



SUNDAY, 7 JUNE 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 – 13/14 June 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	9/6	5.00pm	
Wednesday	10/6	8:00am	
Thursday	11/6	8:00am	St Barnabas
Friday	12/6	9:30am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



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:

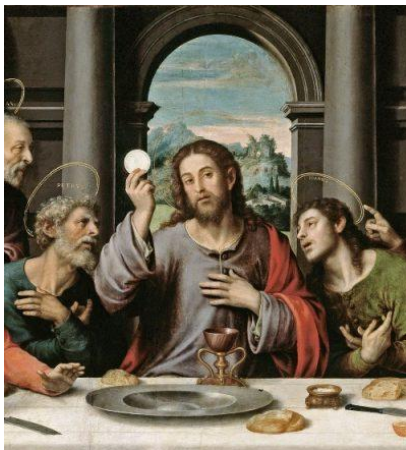
7 June: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

14 June: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

REFLECTION

WORD OF THE 'LIVING FATHER'

By Scott Hahn



The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot

accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

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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:

Amy Cockshutt; 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:

William 'Bill' Toulmin; Greg Swords; 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:

Anne O'Neill; 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.

GERRINGONG MEMORIAL GARDEN

For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiamo@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 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:

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 5:

- 1st – Mary Clarke (#9);
- 2nd – Thea Blanch (#15);
- 3rd – Steve McGuinness (#44)

FR GEORGE ON LEAVE

Fr George is on annual leave until 24 June. He will be in India to celebrate the his brother's 1st anniversary.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

Last week, Laudato Si Week, marked the 11th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical on caring for our common home. The theme this year was: **From Hope to Action**. The students and teachers from Ss Peter and Paul Primary School supported their Laudato Si Platform with prayers and class activities. Prior to this week our Laudato Si Circle

committed to promoting the Fossil Fuel Treaty (FFT) on 2 weekends after Mass by making a sign on to this treaty available for parishioners. I am pleased to say 43 parishioners made the decision to take action and signed on. This FFT initiative coincided with the global summit on phasing out fossil fuels in Santa Marta, Colombia. The founder of the FFT initiative, Tzaporah Berman, stated in an interview after the conference with The Guardian: *'After years stuck in endless debates about whether to phase out fossil fuels, finally we are focusing on the how. We are no longer fighting for recognition of the problem but creating solutions.'* Sign-ons to the FFT will continue to be a main focus as we come closer to the pre-COP summit in early October in Fiji. Closer to this time our LSC will continue to promote signing on to this petition after Mass, with the support of our clergy. The Laudato Si Movement is of course a strong advocate for this treaty. **All interested are invited to the next meeting of our Laudato Si Circle which will be on Friday, 26 June at 4.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.**

PRIME TIME

Parishioners are warmly invited to join the Anglican Community in fellowship and lunch at Prime Time, a gathering held every second Wednesday of the month.

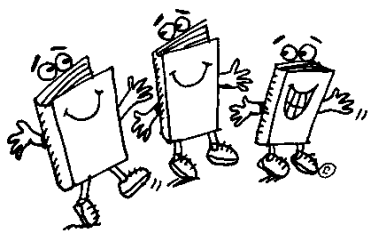
In June come hear the Illawarra Seniors Band as they entertain us with a range of music to delight us all, then have a lovely lunch together.

Time: 10:45am – 1:00pm.

Date: Wednesday, 10 June

Place: Kiama Anglican Church, 2 Terralong Street. **RSVP by Monday, 8 June to 4232 2066.**

PRELOVED BOOK SALE



Your preloved books are needed for a fundraiser book sale to be held at Ss Peter & Paul Kiama 27/28 June. Please leave in the Parish Office foyer during Office hours, on the bench outside the Parish Office after Office hours or contact Gai on 0401 468 209 or Helen on 0429

463 745 for other arrangements. Thank you.

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Supporting the Scripture Ministry at Kiama High



Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. **Final orders 24 June.** Variety of 7 Savoury and 3 Sweet pies \$13 each. Purchases can be donated to Vinnies or other charities for those in need, and are very much appreciated. Order forms can be found at the back of each church, or contact Gai on 0401 468 209 or email gai.delavere@outlook.com. Payment details are on the order forms. Orders and cash/cheque to Gai, the Parish office or in a marked envelope in any collection. Delivery details to follow. Thank you for your continuing support.

