



SUNDAY, 25 JANUARY 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 – 31 January/1 February 2026

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 6:00pm
St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Monday	26/1	9:00am	Australia Day
Tuesday	27/1	5.00pm	
Wednesday	28/1	8:00am	St Thomas Aquinas
Thursday	29/1	8:00am	
Friday	30/1	9:30am	



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

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

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

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

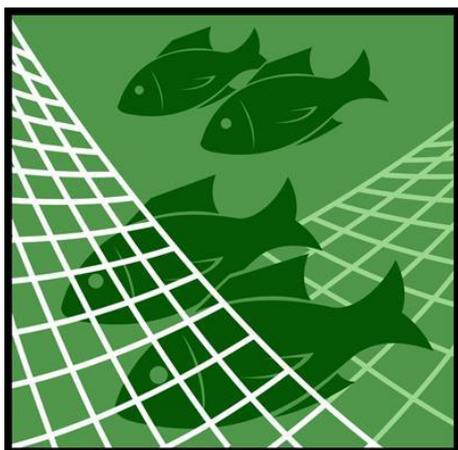
25 January: Group 1 – Gavan Hocter

1 February: Group 2 – Ross Smith

REFLECTION

HISTORY REDEEMED

By Scott Hahn



Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11–12).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy — announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations — symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of

Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men," gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose — in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

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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:

Kate Conlon; Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; Joy Fardy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Dorahy; Patricia Shallcross; Suzanne Cole Johnstone; Terry McGill; Faye Roch; Michelle Makin; Connie Debono-Cullen; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Vojislav "Voy" Ilic; Morris Veness; Jim Malcolm; Sharron Allcock; Kathy Flynn; Ian McCarthy; Doreen Delaney; Mary Duck; 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.

FUNERALS

* **Vojislav "Voy" Ilic** – 11:30am, Tuesday, 27 January, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama.

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

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

* **Every Saturday** - 8:00am to 9:00am, Ss Peter and Paul Church, **Kiama**. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

* **Every Monday** – 11:00am to 12:00pm, St Mary Star of the Sea Church, **Gerringong**. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. **All are welcome to attend.**

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** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that 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.

SVDP HELP CENTRE

The SVDP Kiama Help Centre is now closed and will reopen Monday 2 February 2026 from 4:00pm – 5:00pm. Anyone seeking assistance during the holiday period can call the central Vinnies Assist Centre on 13 18 12.

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Save the date: Parent Information and Enrolment Night - Wednesday, 11 March, 6:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

GERRINGONG NEWS

- * St Mary's monthly morning tea will be held this Sunday, 25 January after Mass.
- * The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1 February after Mass.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS

Mass for Australia Day will be celebrated at 9.00am on **Monday, 26 January** in Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

You may have family or friends who are non-practicing Catholics who would like to rekindle their Catholic faith. Dana & Vince Breen are providing informal information sessions. All-comers are welcome no matter at what stage they find themselves on their journey home. For further information contact Louise at the Parish Office 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au

CLEANERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in going on the monthly cleaning roster at St Matthew's, Jamberoo, could you please call Helen Plowman on 0429 463 745.

LITURGY MEETING

An open invitation to all interested in Parish music and liturgy

You are invited to a pre-Easter planning meeting on Thursday, 5 February at 5:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. We would warmly welcome new members to this beautiful ministry.

FAREWELL MORNING TEA FOR SR MAUREEN



Join us for a farewell morning tea for Sr Maureen, which will be held on Friday, 6 February after the 9:30am Mass in Ss Peter and Paul

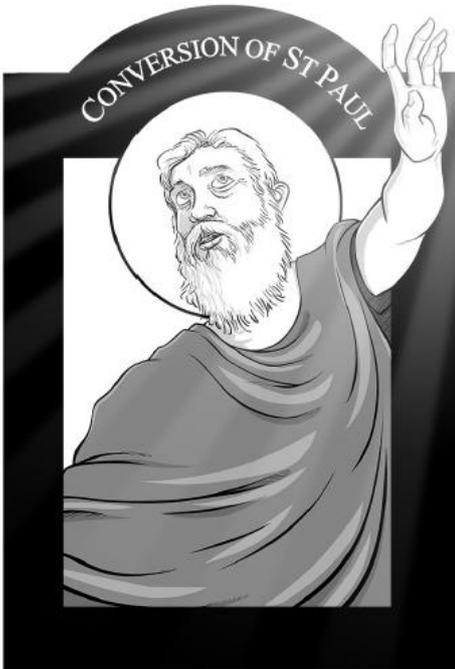
Meeting Room. Please bring a plate to share if you're able to.

