



# SUNDAY, 24 MAY 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 – 30/31 May 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**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26/5</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Liturgy of the Word-Holy Communion</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27/5</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<i>Liturgy of the Word-Holy Communion</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28/5</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<i>Liturgy of the Word-Holy Communion</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29/5</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<i>Mass</i>

**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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

#### **COUNTER'S ROSTER:**

**24 May: Group 2 – Ross Smith**

**31 May: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee**

## **REFLECTION**

### **A MIGHTY WIND**

By Scott Hahn



The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate

their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11).

In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see

Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

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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:

*Hilton Bloomfield; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Norma Raposas; Antonina Castro; Mark Anderson; Tom Cullen; Daniel Wong; Damien Allport; Brian Tyrie; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Vivienne Cresswell; Margaret Bartley; Margaret Brien; Ken Cotter; Janelle Hamill; Fr John Pickering OFM; Colin Prior; Colleen Gray; Cindy Williams; Brian Walsh; Elizabeth "Anne" Ellsmore; Gregory Anderson; Leo Lennon; Graeme Moore; 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

\* **Ken Cotter** – 11:00am viewing, 12:00pm funeral, Friday, 29 May, St Matthew's Jamberoo

\* **Margaret Brien** – 12:00pm, Wednesday, 3 June, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

## 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 us 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

Julianne 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 2 2026:**

**3 & 17 June; 1 July.**

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 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

### ENROLMENT DATES

- \* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- \* **First Reconciliation** – Online enrolments close Friday, 24 July.
- \* **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

## MISSALS FOR SALE

If anyone would like to buy a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can offer them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$35 for a **Sunday Missal**. Annual publications can be ordered nearer the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** and **God's Word** – prices TBC.

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

### Week 3:

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Nilan (#35);

2<sup>nd</sup> – John Carr (#42);

3<sup>rd</sup> – Colleen Rae (#24)

## WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES

Fr Chris and Fr George will be away at a Clergy In-Service from **26-28 May**. Weekday Masses during this time will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Mass will be as normal from Friday, 29 May.

## GERRINGONG NEWS

- \* **St Mary's Monthly morning tea** will be held after Mass this Sunday, 24 May.
- \* **Belles Lunch** for the ladies of the Parish is on Monday, 1 June at midday at the Fisherman's Club, Gerroa.

## THE FIRST HYMN

### Resurrecting a Song Buried for Millennia

Showing at Kiama Anglican Church on:  
\* Saturday 23 May at 7:00pm  
\* Wednesday 27 May at 7:00pm  
Showing Time is approximately 1.5  
hours. Gold Coin donation appreciated.  
Parking onsite. Please invite your friends.  
For further info call 4232 2066 or visit  
[www.thefirsthymnmovie.com](http://www.thefirsthymnmovie.com)

## INVITATION

### 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Methodist Lecture Hall, Kiama Uniting Church, Manning Steet

Parishioners are invited to join us at this  
celebration of 175 years of Christian  
worship, witness and service in Kiama. It  
commemorates the opening in 1851 of  
the Illawarra's first permanent Wesleyan  
Chapel, and the Southern Illawarra's first  
Chapel of any denomination, namely the  
Lecture Hall. This chapel is also the oldest  
public building still in use in the Kiama  
LGA. You are welcome to join all or part  
of the celebrations on Sunday, 14 June,  
which will include:

- \* 9:30am Service of Celebration in the  
Worship Centre. Guest preacher: Rev.  
Faaimata Havea Hiliau, The Moderator,  
Uniting Church Synod of NSW and ACT
  - \* 10:45am Morning Tea/Coffee
  - \* 11:00am Celebration and walk-through  
of Lecture Hall
  - \* 12 noon Picnic lunch and BBQ  
(Outdoors - weather permitting)
  - \* 1:00pm Close of activities
- Could you please send your RSVP to  
[kiamajamberoo@nswact.uca.org.au](mailto:kiamajamberoo@nswact.uca.org.au) by  
31 May.

## INVITATION FROM KIAMA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Greetings to friends at Kiama Catholic  
Church. You are invited to join us for a  
joyous Morning Tea Party on Monday, 25  
May at 10:00am at Kiama Presbyterian  
Church, cnr Terralong and Shoalhaven  
Streets. Op-Shop Parade afterwards.  
Gold coin donation on arrival to support  
cancer research. RSVP to Joyce at 4232  
1020 or 0411 156 430.

## NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week (NRW)  
runs from 27 May to 3 June. This year's  
"ALL IN" calls us to stand in solidarity, to  
listen with openness, and to walk forward  
with greater commitment to justice,

truth, and healing. Reconciliation is not a  
spectator sport. It is the responsibility of  
all Australians (indigenous and  
nonindigenous) to take action to make  
change, to move beyond symbolic  
support and engage in active, daily  
reconciliation. 26 May, the day before  
NRW starts, is **National Sorry Day**,  
which commemorates the Stolen  
Generations. During Reconciliation week  
we can learn about shared histories and  
cultures, and reflect on how we can  
contribute to reconciliation moving  
toward a more equitable future.  
Reconciliation will not happen by itself -  
it will not happen without all of us.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

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

## AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

**What's age got to do with it?**  
**Tuesday 9 June, 9:00am - 1:00pm**  
**The Fraternity Club**

Join CatholicCare for a free community  
event with Dr Emily Steel from the  
Australian Human Rights Commission,  
sharing practical approaches to ageing  
well. Morning tea and info stalls included.  
Register at 1800 967 894  
or [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au).  
Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152  
or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## "EPHPHATHA: BE OPENED"

**Calling young men 18-35 years old**

There are many opportunities now  
available through the Vocations and  
Youth Ministries of our Diocese, for  
young people to grow in faith and  
encourage each other. This is the first  
young men's discernment event for all  
unmarried young men aged 18-35 to join  
Bishop Brian Mascord, the priests of the  
Vocations Team and our Seminarians for  
lunch, formation, Q&A, one to one chats  
and Eucharistic Adoration. Register as  
soon as you can! **Where:** St Therese  
Parish, 2 Powell Street West Wollongong.  
**When:** Saturday 13 June, 12:30pm for  
1:00pm lunch; finishing at 4:00pm. **Cost:**  
Free, but registration is essential at  
[dow.sh/Ephphatha](http://dow.sh/Ephphatha)  
**If any young men or women would  
like help discerning their vocation,  
contact Fr Duane at  
[vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)**

## POSITION VACANT

### Permanent Part-Time Role: Clergy Care Coordinator Assistant

The Office of the Bishop | Catholic  
Diocese of Wollongong is seeking a  
suitably qualified and experienced  
Registered or Enrolled Nurse to join the  
team as an assistant to the Clergy Care  
Coordinator. This is a permanent part-  
time position, starting at two days per  
week with the possibility of extended  
hours in the future. The role involves  
providing general healthcare assistance  
including phone and email enquiries  
from clergy, providing transport for  
medical appointments and assisting with  
Clergy Health Assessments. Please note  
this role may be required to cover annual  
or personal leave relief for the  
Coordinator as required. For further  
information or to request a full position  
description, please email  
[louise.macdonald@dow.org.au](mailto:louise.macdonald@dow.org.au)

## EUCHARISTIC FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

Join the Office of Renewal and  
Evangelisation for *Rediscover the Real  
Presence*, a FREE four-part Zoom series  
exploring Christ's real presence in the  
Eucharist. Three sessions feature a  
FORMED.org video series, with a final  
deep dive into the riches of the Church's  
teaching on the Eucharist. Each session  
includes opportunities to reflect on the  
content and to connect with other  
participants. This series is a great means  
to assist you in your journey towards the  
International Eucharistic Congress 2028.  
The series will run on Zoom Tuesdays,  
7:00-8:15pm, from 26 May to 16 June.  
Register at [tinyurl.com/RRPZoomSeries](http://tinyurl.com/RRPZoomSeries)

## ONESYDNEY | TOGETHER IN CHRIST

**A Historic Celebration As One**  
**Sunday 14 June,**

**Sydney Opera House (Concert Hall)**

You are invited to be part of an  
ecumenical evening of prayer and unity.  
Christians from Orthodox, Roman  
Catholic, Anglican, Protestant,  
Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions  
will gather as one on Australia's most  
iconic stage — the Sydney Opera House.  
programme includes Dr  
Mary Healy, Matt Maher, Fr Rob Galea,  
and many more. For more information  
and to register visit  
[www.dow.org.au/events/one-sydney-  
together-in-christ/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/one-sydney-together-in-christ/)

# **PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A**

**24 MAY 2026**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

## **SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

## **SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,  
From the clear celestial height  
Thy pure beaming radiance give.  
Come, thou Father of the poor,  
Come with treasures which endure;  
Come, thou light of all that live!  
Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;  
Pleasant coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
Light immortal, light divine,  
Visit thou these hearts of thine,  
And our inmost being fill:  
If thou take thy grace away,  
Nothing pure in man will stay;  
All his good is turned to ill.  
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
Wash the stains of guilt away:  
Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
Guide the steps that go astray.  
Thou, on us who evermore  
Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend:  
Give us comfort when we die;  
Give us life with thee on high;  
Give us joys that never end.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

John 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I send you:  
Receive the Holy Spirit.*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **READINGS FOR 31 MAY**

**The Most Holy Trinity – Year A/1**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Ex 34:4-6, 8-9

**PSALM:** Dan 3:52-56 *(R.) Glory and praise for ever!*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 2 Cor 13:11-13

**GOSPEL:** Jn 3:16-18

