



SUNDAY, 6 JULY 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 July 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

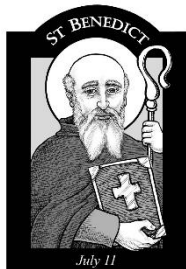
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	8/7	5.00pm	
Wednesday	9/7	8:00am	
Thursday	10/7	8:00am	
Friday	11/7	9:30am	<i>St Benedict</i>



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 July: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

13 July: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

When I was lecturing at the university in the late 70s, a student came to talk endlessly into the night over a cup of coffee. Unbeknownst to me, he put a drop of LSD onto a sugar cube in my coffee. Subsequently, I had a 'dread-full' night, perceiving evil faces around me. Ordinary, blinkered consciousness gave way to an awareness of other spiritual beings which inhabit our world, but which we normally screen out.

No mind-altering drugs for Jesus! He was intensely aware at all times of the spiritual forces holding human beings in various forms of slavery, and, with his Jewish upbringing, he named one of them 'Satan' – our translation would be 'prosecutor', the 'accuser'.

Satan was the figure who constantly paraded human beings before God and asked God to justly punish them. Never appealing to God's mercy, Satan always pleaded for the strictest retribution – an iron law of punishment consequent on wrongful decisions.

Today's Gospel is very unusual because it portrays Jesus as having a vision – a

special insight into his heavenly Father's plan for our salvation which then got pictured in Jesus' human imagination: 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven.'

Jesus saw that Satan had come toppling down from his role as the accuser / prosecutor. Heaven was now a place where God's mercy was assuredly given free rein. The reign of God means that mercy falls on us 'as the gentle rain from heaven.'

And what triggered the vision? Not some drug-induced state, but the reports from the disciples he had sent out that they were conquering evil forces in His name.

Yes, they cured those who were diseased. But, they also rejected the common accusation against the blind, epileptics and so on that they or their parents were sinners and that that explained the disease. Satan, the Accuser, was doubly defeated in this healing ministry conducted by the 72 disciples in Jesus' name.

We are Jesus' disciples to our contemporaries. Perhaps our special

mission is to help people deal with accusations, even just accusations, where the demand is made that 'the punishment fit the crime', with no tempering of sentence.

How often do we see a person squirm with no offer of a way out, no hint of mercy or forgiveness, or even just of a way to save face so that he or she can draw breath, undo some of the damage done, and get back on track to a better life.

Every time we temper the unmitigated punishment of some wrong-doing, Satan is defeated. Every time we do those things, Our Lord can look at us and say 'Satan is displaced'.

What is left in Heaven? Rather, Who is left in Heaven? Not Satan but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit as our advocate. And so, we do not fear our names being listed by Satan on an indictment in the law court of Heaven. Rather, we trust our Lord and hope to see our names written in the book of those who are saved. In the words of today's gospel: 'Rejoice, for your names are written in Heaven.'

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:

Joy Raines; Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Barbara Murphy; Warren Beecham; Anthony Russell; Angelo Mifsud; Mary Newn; Donato Di Salvio; Greg Swords; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Sr Christina Connor; Hedi Stein; Mary Briffa; Eileen Doyle; Sr Hildegard Ryan osb; Norma James; Bill Toulmin; Damien Allport; Fr Aloysius Kondookalayil CST (brother of Fr George); Helen Cooney; 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 kiama@dow.org.au

PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

**Term 3 – 23 July, 6 & 20 August,
3 & 17 September.**

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

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.**

WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All financial support to our Parish is received primarily through the second collection at Mass and online Giving. Funds received cover all running costs and maintenance for the Parish. If you would like to provide support you can do so in the following ways:

- * **Via the 2nd Collection at Mass.**
- * **Via the Donation Point Tap devices** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that all funds collected through these devices go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish.**)
- * **Via 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.
- * **Via Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.
- * **Via the DOW App:** visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-app/> to download the Diocesan 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.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 6:

1st – (#)

2nd – (#)

3rd – (#)

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.*

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** – Finished for 2025.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY



Following on from Archbishop Fisher's call to prayer, we as a parish will continue to pray that the sanctity of human life will be respected and revered from conception to natural death and that all legislation will promote the great dignity of each individual. **Let us pray.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 5 - 21 July due to the secretary being on leave. The Office will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 22 July. Fr Chris will be available by phone – contact 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service. Fr George will be back after 6 July.

NB: Fr Chris, and possibly Fr George, will be away at a Clergy Inservice from 15-17 July. If both priests will be away, then weekday Masses on those dates will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

KBECET PIE DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who kindly supported the pie drive fundraiser for KBECET and Vinnies. Through your generosity, 54 pies will be donated to Vinnies for people in need over these cold winter months.

Your orders can be collected on Monday, 21 July from Kiama Anglican Church Meeting Hall 2:30pm-5:00pm.

For alternative arrangements please call me. Thank you for your generous support. God bless you.

Gai Delavere. 0401 468 209

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

SVDP Kiama Conference wish to thank all those who supported the Vinnies Winter Appeal for our parish. \$8,000 of funds was raised. The funds and the donated food will go to support SVDP clients in our parish. Thank you.