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE

You're invited to the Homestead of Hope Gathering for June, to be held in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room on Wednesday, 24 June starting at 10:30am. The morning will commence with prayer and praise then a guest speaker. A lunch of soup and various breads will follow plus tea, coffee, and sweetmeats. All are welcome - please bring a friend. **Kindly contact Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548 or mary.spillane05@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.** Thank you and hope to see you there.

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!

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

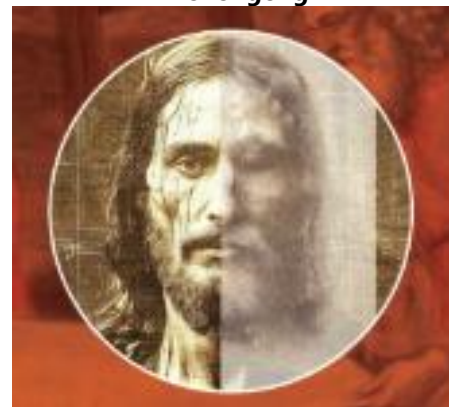
Overnight Prayer Vigil

St Joseph's Parish, Bulli invites parishioners and visitors from across the Diocese, to celebrate together the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, 12 June 2026. 7:30pm Mass of the Sacred Heart, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as part of an overnight vigil of prayer and praise With

Our Lord Jesus. (Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Silent Prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation). The vigil concludes with Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 7:30am on Saturday, 13 June.

WHO IS THE MAN OF THE SHROUD?

5:30pm–8:30pm Saturday, 27 June
Xavier Conference Centre,
Wollongong



Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker Francine Pirola as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. This is a free event but registration is essential. Register: dow.sh/summitshroud

CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

Inaugural Dinner, Friday 26 June,
5:30pm–9:30pm, City Beach Function
Centre, Wollongong

Join us for the next Catholic Business Connections event which will feature Stan Grant as the Guest Speaker.

Topic: Privacy of faith and the public nature of its expression.

Dress: Cocktail or Professional Attire

Cost: \$150 for non-members, \$60 for Clergy & Religious

RSVP: Wednesday, 17 June

Book your ticket now at cbc.dow.org.au

READINGS FOR 14 JUNE

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

1ST READING: Ex 19:2-6

PSALM: Ps 99:2-3, 5 (R.) *We are his people: the sheep of his flock.*

2ND READING: Rom 5:6-11

GOSPEL: Mt 9:36 – 10:8

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR A

7 JUNE 2026

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Sing forth, O Zion, sweetly sing
The praises of thy Shepherd-King,
In hymns and canticles divine;
Dare all thou canst, thou hast no song
Worthy his praises to prolong,
So far surpassing powers like thine.
Today no theme of common praise
Forms the sweet burden of thy lays –
The living, life-dispensing food –
That food which at the sacred board
Unto the brethren twelve our Lord
His parting legacy bestowed.
Then be the anthem clear and strong,
Thy fullest note, thy sweetest song,
The very music of the breast:
For now shines forth the day sublime
That brings remembrance of the time
When Jesus first his table blessed.
Within our new King's banquet-hall
They meet to keep the festival
That closed the ancient paschal rite:
The old is by the new replaced;
The substance hath the shadow chased;
And rising day dispels the night.
Christ willed what he himself had done
Should be renewed while time should run,
In memory of his parting hour:
Thus, tutored in his school divine,
We consecrate the bread and wine;
And lo – a Host of saving power.
This faith to Christian men is given –
Bread is made flesh by words from heaven:
Into his blood the wine is turned:
What though it baffles nature's powers
Of sense and sight? This faith of ours
Proves more than nature e'er discerned.
Concealed beneath the two-fold sign,
Meet symbols of the gifts divine,
There lie the mysteries adored:
The living body is our food;
Our drink the ever-precious blood;
In each, one undivided Lord.
Not he that eateth it divides
The sacred food, which whole abides
Unbroken still, nor knows decay;
Be one, or be a thousand fed,
They eat alike that living bread
Which, still received, ne'er wastes away.
The good, the guilty share therein,
With sure increase of grace or sin,
The ghostly life, or ghostly death:
Death to the guilty; to the good
Immortal life. See how one food
Man's joy or woe accomplisheth.
We break the Sacrament; but bold
And firm thy faith shall keep its hold;
Deem not the whole doth more enfold
Than in the fractured part resides:

Deem not that Christ doth broken lie;
'Tis but the sign that meets the eye;
The hidden deep reality
In all its fullness still abides.
*Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
*Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
*O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.