



SUNDAY, 25 AUGUST 2024

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 August/1 September 2024

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	27/8	5:00pm	St Monica
Wednesday	28/8	8:00am	St Augustine
Thursday	29/8	8:00am	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Friday	30/8	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 August: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

1 September: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year's Social Justice Statement has as its theme, **TRUTH AND PEACE: A Gospel Word in a Violent World.**

At a time when violence is everywhere we look, such a word, a word of truth, doesn't seem to make sense. It looks like weakness in a world where it seems only the strong can thrive. But the Gospel says that what looks like strength is weakness and what looks like weakness is strength. This is the upside-down logic of the Cross which never seems to make sense.

War may seem to be a show of strength, but it isn't. The rejection of truth upon which war depends may seem to make sense but it doesn't. The prime truth, a recognition of which is essential for peace, is the God-given dignity of the human being, which is violated whenever we have war. Connected to this is the further truth that every other human being is not my enemy but my sister, my brother, even my friend; and this truth too is rejected too whenever there is war. As St Paul

says in Ephesians, there is only "one body"; but war denies that truth.

So, on this Social Justice Sunday we are God's People who speak that truth upon which peace depends. With Peter, we say to the Lord Jesus: "To whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we know that you are the Holy One of God". We are those who reply to Joshua: "We will serve the Lord, for he is our God", knowing that to serve the Lord isn't just a matter of religious formalities but requires a self-sacrificing commitment to the justice of God, a world of right relationship in which peace becomes possible, a world which makes sense.

On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops invite us to reflect on what we, as Christians, are called to do in a world wracked by war and violence.

Truth is often the first casualty in war. The Gospel calls us to embrace the fundamental truth that every person on earth has a God-given dignity which

cannot be taken away or ignored. From this truth flows the realisation that there is no 'us' or 'them'. Everyone on earth, whatever our race or creed or status, is a sister, a brother. We are all children of God. Keeping this truth before us is the key to overcoming violence and conflict.

Armed not with guns and missiles, but with love for our sisters and brothers, we are invited to speak of peace and to take action to promote peace in a violent world.

On this Social Justice Sunday, let us re-commit ourselves to cultivating a culture of peace by following Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and the Prince of Peace.

Limited copies of the Social Justice Statement are available at the back of each church.

You can also download a copy and find further information at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

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:

Gwen Coady; Jennifer O'Donnell; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Betty O'Halloran; Elizabeth Donoghue; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Nelson and Joshua Chan; Joey O'Neill; Michael Sewell; Donald Sheehy; Bernard Wakim; 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 non-Catholics.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiamo@dow.org.au

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

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** - 3:00pm – 4:00pm, 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.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 3 – 4 & 18 September.

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 seeking assistance must phone for an appointment.

**Calls and texts are taken from
12:00pm each Monday only.
Please phone 0402 518 377.**

Current income statements and ID are required.

** If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, new members are always welcome to join the team. All enquiries can be made through the Parish Office.*

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

If you would like to help support our Parish, either through a one-off donation or via regular giving, please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for access to the different ways to give, including wills and bequests. Alternatively, you can donate to a specific collection via our bank details below:

* FIRST COLLECTION

(supporting our priests)

Account name: Kiama Presbytery;
BSB: 066711; **Account number:** 002126

* SECOND COLLECTION

(supporting our Parish)

Account name: Kiama Parish;
BSB: 066711; **Account number:** 001774

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program can be found on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

* **First Reconciliation** – *Enrolments closed.*

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

* **Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 5

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's Silver Circle:

1st – Diane Sainsbury (#20)

2nd – Sue Svenson (#23)

3rd – Barry Gilmore (#31)

NEW RANGE OF INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our new range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

ST MARY'S 142nd ANNIVERSARY MORNING TEA

A special morning tea will be held after Mass this Sunday, 25

August at St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong to celebrate the 142nd Anniversary of the church's opening.



HELP WANTED

Ss Peter and Paul Church has several old sacred vessels and candlesticks in need of cleaning/restoring. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR



St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on Sunday, 27 October. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

“COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE”

FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Introduction to “Come And See, Go And Make” (CSGM), and Facilitating CSGM Worksheet Activities (Double event). Exploring the vision for parishes, why it matters, and how we can have hope for the future and understanding the parish approach to the Worksheet Activities. **Campbelltown** – Monday 2 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm **Wollongong** (and Zoom) – Wednesday 4 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm. All welcome! **REGISTER TO ATTEND:**

<https://form.jotform.com/242136774128862>



Kiama members of Catholic Women's League cordially invite you to attend their **SPRING LUNCHEON**, with guest speaker Melissa Hurley, Disability Trust Music Makers. Men are very welcome to attend. There will also be a Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes.

