



SUNDAY, 11 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 – 17/18 January 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

Tuesday	13/1	5.00pm	<i>St Hilary (optional)</i>
Wednesday	14/1	8:00am	
Thursday	15/1	8:00am	
Friday	16/1	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:

11 January: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

18 January: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

ANOINTED ONES

By Scott Hahn



Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one")—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered

over the face of the deep in the beginning (see Genesis 1:2).

As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son."

God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today's Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 26), and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son" (see Exodus 4:22–23). Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David (see Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14).

He is "a covenant of the people [Israel]" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood (see 1 Corinthians 11:25), God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation.

Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike (see Acts 10:45). In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians—literally "anointed ones."

We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son—"my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased."

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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:

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

Anniversaries:

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

Recently Deceased:

Ian McCarthy; Doreen Delaney; Mary Duck; Sr June Bath rsj; 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

Spaces are available to purchase in the Memorial Garden at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong for the interment of ashes, or for memorial plaques on the Memorial Wall. **Please note: spaces in the Memorial Garden are available to both Catholics and their non-Catholic partners.** 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.



PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

Term 1 2026: 5 & 19 February; 5 & 19 March; 1 April.

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

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.

SACRAMENTS 2026



Information and enrolment forms for the 2026 Sacramental Program will be available on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1.

For more information visit our website: www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

CONFIRMATION 2026

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

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

If anyone is still in need of a Columban Calendar (cost: \$15) please ring Thea on 0450 015 547.

SILVER CIRCLE 2026

To all our loyal supporters - it's a New Year and 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*

GERRINGONG NEWS

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

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

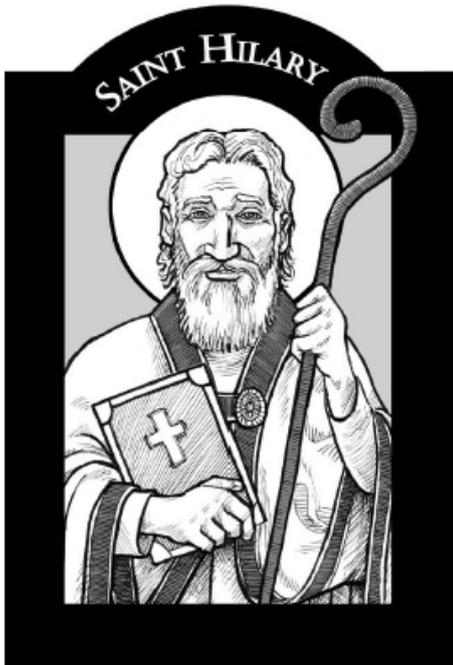
You may have family or friends who are non-practicing Catholics who would like to rekindle their Catholic faith. Dana & Vince Breen are providing informal information sessions. All-comers are welcome no matter at what stage they find themselves on their journey home. For further information contact Louise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

FR GEORGE ON LEAVE

Fr George is away on leave for the whole of January.

DOW LENTEN PROGRAM

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.

