



SUNDAY, 31 MAY 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 – 6/7 June 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	2/6	5.00pm	
Wednesday	3/6	8:00am	<i>Sts Charles Lwanga and Companions</i>
Thursday	4/6	8:00am	
Friday	5/6	9:30am	<i>St Boniface</i>

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

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

31 May: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

7 June: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

A MIGHTY WIND

By Scott Hahn



We often begin Mass with the prayer from today's Epistle: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you." We praise the God who has revealed Himself as a Trinity, a communion of persons.

Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship—and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name.

Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf (see Exodus 32). But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant.

God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations (see Exodus 4:22). Through Israel—heirs of His covenant with Abraham—God planned to reveal Himself as the Father of all nations (see Genesis 22:18).

The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham—and Abraham's faithful obedience—lies behind today's Gospel.

In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 16), God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world.

As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all (see Romans 8:32).

In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses—that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin and takes us back as His very own people (see Deuteronomy 4:20; 9:29).

Jesus humbled Himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead (see Romans 8:11), and gave Him a name above every name (see Philippians 2:8–10).

This is the name we glorify in today's Responsorial: the name of our Lord, the God who is Love (see 1 John 4, 8, 16).

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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:

Amy Cockshutt; Hilton Bloomfield; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Norma Raposas; Antonina Castro; Mark Anderson; Tom Cullen; Daniel Wong; Damien Allport; Brian Tyrie; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Anne O'Neill; Vivienne Cresswell; Margaret Bartley; Margaret Brien; Ken Cotter; Janelle Hamill; Fr John Pickering OFM; Colin Prior; Colleen Gray; Cindy Williams; Brian Walsh; Elizabeth "Anne" Ellsmore; Gregory Anderson; Leo Lennon; Graeme Moore; 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

- * **Margaret Brien** – 12:00pm, Wednesday, 3 June, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
- * **Anne O'Neill** – 11:30am, Friday, 5 June, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

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:

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.

MISSALS FOR SALE

If anyone would like to buy a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can offer them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$35 for a **Sunday Missal**. Annual publications can be ordered nearer the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** and **God's Word** – prices TBC.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 4:

- 1st – Steve McGuinness (#44);
- 2nd – Marion Witheridge (#32);
- 3rd – Steve Carr (#21)

GERRINGONG NEWS

* **Belles Lunch** for the ladies of the Parish is on Monday, 1 June at midday at the Fisherman's Club, Gerroa.

COFFEE, CAKE AND CONVERSATION



Parishioners, visitors and friends are invited to our monthly morning tea in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room on Friday, 5 June following the 9:30am Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE

The Diocesan CWL Retreat, led by Father Patrick Vaughan, will be held on Wednesday, 3 June at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong. The theme of this year's Retreat is Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati, canonised by Pope Leo on 7 September 2025. The Retreat commences at 10:00am, with morning tea beforehand at 9:30am. The Kiama branch of CWL are hosts and welcome parishioner's attendance. Participants are asked to bring their own lunch. Tea and coffee will be available. Enquiries: Anne Hassett, 4232 2470.

HOSPITALITY GRATITUDE

Thank you one and all for your prayerful support, cooking and catering "brunch" assistance following the 9:30am Mass on 22 May, for the seventy plus pilgrims on this year's Diocesan Walk for Life. All left well-nourished physically and spiritually and I pass on their gratitude. *Anne Hassett*



A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Catholic Women's League for the beautiful morning tea provided last Friday for the Pilgrims on the Walk For Life. Much appreciated by all of us on the Pilgrimage.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

Last week, Laudato Si Week, marked the 11th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home. The theme this year was: **From Hope to Action**. The students and teachers from Ss Peter and Paul Primary School supported their Laudato Si Platform with prayers and class activities. Prior to this week our Laudato Si Circle committed to promoting the Fossil Fuel Treaty (FFT) on 2 weekends after Mass by making a sign on to this treaty available for parishioners. I am pleased to say 43 parishioners made the decision to take action and signed on. This FFT initiative coincided with the global summit on phasing out fossil fuels in Santa Marta, Colombia. The founder of the FFT initiative, Tzaporah Berman, stated in an interview after the conference with The Guardian: *'After years stuck in endless debates about whether to phase out*

fossil fuels, finally we are focusing on the how. We are no longer fighting for recognition of the problem but creating solutions.' Sign-ons to the FFT will continue to be a main focus as we come closer to the pre-COP summit in early October in Fiji. Closer to this time our LSC will continue to promote signing on to this petition after Mass, with the support of our clergy. The Laudato Si Movement is of course a strong advocate for this treaty. All interested are invited to the next meeting of our Laudato Si Circle which will be on **Friday, 26 June** at 4.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

