



SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER 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 – 7/8 December 2024

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	3/12	5:00pm	St Francis Xavier
Wednesday	4/12	8:00am	
Thursday	5/12	8:00am	
Friday	6/12	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:

1 December: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

8 December: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE FOR THOSE WHO WAIT

Responsive Liturgy

Hopeful God, Advent is a time for the human heart to wait.

(R) How long, O Lord, how long?

For those waiting for answered prayer:

(R) Grant your steadfast patience.

For those waiting in the face of uncertainty:

(R) Grant unshakable confidence in your everlasting love.

For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign:

(R) Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come:

(R) Grant that we might encounter the hope of Christ as we wait, the

hope of Christ as we act, and the hope of Christ as we speak.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Today we light the **first candle** which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illuminate the areas of life where we are called to wait in **hope**.



JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

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:

All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Peter Clarke; Harry Loch; Friends and family of Gabrielle Innes; Friends and family of Vince & Dan Breen; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Lanie Chavez; Gwen Coady; Hannah Plowman; Robert Gane; Cynthia Hardinge; Maria Thomson; Heather Barraket; Moreton Rolf; Genie Williams; John Petschler; 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

* **Gwen Coady** – 11:00am, Tuesday, 3 December, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

* **Robert Gane** – 10:30am, Thursday, 3 December, St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong

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

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 4 – 4 & 18 December.

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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 7

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

1st – Alf Svenson (#22)

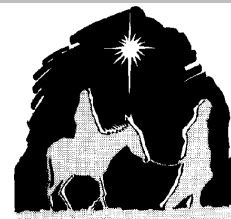
2nd – Tony Jardim (#27)

3rd – Mary Clarke (#11)

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



KIAMA

* **Christmas Vigil**

Tuesday, 24 December

6.00pm (outdoor Mass – please bring along a chair or blanket to sit on. If raining the Mass will be in the church)

9.00pm (indoor Mass)

* **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, 25 December – 9.00am
(indoor Mass)

GERRINGONG

* **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, 25 December, 8.30am

JAMBEROO

* **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, 25 December, 9.30am

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

* **JAMBEROO:** Reid Park – Tuesday, 10 December, 6:30pm.

* **KIAMA:** Ss Peter and Paul Church – Wednesday, 11 December, 6:30pm.

* **GERRINGONG:** Town Hall - Sunday, 15 December, 5:00pm.

JAMBEROO CAROLS

Tuesday, 10 December, commencing at 6:30pm - Community Carol Singing led by Illawarra Seniors' Band. Items by Jamberoo Public School, SingSpace Vocal Ensemble and other groups. Sausage sizzle at RSL hall from 5:30pm. Proceeds to Red Cross and RFS. Collection of Donations to St Vincent de Paul.



Dear fellow parishioners, in last week's bulletin you would have read that the counting teams are looking for some volunteers and, as a counter, I thought that if you were interested a few more details may be of assistance.

- Counting is done in groups of three.
- We count only the first and second collections for our three parish churches.
- We count only the notes.
- Counting is carried out in Fr Chris' office near the Parish Meeting Room in Kiama.
- It takes approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes for a normal count.
- Counting is usually completed on a Sunday evening during the Sunday evening Mass.
- Any interested parishioners are more than welcome to contact the Parish Office to live the counting experience prior to a final commitment.
- Interested parishioners can commit to leave the roster whatever end date they select.
- The parish is hopeful that with two or three extra counting teams, all counting teams will only have to count ONCE every six weeks. Yes, once every six weeks!
- Come on why not have a go to count the dough!

Mike Doherty

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ROSARY

The Rosary will be offered for Joe O'Neill, husband of Joan, and a past member and President of this conference, on Monday 9 December at 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. All parishioners who would like to join us are most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Conference will be holding our annual Christmas Appeal at all Masses in the Parish on the weekend of 7/8 December. We can accept cash donations or electronic transfer from credit cards. There will be a container at the front of the church to the right of the altar where donations of non-perishable food items may be left.

GERRINGONG - BLESSING OF FAMILY NATIVITY'S

**Sunday, 15 December, the 3rd Sunday
of Advent - Joy or Rose Sunday**

St Pope John Paul II suggested during his pontificate that on this Sunday parishioners, especially children, bring the baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set to be blessed. At St Mary's this year **we invite parishioners and children to bring their baby Jesus statue to have them blessed at the end of Mass on that Joyful Sunday.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

* **CWL final meeting for 2024** - Wednesday, 4 December, 2:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

* **CWL Mass and Morning Tea** – Friday, 6 December at 9:30am, Ss Peter and Paul Church, followed by morning tea in the Meeting Room for parishioners & visitors.

* **SAVE the dates 2025:**

- Friday, 7 March for World Day of Prayer in Kiama at Ss Peter & Paul.

- Wednesday, 21 May, Diocesan Retreat Day at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

The Annual Catechist Mass will be held on Saturday, 7 December at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong, commencing at 9:30am.

The following parishioners will be receiving an award:

Cathy Delhaas	10 Years
Gai Delavere	20 Years
Sandra Sawers	25 Years
Carole Parsons	25 Years
Pat Boniface	30 Years

If you would like to attend please RSVP dow.sh/cm24 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

FREE FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

**This Sunday, 1 December, from
3:00pm to 6:00pm, at Kiama Anglican
Church, 2 Terralong Street, Kiama.**

There will be lots of free fun things for the family to do at the Christmas Carnival. Pony rides, Jumping Castle, Christmas art and craft activities, Face Painting, Family games, Food. This year there will be Family Christmas Carols starting at 5:00pm. The Christmas

Carnival is being sponsored by Kiama Anglican Families @ 4. Free car parking will also be available on-site.

SAVE THE DATE 2025

World Day Of Prayer - St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong, Friday, 7 March 10:00am. Country Hosting will be the Cook Islands. A wonderful ecumenical experience! More information closer to the date next year.

JAMBEROO ABBEY DAY RETREAT

With Mother Hilda Scott osb, Sr Magdalen Mather osb and Sr Julian Grigor. Saturday 7 December. Mass: 9:00am Talks: 10:30am – 3:30pm. Cost: \$50 Morning tea provided, bring your own lunch. Register online at www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs

PREPARING FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

**24 December 2024 to
28 December 2025**

"The forthcoming Jubilee can restore hope and trust; that is why I chose the motto: 'Pilgrims of Hope'" Pope Francis

As a way of preparing to journey together in faith and expectation, prayer cards have been produced that feature Pope Francis' Jubilee Prayer. Bishop Mascord encourages everyone to integrate this prayer into Sunday Masses, beginning with the first Sunday of Advent and continuing until the opening of the Holy Pilgrimage sites on the Feast of the Holy Family December 29, 2024.

Prayer cards can be found either at the back of the church or in the pews. You are very welcome to take one home. The Jubilee prayer is also printed on the front page of the bulletin.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Fr Mark O'Keefe has various items of furniture and other household items for sale, resulting from two deceased estates. The list includes beds (one double & two singles), bed-linen, bedside chests, wooden bar stools, wooden blanket box (chest), dining table & six chairs, lounge suite (two-seat & two singles), three-drawer freezer, washing machine & dryer, entertainment unit including a TV & sound system, and various other items. A list of goods is available at the Parish Office or contact Fr Mark on 0408 611 320.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

1 DECEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**
3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and

that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 8 DECEMBER

**Second Sunday of Advent –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Baruch 5:1-9

PSALM: Ps 125 (R.) *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

2ND READING: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL: Lk 3:1-6