2025 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August at 2:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.** Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos to run in South Coast Correctional Centre, Nowra.

Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is an interdenominational Christian ministry reaching out to incarcerated individuals and their families; to bring sustainable meaning and hope in the place of loneliness, isolation and despair. We at Kairos are delighted to let you know that

we are now in the process of establishing a Kairos Inside (KI) for Men program in South Coast Correctional Centre, Nowra.

We have received approval from the Governor and his team to run the first Kairos Inside short course program within the jail. The date he has approved for the short course is from 13 to 17 October. For further information please contact: Nowra KI co-ordinator Jon Hale on 0408 027 736 or jonhale@kairos.org.au

POSITIONS OPEN – DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a vibrant team of lay people, clergy, and religious who serve as both an advisory body and implementation team to the Bishop for youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. Meeting quarterly, the DYC helps guide, support, and implement initiatives that foster mission, faith, and community among young people. Members have the opportunity to be co-partners in shaping diocesan priorities in this important area of ministry. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. Selections will follow a structured process that ensures a broad representation of voices, experiences, and demographics across the diocese. Applications are now open and will close on 4 August. To apply, visit: dow.sh/4ewlLkU

IGNITE CONFERENCE

Sydney 10 – 13 July 2025

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic conferences for Youth and Young Adults from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group of 30 youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price.

If you'd like to be part of the diocesan group or would like more details, please email Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or visit www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/

CHARISMATIC MASS

Friday 11 July, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong

Celebrant: Fr Paul Clark, Praying for our needs and the Bishop's Vision. Counteract Winter's cold weather and associated sicknesses with charismatic

praise. Thirty minutes of praying for all our needs, and to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome. 7:00pm Praise and Worship. 7:30pm Holy Mass. Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

LECTIO DIVINA IN THE BENEDICTINE TRADITION

Jamberoo Abbey, 3:30pm Friday 18 – 1:00pm Sunday 20 July

Speaker: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Libby Denny (oblate). Both informative and practical this retreat takes a dive into the Lectio experience. Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

CREATING A CULTURE OF INVITATION

An evening with Michael Harvey

Date: Monday 21 July (Campbelltown) and Tuesday 22 July (Wollongong). **Time:** 7:00pm. **Speaker:** Michael Harvey **Registration:** dow.sh/culture. Some people in church feel that if others wanted to come to church or get to know Jesus Christ, they would already have done it. But nowadays, it takes a brave person to walk into a church building on their own or start a God conversation with a Christian. This is why building a culture of invitation, alongside a culture of welcome and transformation, is vital. Join Michael Harvey and the Office of Renewal and Evangelisation for an incredible evening of wisdom, insight, and practical steps to becoming people who are willing to extend God's invitation.

Living the gospel

Discipleship

Today's gospel passage immediately follows the passage used last week that spelt out the difficulties of discipleship. Having explained how hard it is to be a disciple, Jesus sends his followers out to 'have a go' at being a disciple. When they come back successful he tells them not to be boastful or proud at their achievements but rather to be happy that their "names are written in heaven". In other words, anything they accomplished was because they were 'known' by God and that God was working through them. Disciples make themselves 'known' to God and God works through them to accomplish great things!

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

6 JULY 2025

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be
carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be
comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his
hand.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your
deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your
name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among
men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-
shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject
my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:14-18

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the
cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through
whom the world is crucified to me, and
I to the world. It does not matter if a
person is circumcised or not; what
matters is for him to become an
altogether new creature. Peace and
mercy to all who follow this rule, who
form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody
after this; the marks on my body are
those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my
brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your
hearts,
and the fullness of his message live
within you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two
others and sent them out ahead of him,
in pairs, to all the towns and places he
himself was to visit. He said to them,
'The harvest is rich but the labourers
are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest
to send labourers to his harvest. Start
off now, but remember, I am sending
you out like lambs among wolves.
Carry no purse, no haversack, no
sandals. Salute no one on the road.
Whatever house you go into, let your
first words be, "Peace to this house!"
And if a man of peace lives there, your

peace will go and rest on him; if not, it
will come back to you. Stay in the same
house, taking what food and drink they
have to offer, for the labourer deserves
his wages; do not move from house to
house. Whenever you go into a town
where they make you welcome, eat
what is set before you. Cure those in it
who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of
God is very near to you." But whenever
you enter a town and they do not make
you welcome, go out into its streets
and say, "We wipe off the very dust of
your town that clings to our feet, and
leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the
kingdom of God is very near." I tell you,
that on that day it will not go as hard
with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing.
'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils
submit to us when we use your name.'
He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall
like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have
given you power to tread underfoot
serpents and scorpions and the whole
strength of the enemy; nothing shall
ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that
the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather
that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 13 JULY

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Year C/1

1ST READING: Deut 30:10-14

PSALM: Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34. 36-37
(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and
you will live.

2ND READING: Col 1:15-20

GOSPEL: Lk 10:25-37