LENTEN PROGRAM - COMPASSIO

The Diocesan Lenten Program – *Compassio* – is now available from the Parish Office during Office hours. Books cost \$5. CD's are available for Lenten Groups, cost \$5. Limited stock available - get in early so you don't miss out.

LENTEN GROUP

A Lenten Group will run from Thursday, 26 February until Thursday, 2 April from 9:30am to 10:30am in Ss Peter and Paul Sacramental Room. Phone Angie for more information – 0404 856 379.



Before his conversion, Paul the Apostle was known as Saul; a zealous pharisee who persecuted the early Christians. According to the Acts of the Apostles, Saul was travelling from Jerusalem to Damascus, when suddenly he saw a bright light and fell to the ground. He heard the voice of Jesus say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?". With the loss of his sight, Saul was led to Damascus by his travelling companions. Later, a disciple of Jesus named Ananias received a divine revelation, in which he was asked to visit Saul in order to restore his sight. Ananias did this by placing his hands on Saul's eyes and saying, "Brother Saul, the Lord, Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here, has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

The first disciples to be called by Jesus were all fishermen. Connect each of these apostles with his correct description.



Andrew



John



Peter



James

Also known as Simon, Jesus called him the "rock" upon which he would build the church. After the Ascension, he became a leader of the apostles and is regarded as the first pope.

He was the brother of John and one of the sons of Zebedee. He was chosen by Jesus to be one of the witnesses to the Transfiguration. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred.

He was one of the sons of Zebedee and a close friend of Jesus. He stood at the foot of the cross with the virgin Mary during Jesus' crucifixion. One of the Gospels bears his name.

He was the brother of Peter and the first called by Jesus. He was martyred by being crucified on an 'X' shaped cross, which became his symbol. He is the patron saint of Scotland.

Crossword

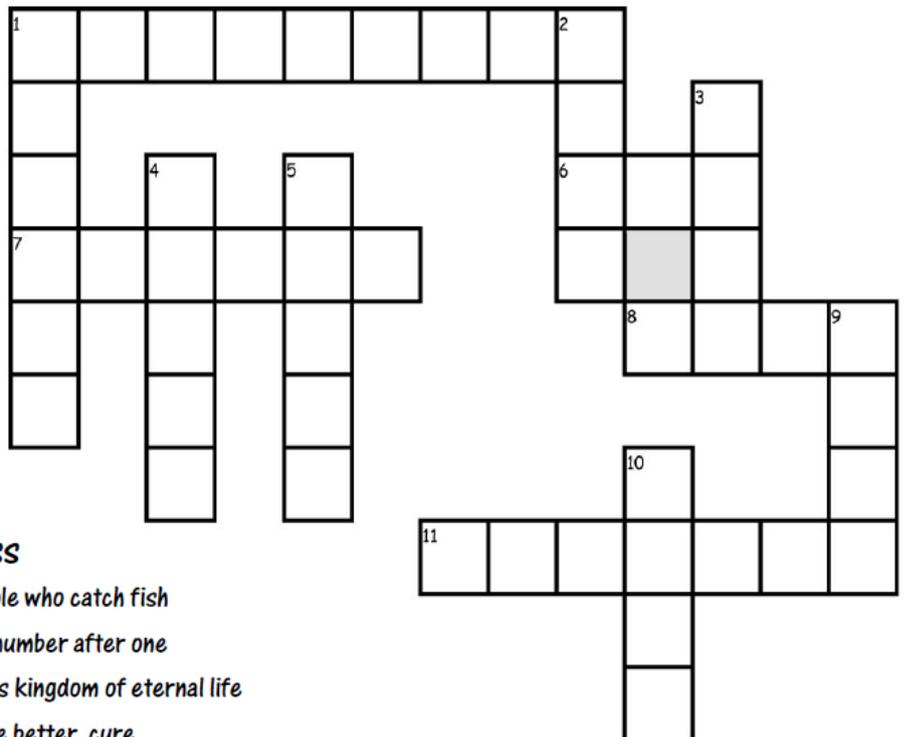


Down

- 1: daughter is to mother, as son is to ...
- 2: used for catching fish
- 3: Jesus said to the fishermen "_____ with me!"
- 4: The brother of John who was also a fisherman
- 5: Simon, the fisherman, was also known as _____
- 9: a large body of water
- 10: animals that live in the sea

Across

- 1: people who catch fish
- 6: the number after one
- 7: God's kingdom of eternal life
- 8: make better, cure
- 11: Jesus walked along the shore of this lake



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

25 JANUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 1 FEBRUARY

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/2

1ST READING: Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13

PSALM: Ps 14:7-10 (R.) *Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 1:26-31

GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12