



SUNDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 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 – 14/15 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

Tuesday	10/2	5.00pm	St Scholastica
Wednesday	11/2	8:00am	
Thursday	12/2	8:00am	
Friday	13/2	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:

8 February: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

15 February: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

Light Breaking Forth

By Scott Hahn



Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth

in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbours and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified."

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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:

Albert Tory; Geoff Guska; Joy Raines; Barbara Bennett; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); 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:

Josefina & Vendelin Melinz; Warren Beecham; Anthony Russell; Leo & May Russell; Fay Roch; Kevin Dorahy; Patricia Shallcross; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Thomas O'Dwyer; May Vinson; Vojislav "Voy" Ilic; Morris Veness; Jim Malcolm; Sharron Adcock; Kathy Flynn; 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



For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiamo@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 the Parish Office.

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.

PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

Term 1 2026:

11 & 25 February; 11 & 25 March.

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

SVDP HELP CENTRE

Mondays - 3:30pm 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES



Wednesday, 18 February,
Ss Peter and Paul Church
9:30am and 6:00pm

OLD PALM SUNDAY PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

If you have palms or palm crosses that you don't want from previous year's Palm Sunday Masses, could you please return them to the Parish Office, send them back in the Gerringong or Jamberoo bag, or leave them in the basket at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church by Sunday 8 February and they will be burned for the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

SACRAMENTS 2026



Information about the 2026 Confirmation Program is now available on the Parish website. Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be published once the dates have been set.

For more information about each Sacrament please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation>

CONFIRMATION 2026



SAVE THE DATE

Parent Information Night
Wednesday, 11 March, 6:30pm
Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama
Enrolment forms will be provided during this meeting.

If your child made First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at another parish, please bring their Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates to the meeting.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 1:

- 1st – Tony Jardin (#27);
- 2nd – Christine Holloway (#25);
- 3rd – Jane Stokes (#20)

SCHOOL OPENING MASS

Ss Peter and Paul Primary School's Opening School Mass will take place during the 9:30am Friday Mass on 13 February.

ANOINTING MASS

The 9:30am Mass in Kiama on Friday, 20 February will be an Anointing Mass.

GRATITUDE FROM GWEN



Gwen Ilic would love to thank all those from Ss Peter and Paul Parish who came to celebrate the life of her late husband Voy Ilic. She was touched by the huge turnout, and by the many messages of kindness she has received. Gwen is so grateful for the support of a parish that welcomed her and Voy with open arms only 6 years ago.

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, 19 February at 5:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. We would warmly welcome new members to this beautiful ministry.

LENTE 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.

LENTE 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.

ONE HOUR PER WEEK DURING LENT . . .

You're warmly invited to come to Ss Peter and Paul Church for one hour of prayer, quiet time and personal reflection each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer and reflection will be provided each week. No sharing – All parishioners and friends warmly welcome.

Beginns: Wednesday, 25 February

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama
'Come and see . . .'

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

HELP NEEDED



Catechists are needed to teach the Catholic faith to children in our local public schools.

This year we are in need of teachers at Gerringong PS 9:00am Friday, Minnamurra PS 12:00pm on Tuesday, and Kiama PS 12:55pm or 1:55pm on Wednesday. An easy training course commences Monday, 9 February, 1 day only per week for 5 weeks. Please consider joining our Catechist Ministry - it's not as hard or as daunting as you may think. It will draw you deeper into your faith and you will find it very rewarding. Ask a Catechist!

Please view a short video here and be inspired: <https://www.ccdwollongong.com/join-the-team>

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2026



FOCUS ON NIGERIA

**WHEN: 10:00AM,
FRIDAY, 6 MARCH**

* **KIAMA:** Kiama Presbyterian Church, 40 Shoalhaven Street. **RSVP by 27 February to Sue, 0412 70 0381 (including any dietary requirements).** Please come and join our Kiama Christian Community on this important day. Please bring your friends.

* **GERRINGONG:** Gerringong Uniting Church, 24-28 Fern Street. Lunch will follow at Jack's Grill at Cronin's Hotel. **Please RSVP to Bernadette Murphy 0407 074 416 if you would like to attend lunch.** Please invite others.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos is entering the South Coast (Nowra) Correctional Centre for the first time in March, and Team Formation days commenced last week. An essential part of this Ministry is Prayer, and so we would greatly appreciate your Parish's support in this way. We ask for prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide the Kairos Team and touch the hearts of the Course Participants (Inmates). If any parishioner is interested in learning more about this Ministry, please contact Jane on 0417 458 460 or Brad on 0401 220 610.

VOLUNTEER WITH IMPACT

Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. Hear from past Palms volunteers how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities and changes lives.

Venue: Online - register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 19 February 2026

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm AEDT
02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au

Want to visit a community first? Join our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor Leste! Book by 28 February for the May tour! See palms.org.au/encounters

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

8 FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.

Then will your light shine like the
dawn

and your wound be quickly healed
over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind
you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the
hungry,

and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like
noon.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

**(R.) A light rises in the darkness
for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for
the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and
lends,
he conducts his affairs with
honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the
Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not
fear;

open-handed, he gives to the
poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in
glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

*I came to you to proclaim Christ
crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it
was not with any show of oratory or
philosophy, but simply to tell you
what God had guaranteed. During
my stay with you, the only
knowledge I claimed to have was
about Jesus, and only about him as
the crucified Christ. Far from relying
on any power of my own, I came
among you in great 'fear and
trembling' and in my speeches and
the sermons that I gave, there were
none of the arguments that belong
to philosophy; only a
demonstration of the power of the
Spirit. And I did this so that your
faith should not depend on human
philosophy but on the power of
God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the
Lord;

the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are
the salt of the earth. But if salt
becomes tasteless, what can make
it salty again? It is good for nothing,

and can only be thrown out to be
trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A
city built on a hill-top cannot be
hidden. No one lights a lamp to put
it under a tub; they put it on the
lamp-stand where it shines for
everyone in the house. In the same
way your light must shine in the
sight of men, so that, seeing your
good works, they may give the
praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 15 FEBRUARY

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/2

1ST READING: Sir 15:15-20

PSALM: Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

*(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of
the Lord!*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 2:6-10

GOSPEL: Mt 5:17-37

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Following blessings

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite
commonly quoted and relatively well known.
When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy
to forget that these words immediately
follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last
week's gospel. The imperative for justice
in the images of salt and light of the world
becomes even clearer when we remember
that these words follow the blessings on
those who are poor; who mourn; who are
merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has
blessed all these who are least in the world
and then charges the disciples to be salt
and light for them.