



# SUNDAY, 20 APRIL 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 – 26/27 April 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	22/4	5.00pm
Wednesday	23/4	8:00am
Thursday	24/4	8:00am
Friday	25/4	9:00am

ANZAC Day



**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 – 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:**

**20 April:** Group 4 – Mike Doherty

**27 April:** Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

## **BISHOP BRIAN'S EASTER MESSAGE**

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we journeyed together through Lent, I invited you to embrace an inner turning towards God—not just external actions—so we might find ourselves open-hearted when Holy Week arrived. Now I ask you, are you ready to receive the gift of Easter?

Now is the time to lay aside the garments of sorrow and penance we have worn throughout Lent so that the peace and joy of the risen Lord will fill our hearts today as we celebrate his victory over sin and death. Now is the time for our homes and communities to resound with our Easter song: the Lord is truly risen, alleluia!

On that first Easter Sunday morning when the women were dismayed by the empty tomb, two men in brilliant clothes appeared and said to them, "Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that

the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?" (Luke 24:1-12) Herein, we find a powerful lesson for us this Easter. My dear sisters and brothers, remember what he told you!

Memory plays a powerful role in the Scriptures. For the Jewish people, remembering the promises and actions of God—like the rescue of the Israelites from Egypt—was not simply calling to mind fond memories, but making them present. In the same way, Jesus did this by instituting the Eucharist, making his body and blood truly present. God's saving action in the past, promises of a future full of hope, and pledge to care for us here and now, are truths we can make present at all times, especially when we feel sorrow or distance from God. And yet, so often, we forget to remember.

In this Jubilee Year, the gift of Easter takes on a particular character: we are called to remember our sacred hope in

Jesus and his promises. Death is not the end and does not have the final word. We can trust in his love and mercy. My dear sisters and brothers, we can have hope. The gift of the Jubilee Year may be the generous and merciful offer of indulgences, but the joy of the Year is drawing close to God and remembering that he has not, and will not, abandon us—now or ever.

And so, on this blessed day, may our hearts be genuinely open so that the truth may dwell richly in us. Though we stand before an empty tomb, may we hear the words of the angels: "Remember what he told you!" And may we remember hope — Hope that holds us yesterday, today and forever. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With every blessing,

*+ Brian Marsden*

**Please take home one of Bishop Brian's Easter Message cards, which can be found at the back of each church.**

# 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:

*John Fardy; Doreen Delaney; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Warren Beecham; May & Leo Russell; Mark Anderson; Alison Smith; Peter Fogarty; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Graham Clifford; Bob Barabach; Eddie Lovegrove; Maria Yates; Marilyn Mulhall; 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](mailto: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 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.**



## 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.*

## PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

**Term 2 – 30 April; 14 & 28 May; 11 & 25 June.** For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

## PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

You can help support our Parish through a one-off donation using the banking details below, by using the Donation Point Tap devices at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea, or via regular Planned Giving. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for information about online giving, including wills and bequests.

### \* 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

## 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](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program)

Enrolments close on the following dates:

\* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

\* **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July

\* **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

**Week 10:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Irene Cook (#8);

2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve McGuinness (#43);

3<sup>rd</sup> – Anne Hassett (#4)

Thank you to all our loyal supporters. Silver Circle will start again after Easter.

## ANZAC DAY MASS



The ANZAC Day Mass will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church at 9:00am on Friday, 25 April. There will be no 9:30am Mass this day – the earlier time is to avoid clashes with the Dawn Service and the ANZAC Day March.

## RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

If you haven't already done so, you can still return your Project Compassion donation envelopes or boxes to the Parish Office during Office hours or at any weekend Mass over Easter and 26/27 April.

## GERRINGONG MORNING TEA

St Mary's monthly morning tea will be held after Mass next Sunday, 27 April.



Congratulations to our RCIA catechumen and candidates who are taking the next step in their journey of faith! We rejoice with them as they receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at the Easter Vigil this weekend. Please join us in warmly welcoming them into our parish family. Catechumen – Jenna Bennett, and Candidates – Kelly Foxtan and Stacey Atkinson.

