



SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 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 – 12/13 September 2026

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 8/9 5.00pm *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Wednesday 9/9 8:00am

Thursday 10/9 8:00am

Friday 11/9 9:30am



RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (except Easter Saturday).

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

6 September: Group 5 – Peter McGuinness

13 September: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

A FATHER'S DAY REFLECTION

For those who have fathered us into birth,
for those we call "father" who have shown us the face of our Father in heaven,
for expectant fathers and those whose arms ache to cradle their own,
for fathers who have borne the pain of losing a child,
and for fathers who have laid down their life for their children:
May the one who is Father and Lord of all be their guide and their peace.

For all who have been deprived of their fathers
through war, violence, or imprisonment, addiction, divorce, or separation;
for those whose fathers have left home in search of work in another land,
that their wounds may be tended and their families healed.

For foster-fathers, step-fathers, and fathers by adoption,
that they will find true happiness in the mystery of fatherhood
and that their love for their children may bind them closer into the perfect love of God.

For those we call father,
those who showed us how to throw a ball or cook a meal,
those who taught us how to drive and showed mercy upon us for the dents,
those who kissed away our hurts, calmed all our fears, and protected us as best they could.

For all fathers, living or dead,
those nearby or those distanced by miles, disease, or division,
that they all may be embraced and strengthened
by the loving arms of God, the Father of us all.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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:

Kate Bramley; Anna (last name onto given); Michael Doherty; Bede Cummins; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Jennifer Johnstone; Cecil Lindley; Owen Patton; Warren Beecham; May & Leo Russell; Nelson & Joshua Chan; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Ann Dawes; Melanie Hellmund; Claire Shortis; Marie Brennan; Michael Sayers; 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 kiama@dow.org.au

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

* **SS PETER AND PAUL KIAMA:** Every Saturday, 8:00am to 9:00am. Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

* **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA GERRINGONG:** Every Monday, 11:00am to 12:00pm. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



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 our Parish you can do so in the following ways:

* **Second Collection at Mass.**

* **Donation Point Tap devices** – located in Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (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 SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Ss Peter and Paul Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If anyone has any concerns or questions about these matters, please contact a member of our Parish Safeguarding Team:

Maggie Phelan - 0417 064 826

Carole Parsons - 0429 040 502

Julieanne Douglas - 0418 491 125

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.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 3 2026: 16 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 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.

SACRAMENTS 2026

Information about the 2027 Sacramental Program will be available on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2027.

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

Program information and enrolment forms can be found on our website:

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/eucharist

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

7:00pm, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama
Tuesday, 15 September and
Thursday, 17 September.

Enrolments must be completed online before attending a parent information night.

Parent kits will only be available to those who have pre-enrolled by the enrolment cut-off date.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 6:

1st – Gwen Ilic (#45);

2nd – Thea Blanch (#15);

3rd – Maria Donoghue (#18)

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS

The SVDP Winter Appeal for food and toiletry donations has ended. The generosity of the parish to our appeal for food and toiletry donations over winter has been amazing and our pantry is currently over-full. SVDP Kiama Conference thank all those who supported our food and toiletry appeal.

FOUND!!!

Set of rosary beads left in Ss Peter and Paul Church. Contact the Parish Office.

ST MARY'S NEWS

* Belles lunch for the ladies of the Parish, to be held at Gerroa Fisherman's Club at 12md on Monday, 7 September. Friends of parishioners are also very welcome. For more information contact Clare 0425 743 722.

SEEKING PLACEMENT ACCOMMODATION

Leilah Hartman, granddaughter of the late Hedi Stein, a long-standing Gerringong parishioner, is currently looking for accommodation support for her university placement at Nowra Hospital between October 18 and November 27th. If you can assist, please contact her on 0420 226 411. Thank you.

DAY OF RETREAT

Parishioners, Friends and Neighbours -
Everyone Welcome!

Where: Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Kiama

When: Friday, 11 September

Time: 8:30am to receive name tags
8:45am: Welcome and First Talk

9:30am: Holy Mass

Morning Tea provided in the Parish Hall
BYO Lunch -

Tea / Coffee in the Parish Hall

The day will include Holy Mass, Talks,
Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy,
opportunity for Reconciliation, Quiet
time / Fellowship . . .

4:00pm: Retreat Concludes

*Are any among you sick? They should
call for the elders of the church and
have them pray over them, anointing
them with oil in the name of the Lord.*

(James 5:14)

SEASON OF CREATION

1 September – 4 October



This year's theme is **Living Water**. We are invited to imagine ourselves surrounded by living water, connected to every river, creek, ocean, raindrop, plant, animal and person. Water is precious. Some people have plenty of clean water. Others do not. Rivers and oceans are

being polluted. Wetlands are disappearing. Climate change is changing rainfall, droughts and floods. Creation needs us to care. Creation needs us to act.

Creator of oceans and rivers, Creator of rain clouds, Creator of every living thing, open our eyes to the beauty of creation. Open our hearts to those who suffer because water is scarce, polluted or unsafe. Give us courage to change our choices. Help us to care and protect what cannot speak for itself. Help us remember that every drop matters. And when we see something that needs changing, give us the courage to act.

PRIME TIME

Captivating Colours

Wednesday, 9 September

10:45am to 1:00pm

Join us in fellowship, fun and food. The Kiama Quilting Group will give a short presentation to show colour variety. Eireann Cameron will lead us in colourful songs and do hand/face painting. **Wear your favourite colour clothes.**

Where: Kiama Anglican Church, 2 Terralong Street

Cost: \$10, includes lunch

RSVP to KAC Office on 4232 2066 by 12:00pm, Monday 7 September.

FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Grace Lim, a BPsych graduate and MCouns student, with 3 years' experience as a counsellor with Lifeline Australia, is offering her counselling services free of charge. If you're looking for support, whether it be for stress, relationships or life changes, she'd love to help you on your journey. Free counselling can be face-to-face, by phone or online video. Phone 1300 651 728 and ask for the student counsellor, or email acwollongong@anglicare.org.au.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe at dow.sh/stayingconnected and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of

yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 9 – 11 October at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville – a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au, or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or email, nswbookings@wwme.org.au

FAITH & FRIES – WOLLONGONG

Wednesday 23 September | 4:30pm–6:30pm | Grill'd Wollongong, Crown Street

Calling all high school students! Faith & Fries is a relaxed afternoon bringing together teenagers from across the Diocese of Wollongong for good food, new friendships and honest conversations about faith and life. Grab dinner at Grill'd, hear a real-life faith story and join a live Q&A panel where no question is off limits. Whether you're involved in your faith, just curious or somewhere in between, you're welcome! Free to attend, with a special \$15 burger and chips deal available to purchase. Bring your mates, youth group or others from your school. **Register by 12 September to go into the draw for our giveaway! Register:** dow.sh/fries

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS

Warrawong and Thirroul parishes warmly welcome pilgrimage groups to visit them during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful and who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis and; (Decree, 10 January 2026). Both parishes will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with special Mass on Sunday 4 October 2026. Please contact the parish/es to arrange a time for your group's visit.

A VOCATION VIEW

"O God, you are my God whom I seek." As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God. (Psalm 63:2) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as
at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything

at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 13

SEPTEMBER

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

1ST READING: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

PSALM: Ps 102:1-4, 9-12 (R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

2ND READING: Rom 14:7-9

GOSPEL: Mt 18:21-35

