



# SUNDAY, 19 APRIL 2026

## PARISH of Ss PETER AND PAUL, KIAMA

*Incorporating the Church Communities of  
St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong; St Matthew's, Jamberoo;  
and Ss Peter & Paul, Kiama.*

### **Next Weekend's Mass Times – 25/26 April 2026**

**Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm**

**St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am**

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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	21/4	5.00pm	
Wednesday	22/4	8:00am	
Thursday	23/4	8:00am	
Friday	24/4	9:30am	
Saturday	25/4	8:00am	ANZAC Day



**RECONCILIATION:** Ss Peter and Paul Kiama  
**Every Saturday:** 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday)  
**Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (except Easter Saturday).

**WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS:** by arrangement.

**BAPTISMS:** Kiama – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

#### **COUNTER'S ROSTER:**

**19 April:** Group 1 – Gavan Hocter

**26 April:** Group 2 – Ross Smith

## **REFLECTION**

### **EMMAUS AND US**

By Scott Hahn



We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they've seen—a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for—that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers.

They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death.

How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan"—foreknown before the foundation of the world.

Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to

corruption but was shown the path of life.

After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples—exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20).

In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist—as at Emmaus—we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

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# PARISH NOTICES

*We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Wadi Wadi people of the Dharawal nation, who are the Traditional Custodians and First Peoples of the lands on which we worship.*

## AS A PARISH WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR:



### Those who are sick:

*Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Brian Tyrie; Jan, Miecia & Zyguich; Bernard Cook; Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan; Peter Fogarty; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Kathryn Flynn; Donna Barry; Craig McLeod; Leonard Fletcher; Clare Manahan; All recently deceased friends and relatives of parishioners.*

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.**

## GERRINGONG MEMORIAL GARDEN

For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

## ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

\* **SS PETER AND PAUL KIAMA:** Every **Saturday**, 8:00am to 9:00am. Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

\* **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA GERRINGONG:** Every **Monday**, 11:00am to 12:00pm. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



## WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All financial support for our Parish is received primarily through the second collection at Mass and online Giving. Funds received cover all running costs and maintenance for the whole Parish. If you would like to support us you can do so in the following ways:

- \* **Second Collection at Mass.**
- \* **Donation Point Tap devices** – located in Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**all donations collected through these devices go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish**).
- \* **Online donations.** Visit the Diocesan website "Giving" page at <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for one-off donations or for signing up to regular Planned Giving. The website also has information about wills and bequests.
- \* **Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.
- \* **DOW App:** Download the App at <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-app/> The App also has an amazing Diocesan Mass times finder, daily Mass readings, upcoming Diocesan news and events, and links to other important Diocesan media and resources.

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Ss Peter and Paul Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If anyone has any concerns or questions about these matters, please contact a member of our Parish Safeguarding Team:

Maggie Phelan - 0417 064 826

Carole Parsons - 0429 040 502

Julianne Douglas - 0418 491 125

## HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH PLAYGROUP

Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama, Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.

**Term 2 2026: 22 April; 6 & 20 May; 3 & 17 June; 1 July.**

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

## SVDP HELP CENTRE

**Mondays – 4:00pm to 5:00pm**  
(excluding public holidays)

SVDP Kiama Conference operates a Help Centre in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama, for those seeking assistance. People must phone for an appointment. **Calls and texts are taken from 12:00pm each Monday only. Please phone 0416 928 247.** Current income statements and ID are required.

## SACRAMENTS 2026



Information about the 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

### ENROLMENT DATES

- \* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- \* **First Reconciliation** – Online enrolments close Friday, 24 July.
- \* **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed for annual leave until 11 May. It will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 12 May. If you wish to see Fr Chris or Fr George during this time, please phone 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service for their contact numbers.

## DAILY MISSALS

If anyone would like to order a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can get them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$36 for a **Sunday Missal**. The following are annual publications which can be ordered at the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** - \$30 (still available to buy) and **God's Word** – price TBC (sold out for 2026, can order for 2027). Please note, prices are approximates. The final price will depend on the number ordered and postage costs.

