



SUNDAY, 6 APRIL 2025

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 – 12/13 April 2025

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	8/4	5.00pm
Wednesday	9/4	8:00am
Thursday	10/4	8:00am
Friday	11/4	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:

6 April: Group 2 – Ross Smith

13 April: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

PROJECT COMPASSION



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5th and 6th of April 2025

The transformative work of Caritas Australia is only possible thanks to supporters like you and the dedication, passion, and resilience of our local partners, who tirelessly work to empower communities and create brighter futures.

In Vietnam, Caritas Australia's partner programs, like I-SHINE, helped Lam, a young man with a disability, gain graphic design skills and start a successful freelance business, inspiring others to pursue their dreams.

In Samoa, Caritas Australia works with Caritas Samoa to improve access to clean water and sanitation through initiatives like water tank installations, transforming health and well-being for families like Toefuata'iga's.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Caritas Australia partners with Caritas Kongolo on the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program. This initiative equipped Irene, a single mother, with sewing and farming skills, enabling her to support her family and empower others in her community.

Through partnerships like these, Caritas Australia creates lasting change in communities across the globe.



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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:

Doreen Delaney; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Mark Anderson; Alison Smith; Peter Fogarty; Antonino Favorito; George Farrugia; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Eddie Lovegrove; Maria Yates; Marilyn Mulhall; Gerry Gilchrist; Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan rsj; Peter O'Reilly; Sr Natalia; Yvonne Ryan; Shane Walker; 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

- * **Maria Yates** – 11:00am, Thursday, 10 April, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
- * **Eddie Lovegrove** – 2:00pm, Thursday, 10 April, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

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 kiama@dow.org.au

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.

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 to 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.

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.

** 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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 – 30 April; 14 & 28 May; 11 & 25 June

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

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

You can help support our Parish through a one-off donation using the banking details below, by using the Donation Point Tap devices at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea, or via regular Planned Giving. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for information about online giving, including wills and bequests.

* 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

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

Week 8:

- 1st – Ken Rae (#36);
- 2nd – Sheelagh Abela (#47);
- 3rd – Peter Ryan (#37)

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES



Palm Sunday – 12/13 April

- * **Kiama:** Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm;
Sunday: 8.00am & 5.00pm
- * **Gerringong:** 9.30am
- * **Jamberoo:** 9.30am

Holy Thursday – 17 April

Kiama: 7.00pm

Good Friday – 18 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10.00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 19 April

Kiama: 7.00pm *(please bring a torch or electric candle)*

Easter Sunday – 20 April

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Gerringong: 9.30am

Jamberoo: 9.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

This weekend in our Parish we are celebrating SRE Catechist Sunday. SRE Catechists come from all walks of life to ensure that the children of our Parish attending public schools hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching. We need your help. Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach a class?

Celebrate with us the gift of the SRE Catechist Ministry and consider how you can be involved in this wonderful Ministry.

For more information, please contact Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209.

INVITATION FROM SINH LE

Dear Parishioners of Ss Peter and Paul Parish,

I'm writing to share some joyful news — Bishop Brian will be ordaining me to the Diaconate at **7:30pm on Tuesday, 29 April at All Saints Church, Shellharbour City Centre**. This is a deeply meaningful moment for me, and I would love to invite everyone in our parish to be part of this special occasion. Please RSVP to rsvp.dow.org.au or call 4222 2400. Thank you all for your kindness and support. May God bless you abundantly! *Sinh Le*

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, 24 May: 9.30am - 3.00pm

Day of Reflection hosted by the Lay Carmelites, St Matthew's Hall, Jamberoo
Speaker - Laurie Woods.

ROOM FOR RENT

A local parishioner has a room for rent in Kiama. University student, non-smoker, non-drinker preferred. Contact Jane on 0428 554 089.

GERRINGONG LENTEN GOUP

Ann Barron is running a Lenten Group in the Meeting Room at St Mary's each Monday afternoon during Lent, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Inquiries to Ann on 0407 220 560.

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT . . . ?

You are warmly invited to come to the Church for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer /

reflection will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to all the parish and beyond.

When: 10 April

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Where: Ss Peter and Paul Church (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), Kiama.

Please 'Come and see . . .'

For more information phone 0409 562 830 or Email smabela@bigpond.com

MESSAGE FROM A LOCAL PARISHIONER

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius

As a fellow parishioner, I am inviting all to consider journeying the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with me as your prayer guide. This journey involves meeting with me for 30-45 mins once per week over a six to nine-month period, to discuss your prayer journey through the Exercises. These meetings can be either online or in person (or a combination of both). As I am a current participant of the *Arrupe* program for the formation of givers of these Exercises, the usual costing for this retreat in daily life will be heavily subsidised. If deepening your relationship with Our Lord is what you are presently seeking, please contact Merilyn Caruana on 0411 845 118.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from **Friday 23 May to Saturday 24 May** for all or part of the Walk for Life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.

Day 1: Starts with Mass and morning tea at Kiama, walk from Kiama to Gerringong for Benediction and Confession, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord at Gerroa, and overnight Adoration at St Mary's.

Day 2: Mass and breakfast at Gerringong, walk from Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner.

* Shuttle cars will be available for return to the start point on both days.

* Support vehicle available at strategic points along the way for tired pilgrims.

* **BYO:** lunch, snacks, water, sunscreen and hat. Prayer books will be provided.

* **Suggested donation:** \$20 per person (for resources, booklets, breakfast, sandwiches, fuel for support vehicles and to support "Right to Life" organisations)

would be gratefully accepted at time of registration or on arrival.

For more information go to dow.sh/WFL, or contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195, Gabriella De Battista: 0414 205 404, or Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A Great Message of Hope



As Easter is approaching, let us aim to "Create a New Heart" by fully participating in the beautiful Paschal Mystery encompassed in the two Sundays of Easter.

Easter Sunday celebrates the fullness of Christ's Resurrection, and the following Sunday, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, is the day of thanksgiving for all goodness that God has shown us in the whole Easter Mystery. (The Gospel on this 2nd Sunday reminds us of when Jesus gave us the incredible Sacrament of Reconciliation).

PILGRIMAGE SUPPORT REQUEST

Dear Ss Peter and Paul parishioners, Our names are Anna and Claire Hill, and we have been a part of the Diocese of Wollongong all of our lives.

We have recently been given the honour to walk the 100km Chartres Pilgrimage in France in June 2025, along with our friends Maggie and Darcy Laffy. This is a Catholic pilgrimage in honour of Our Blessed Mother and is attended by up to 22,000 youth from all over the world who represent their various countries.

This opportunity to represent our church and our country will affect us financially and we would be very grateful for any donation toward this pilgrimage. In gratitude we promise to offer up our efforts and our prayers for all of our sponsor's intentions and for our Parish. If you would like to donate, please message us on 0493 086 775.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.

See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?

Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild)

to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 8:1-11

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her

stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 13 APRIL

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year C/1

ENTRANCE: Lk 19:28-40

1ST READING: Is 50:4-7

PSALM: Ps 21:8-9,17-20,23-24 *(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

2ND READING: Phil 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Lk 22:14 – 23:56

GOSPEL FOCUS

Restoring honour

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honour to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.