## INVITATION FROM SINH LE

Dear Parishioners of Ss Peter and Paul Parish, I'm writing to share some joyful news — Bishop Brian will be ordaining me to the Diaconate at **7:30pm on Tuesday, 29 April at All Saints Church, Shellharbour City Centre**. This is a deeply meaningful moment for me, and I would love to invite everyone in our parish to be part of this special occasion. Please **RSVP by 20 April to [rsvp.dow.org.au](http://rsvp.dow.org.au)** or call 4222 2400. Thank you all for your kindness and

support. May God bless you abundantly!  
*Sinh Le*

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

### **A Great Message of Hope**



The two Sundays of Easter – Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday – can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter. Jesus told St Faustina, who received

this Revelation for the whole world, that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter His tender Mercy is for all, and anyone who will go to Confession (before or on the day) and receive Holy Communion will receive complete forgiveness of sins and punishments.

Please let us celebrate together as a parish family and join us in prayer:

**WHEN:** Sunday, 27 April, beginning at 1:30pm.

**WHERE:** Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama

**INCLUDES:** Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, with Benediction at 3:20pm. Afternoon tea will be held afterwards and Mass is at 5:00pm for those who would like to attend.

Enquiries to Ann Barron: 0407 220 560.

## **JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE**

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.

**Day 1:** From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord and overnight adoration.

**Day 2:** Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner.

For more information go to [dow.sh/WFL](http://dow.sh/WFL) or contact [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) 4222 2407. **This is a free event, but registration is essential.**

## **PALMS AUSTRALIA – VOLUNTEER ABROAD**

Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity. Join Palms for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our

unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! For more information about Palms volunteering opportunities visit <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

**Venue:** Online event - register at <https://palms.org.au/event/may-info/>

**Date:** Thursday, 22 May

**Time:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm

9560 5333 or email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au)

## **EASTER FAMILY MOVIE – KING OF KINGS**



Take your family along to watch this beautiful movie which tells the real story of Easter. *King of Kings* is about a mischievous boy who thinks he is King Arthur. After disrupting his father's book recital with his antics his father, Charles Dickens, tells him the story of the King of all Kings – Jesus. This delightful movie is well worth a watch. Currently screening for limited sessions at Event Cinemas Shellharbour and Hoyts Warrawong.

## **EMBRACING THE CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS**

**Sunday 27 April**



Carlo Acutis was a teenager from Italy who had a devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life prior to his death from leukaemia at the age of 15 in 2006. **Make sure you get your Carlo Acutis Canonisation Holy Card, available from the back of each church.** For more about Carlo watch *The Boy from Milan* (Released 2 April) and hundreds of other great Catholic documentaries for FREE.

- Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)
  - Click 'Formed for Individuals' button.
  - Enter your email address. Submit.
  - Type 'Wollongong' into the box.
  - Then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St). Click Next.
  - Enter your name and email address.
- Respond to your confirmation email.

- Sign in and then follow the prompts.
- Watch The Movie – The Boy from Milan - or any of the Hundreds of Catholic Programs

## **PILGRIMAGE SUPPORT REQUEST**

Dear Ss Peter and Paul parishioners, Our names are Anna and Claire Hill, and we have been a part of the Diocese of Wollongong all of our lives. We have recently been given the honour to walk the 100km Chartres Pilgrimage in France in June 2025, along with our friends Maggie and Darcy Laffy. This is a Catholic pilgrimage in honour of Our Blessed Mother and is attended by up to 22,000 youth from all over the world who represent their various countries. This opportunity to represent our church and our country will affect us financially and we would be very grateful for any donation toward this pilgrimage. In gratitude we promise to offer up our efforts and our prayers for all of our sponsor's intentions and for our Parish. If you would like to donate, please message us on 0493 086 775.

## **INTERDIOCESAN TRIBUNAL**

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that *"charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her."* The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au) or visit [www.tribunal.dow.org.au](http://www.tribunal.dow.org.au)

# SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - YEAR C

20 APRIL 2025

## FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

## SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw

that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## READINGS – 27 APRIL

**Divine Mercy Sunday – Year C/1**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Acts 5:12-16

**PSALM:** Ps 117:2-4, 22-27 (R.) *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

**GOSPEL:** Jn 20:19-31

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

### Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.