WHEN: Monday, 23 September, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm

WHERE: Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club, 68 Crooked River Road, Gerroa

COST: \$45 per person

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Acc Name: Catholic Women's League
Kiama.

BSB: 062 562;

Acc #: 0090 1790

Reference: *Your name (or organisation if paying for a group)*

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To avoid disappointment book early!

RSVP: by 6 September to Anne Hassett, hassett1a@gmail.com (4232 2570) or Gai Delavere, gai.delavere@outlook.com (0401 468 209) with the following information – Name/Organisation, Number Attending and Special Dietary Requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare and Catholic Education will be holding free technology training at St John the Evangelist High School, Nowra, in September. Seniors can bring their phone, laptop or tablet and students from St John's Catholic High School will assist with tasks such as downloading

apps, sending messages, google maps and much more. The sessions will be held over 4 weeks on a Monday, but please take note of the time variance.

- Monday 2 September: 9.30-11.10am
- Monday 9 September: 12.00-1.45pm
- Monday 16 September: 9.30-11.10am
- Monday 23 September: 12.00-1.45pm

In addition to this, CatholicCare will be holding an information session on Aged Care and how to get into the My Aged Care system, along with keeping your mind fit, on Monday 2 September after the first session, from 12pm-1.30pm. Be sure to ask about this when registering. Please call Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

INSTITUTED MINISTRIES FORMATION

Sr Monica Barlow is running formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at:

* **Kiama:** St Peter and Paul Parish Hall, 96 Manning Street, Saturday mornings, 7 and 14 September from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Attendance at the second session is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session.

Register for the first of these formation sessions using the following links:

Eagle Vale: dow.sh/imf24eaglevale

Kiama: dow.sh/imf24kiama

FREE TALK

Parishioners are invited to a free talk - The Kinder Side of Dying – with Michael Barbato, a retired palliative care doctor. Taking a Christian perspective, Michael gives his revelations from 30 years practice in Palliative Care. **Saturday, 31 August, 2:00-4:00pm, Burnett's on Barney, 80 Barney Street Kiama.**

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS SEMINAR

Presented by Nick Tabley a Gerringong based psychologist with experience in diverse areas of mental health and wellbeing, working in areas such as stress management, men's health and mindfulness. The seminar will present ways of thinking about and responding to emotions especially for men of all ages but open to everyone. **Thursday 29 August: 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Gerringong Uniting Church Hall.** \$5 per person.

Bookings essential - scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church or go to:

https://www.stickytickets.com.au/g17bu/understanding_emotions.aspx

Enquiries to Di 0407 057 418

WALK FOR LIFE SYDNEY

**2:00–4:00pm, Saturday 21 September
Hyde Park, Sydney (Near the Archibald Memorial Fountain)**

Join the movement of Australians making abortion unthinkable in our country! All are welcome to this family-friendly



gathering to be a voice for the unborn and call for the protection of every life from the moment of conception. Further Information and Registration (for free): <https://www.lovesydney.org.au/>

SECOND HAND SATURDAY IS BACK!

Kiama Community Car Boot Sale returns to Kiama Harbour on Saturday, 31 August (8:00am to 12.00pm). Local residents can register as a stallholder via our website. **Registrations close 5:00pm, Thursday, 29 August.** On the day, for a simple gold coin donation, everyone can come along and grab a second-hand bargain. All proceeds will go to the Rotary Club of Kiama to support their activities. Council will also be giving away native plants to local residents. You just need to bring along your rates notice to claim your plant. For further information or to register visit: www.kiama.nsw.gov.au/shs

POSITION VACANT

Part-time Parish Secretary, Parish of St Paul's Albion Park

16 hours per week – Tuesday to Friday, start and finish times negotiable. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to:

frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 5:00pm Tuesday, 3 September.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

25 AUGUST 2024

FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. **(R.)**
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **(R.)**
4. Many are the trials of the just man

but from them all the Lord will rescue him.

He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. **(R.)**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:60-69

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 1 SEPTEMBER

22ND Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

PSALM: Ps 14:2-5 (R.) *The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

2ND READING: James 1:17-18, 21-22,
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GOSPEL: Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