INVITATION

175th Anniversary Celebration Methodist Lecture Hall, Kiama Uniting Church, Manning Steet

Parishioners are invited to join us at this celebration of 175 years of Christian worship, witness and service in Kiama. It commemorates the opening in 1851 of the Illawarra's first permanent Wesleyan Chapel, and the Southern Illawarra's first Chapel of any denomination, namely the Lecture Hall. This chapel is also the oldest public building still in use in the Kiama LGA. You are welcome to join all or part of the celebrations on Sunday, 14 June, which will include:

- * 9:30am Service of Celebration in the Worship Centre. Guest preacher: Rev. Faaimata Havea Hiliiau, The Moderator, Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT
- * 10:45am Morning Tea/Coffee
- * 11:00am Celebration and walk-through of Lecture Hall
- * 12 noon Picnic lunch and BBQ (Outdoors - weather permitting)
- * 1:00pm Close of activities

Could you please send your RSVP to kiamajamberoo@nswact.uca.org.au by 31 May.

PRIME TIME

Parishioners are warmly invited to join the Anglican Community in fellowship and lunch at Prime Time, a gathering held every second Wednesday of the month.

In June come hear the Illawarra Seniors Band as they entertain us with a range of music to delight us all, then have a lovely lunch together.

Time: 10:45am – 1:00pm.

Date: Wednesday, 10 June

Place: Kiama Anglican Church, 2 Terralong Street. RSVP by Monday, 8 June to 4232 2066.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe at dow.sh/stayingconnected and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

What's age got to do with it?

Tuesday 9 June, 9:00am - 1:00pm

The Fraternity Club

Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Morning tea and info stalls included. Register at 1800 967 894 or www.catholiccare.dow.org.au. Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

SYDNEY RALLY FOR LIFE

**Tuesday, 2 June, 6:00 - 7:00pm,
Macquarie St Sydney**



Abortion is the leading single cause of death in our nation, with baby girls most likely to be killed, due to the horrific practice of sex selective abortions. This has led John Ruddick MP to move the first pro-life bill ever in Australia. Please do all you can to attend the Life Rally along with thousands of other people of faith and goodwill, and help to move us one step closer to making abortion unthinkable.

CORPUS CHRISTI RETREAT

Sunday 7 June

As we prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, join with people from across the Diocese for a retreat to deepen your love of the Eucharist. St Joachim Hall, Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow from 11:00am – 3:30pm, following 10:00am Mass. Lunch provided. Open to adults (ages 14–17 with parent/guardian).

For more information or to register go to dow.sh/corpuschristi26

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR A

31 MAY 2026

FIRST READING

Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**

Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be

united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Apocalypse 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son to save the world through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,

so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost

but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world

not to condemn the world,

but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned;

but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe

in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 7 JUNE

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Year A/1

1ST READING: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16

PSALM: Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 (R.) *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 10:16-17

GOSPEL: Jn 6:51-58



HISTORICAL **CONTEXT**

We believe...

The teaching on the Trinity was not formally constructed until the 4th Century and was documented in the creed that emerged from the Council of Nicaea. The Creed that is said today in the Sunday liturgy is a version of that original Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed spells out Christian beliefs about the nature of God, Jesus and the Spirit and was worded very carefully to negate a variety of heretical views that were held at the time. It is as much a statement about what we do not believe as it is a statement about what we do believe!

SCRIPTURAL **CONTEXT**

Trinity

At no point in the New Testament is the term Trinity used. That understanding of the nature of God came much later. However, there are a number of scriptural references that led to this theological understanding. The Annunciation, the baptism of Jesus and the great commissioning of the disciples to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all examples of the three persons of God being recognised or active in the gospels. Today's second reading shows St Paul using the three experiences of God as a blessing of the people of Corinth.