## SILVER CIRCLE

A new Silver Circle will commence soon. Please contact Sue (0408 979 005) or Thea (0450 015 547) to secure your ticket. *Homestead of Hope*

## ANZAC DAY MASS

An ANZAC Day Mass will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church at 8:00am on Saturday, 25 April. All welcome.

## COFFEE CAKE & CONVERSATION

You are invited to our Parishioner's morning tea on Friday, 1 May in Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room following the Catholic Women's League 9:30am Mass.



## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

### FIVE PRIZES TO BE WON

Tickets will be cash only, \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and on sale at all Masses within the Parish next weekend, 25/26 April, and the following weekend, 2/3 May. The raffle will be drawn on 8 May. Thank you to our ticket sellers. Anne Hassett 4232 2570

## GERRINGONG NEWS

\* St Mary's morning tea will be held on Sunday, 26 April after Mass.

\* The next quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, 3 May after Mass.

## THANK YOU!



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of Ss Peter and Paul Parish for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026. Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Together, your community raised an incredible \$2,921.30 helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice. Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

## ABBEY FUNDRAISER

**Magnificent music, beautiful voices, raise funds for the Abbey**

St Jude's Chamber Choir will be having a concert at Jamberoo Abbey to raise funds for the Abbey's building maintenance effort, with afternoon tea afterwards in the Abbey Guestry.

**When:** This Sunday, 19 April, 2:00pm

The concert will be followed by an afternoon tea at the Abbey's Guestry  
**Ticket price:** \$45

**Location:** Abbey Church, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo NSW 2533

**Register by going to this link**

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/stjudes-chamber-choir-concert/>

## SIGN UP TO A FOSSIL FUEL TREATY

This weekend parishioners will have an opportunity after Mass to take action and to sign a petition in support of a **global initiative to move towards ending fossil fuels and to enable a fair transition to clean energy**. The 3 core treaty goals are: non-proliferation (no new fossil fuel exploration or expansion; managed phase out (coordinated decline of existing coal, oil and gas production); just transition (protect workers, communities and vulnerable nations in the energy shift). The petition is occurring in the context of **The First International Conference for the Phase-Out of Fossil Fuels (April 2026) in Colombia**. This represents a historic opportunity to align governments, indigenous leaders, civil society and faith communities ahead of COP 31. The petition will be used to seek a negotiating mandate within the United Nations. There will be copies of 'A Catholic Theological Reflection on the Proposal for a Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative' for those who would like to look in more depth at the support of the Catholic Church for this initiative.

## INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

International Mother Earth Day, established by the UN in 2009, is held on 22 April each year. The 2026 theme is "Our Power, Our Planet", which recognises that "the earth and its ecosystems are our home" and that "it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth." Everything in nature, including us, is connected to everything else. Every time we damage nature in some way, we're hurting ourselves. The theme "Our Power Our Planet" reminds us that we all have a responsibility to preserve nature.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place.

Subscribe at [dow.sh/stayingconnected](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

## THE TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her." The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au) or visit [www.tribunal.dow.org.au](http://www.tribunal.dow.org.au).

## COMPASS CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for **Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May**. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: [dow.sh/familycamping26](http://dow.sh/familycamping26)

## PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

**Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities!**  
Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you'll learn about our [diverse assignments](http://palms.org.au/diverse-assignments) suited to your qualifications. **On Thursday, 30 April** meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. **Join our May session** for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. See more at [palms.org.au/events](http://palms.org.au/events)  
**02 9560 5333**  
[palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

# **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**

**19 APRIL 2026**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

**(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

## **SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not

know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **READINGS FOR 26 APRIL**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A/1**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Acts 2:14, 36-41

**PSALM:** Ps 22:1-6 (R.) *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 1 Pet 2:20-25

**GOSPEL:** Jn 10:1-10