT) below are our bank details:
Commonwealth Bank: BSB 062-784
Account Number: 100000143
Account Name: Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Kingsgrove

Reference: Name & envelope number
(if Planned Giver and wish to claim 30% tax deduction).



Like most churches, since November 2021, we 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 Envelope number. Thank you for your ongoing support.

GROWING IN FAITH Scriptural readings and Saints for this week

January 2022

10 Mon Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)
1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20 (305) Pss I

11 Tue
1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 (306)

12 Wed
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39 (307)

13 Thu
Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45 (308)

14 Fri
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12 (309)

15 Sat
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

16 SUN SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11 (66) Pss II

Planned Giving Envelopes

It had been since July 2021 that the Planned Giving Envelopes are in the church foyer awaiting collection, but from this weekend, we will put them back at Parish Office. For those who had not collected, please do so during office hours.



The Pastorelle Sisters are sending their warmest gratitude to the generosity OLF Parish Community in supporting the raffle fund raising organised by Fr Casey for the purpose of building their aged care facility building that was burned last year. Money raised was \$1,840. Congratulations to the winners: Cecilia Ho and Nikki Sater.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C

First Reading [Is 40:1-5. 9-11](#)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 103:1-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-30. R. v. 1](#)

(R.) Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,
wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **(R.)**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servants. **(R.)**
3. How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **(R.)**
4. All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **(R.)**

5. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created
And you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

Second Reading [Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation [See Lk 3:16](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;
he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel [Lk 3:15-16. 21-22](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you."

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT:

Wednesday, 2 February 2022, RSVP 28 January 2022.

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



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:

Judy Lee, 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 Criito, 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:

Noel Freeman, Carmela Lazzaro, Nelly Santos, Salam Hanna, Vittorio Angelo Stendardo, Peter Maher, John De Bellis, Maggie Duarte, Patrick Quinlan, John Chuck Wan Lee.

Anniversaries: Angela Mitchell (Mansfield), Inescita Inso, Paul Francis Deacon, Abba Mader, Giovanni Azara, Powell, Stead & Hickey Families, Ibrahim Mitry, Peter Khoury, John McEldowney, Kevin Quintal, Josephine Doueih,.

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

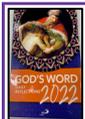
Also For: Thanksgiving & intentions of Jason Jasmin, Isidoro (John) De Fina, Dela Cruz family; deceased Juan and Estela Agbuya, Joan & John Buckley, Maria Aleixo, Pedro Lumapac Snr, Maura Lumpac, Jesus Cadiz, Felicidad Cadiz, John Ringo Little, and prayers and intentions requested through the OLF Kingsgrove Intercessory Prayer Group, and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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.



PRAYERS for our Parish:

"As a caring faith community, we give thank and pray for all our friends and faith family members who had celebrated 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 15 & 16 January

	5:00pm	8.30am
Reader:	L Corbett	N Ormerod
Commentator:	M Millen	T Ormerod
Acolyte:	Micheille	Jeremy
	10:00am	5:00pm
Reader:	J Deacon	Youth
Commentator:	A Sicari	
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.

Prayers on Covid 19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the COVID 19 Delta and Omicron 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.**

We fly to Your protection, oh Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, Oh glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen.**