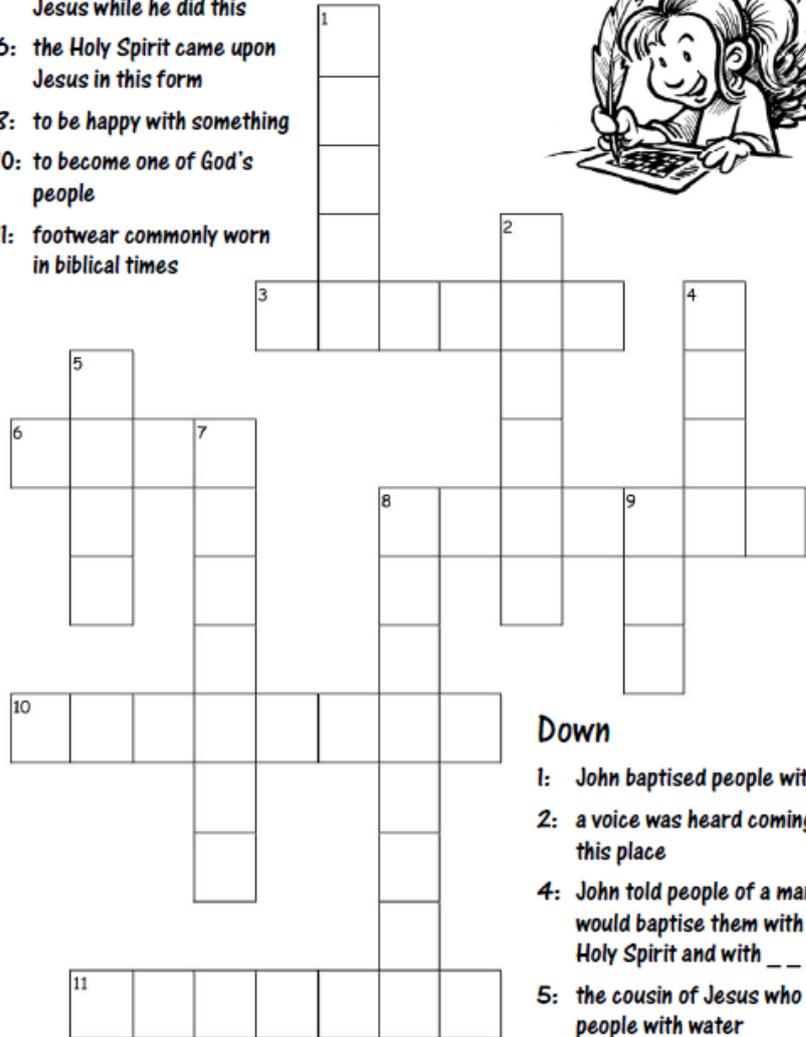


St Hilary was born at Poitiers in c. 315 of a wealthy pagan family. He married and had a daughter and after many years of study, he converted to Christianity. In 353, Hilary was chosen bishop of Poitiers, and for the remainder of his days he became an outspoken defender of the faith against Arianism. He opposed Emperor Constantius' attempt to take control over church matters, which led to him being exiled to Phrygia. During this period, Hilary wrote works explaining the faith, and although severe in tone, his writings were responsible for converting many people. He returned to Gaul after four years in exile and continued his fight against Arianism. Hilary introduced Eastern theology to the Western Church, and was proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1851.

CROSSWORD

Across

- 3: the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus while he did this
- 6: the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus in this form
- 8: to be happy with something
- 10: to become one of God's people
- 11: footwear commonly worn in biblical times



Down

- 1: John baptised people with this
- 2: a voice was heard coming from this place
- 4: John told people of a man who would baptise them with the Holy Spirit and with _____.
- 5: the cousin of Jesus who baptised people with water
- 7: extremely happy
- 8: strong and mighty
- 9: the vast space above the earth

Find Out



When were you baptised?

Where were you baptised?

Who are your Godparents?

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

11 JANUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul
delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.

He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on
earth,

for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and
formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of
the people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,

to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from
the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people
with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy
court. **(R.)**
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of
waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of
splendour. **(R.)**
3. The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the
flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

*God anointed him with the Holy Spirit
and with power.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his
household: 'The truth I have now come
to realise' he said 'is that God does not
have favourites, but that anybody of
any nationality who fears God and
does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the
people of Israel, and it was to them
that the good news of peace was
brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus
Christ is Lord of all men. You must have
heard about the recent happenings in
Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and
how he began in Galilee, after John had
been preaching baptism. God had
anointed him with the Holy Spirit and
with power, and because God was with
him, Jesus went about doing good and
curing all who had fallen into the
power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Mark 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the
Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

*When Jesus was baptised, the heavens
were opened and the Spirit of God
came upon him.*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan
to be baptised by John. John tried to
dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism
from you,' he said 'and yet you come
to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like

this for the time being; it is fitting that
we should, in this way, do all that
righteousness demands.' At this, John
gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came
up from the water, and suddenly the
heavens opened and he saw the Spirit
of God descending like a dove and
coming down on him. A voice spoke
from heaven, 'This is my Son, the
Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 17/18

JANUARY

**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/2**

1ST READING: Is 49:3, 5-6

PSALM: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 (R.) *Here I am
Lord; I come to do your will.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 1:1-3

GOSPEL: Jn 1:29-34



Have you thought?

A sacramental moment

When we speak about receiving the
sacraments, we speak about them as
particularly graced moments when God is
especially present in our life. The moment
of Jesus' baptism was a particularly
sacramental and graced moment: God
spoke in approval of Jesus and bestowed
God's favour upon him. It would be nice for
the rest of us if God's presence could be so
easily recognised at such times! However, in
the absence of a voice from Heaven, we need
to be fully present ourselves to sacramental
moments and fully present to the moments
that celebrate the sacramentality of our
everyday lives.