



# SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2024 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 – 14/15 September 2024**

**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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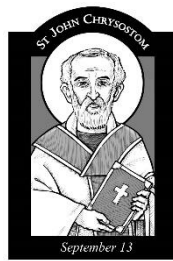
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### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	10/9	5:00pm	
Wednesday	11/9	8:00am	
Thursday	12/9	8:00am	
Friday	13/9	9:30am	St John Chrysostom



### **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:**

**8 September: Group 2 – Irene Cook**

**15 September: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee**

## **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

### **EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS**



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters.

We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance.

We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

This year, to celebrate Child Protection Week, the Diocese of Wollongong has developed a video which seeks to encourage and promote the importance of every conversation, in line with this year's theme - "Every Conversation Matters".

We encourage you to watch this video at - <https://dow.sh/cpw24>.

### **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY PRAYER**

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future, their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen.

# 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 Petschler; Gwen Coady; Jennifer O'Donnell; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*May & Michael Flynn; Jennifer Johnstone; Betty O'Halloran; Elizabeth Donoghue; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Kenneth Condon; Valetta McDonald; Nancy Voss; Gian Carlo Goytizolo; Nelson and Joshua Chan; Joey O'Neill; Michael Sewell; 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

- \* **Kenneth Condon** – 11:00am, Tuesday, 10 September, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
- \* **Nancy Voss** – 10:00am, Thursday, 12 September, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
- \* **Valetta McDonald**– 11:00am, Friday, 13 September, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

## 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)

## HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855.

## 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 – 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.*



## PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

**Term 3 – 18 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 seeking assistance must phone for an appointment.

**Calls and texts are taken from  
12:00pm each Monday only.  
Please phone 0402 518 377.**

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.*

## PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

If you would like to help support our Parish, either through a one-off donation or via regular giving, please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for access to the different ways to give, including wills and bequests. Alternatively, you can donate to a specific collection via our bank details below:

### \* 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 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program can be found on the Parish website. For details visit [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program). Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

- \* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September
- \* **First Reconciliation** – *Enrolments closed.*
- \* **Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

### Week 7

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's Silver Circle:

1<sup>st</sup> – Jeff Spillane (#3)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Anonymous (#33)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Alf Svenson (#22)

## NEW RANGE OF INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our new range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

## HELP WANTED

Ss Peter and Paul Church has several old sacred vessels and candlesticks in need of cleaning/restoring. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be administered during the 9:30am Mass on Friday, 13 September at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

## ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on the weekend of **26/27 October**. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

## SVDP ROSARY

St Vincent de Paul Kiama will offer the next rosary for Father Patrick Kenna on Monday, 9 September at 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

## FREE ITEMS

Walker (lightweight), wheelchair (lightweight, folding, 140kg max), walking frame (lightweight with skis, side folding). Phone Ken Rae on 4233 2532 or 0419 412 534.

## **WALK FOR LIFE SYDNEY**

**2:00–4:00pm, Saturday 21 September**  
**Hyde Park, Sydney (Near the Archibald Memorial Fountain)**

Join the movement of Australians making abortion unthinkable in our country! All are welcome to this family-friendly



gathering to be a voice for the unborn and call for the protection of every life from the moment of conception. Further Information and Registration (for free): <https://www.lovesydney.org.au/>

## **HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September**

Let us pray for the cry of the Earth. If we took the planet's temperature, it will tell us that the Earth has a fever. And it is sick, just like anyone who's sick. But are we listening to this pain? Do we hear the pain of the millions of victims of environmental catastrophes? The ones suffering most from the consequences of these disasters are the poor, those who are forced to leave their homes because of floods, heat waves or drought. Dealing with the environmental crisis caused by humans, such as climate change, pollution or the loss of biodiversity, begs responses that are not only ecological, but are also social, economic and political. We must commit ourselves to the fight against poverty and the protection of nature, changing our personal and community habits. Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and climate change, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

## **CATHOLICCARE | A CALL FOR FOSTER CARERS - CAN YOU HELP?**

Over 350 children and young people in NSW are urgently seeking foster care. Close to 100 of the 350 are living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the

Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: [dow.sh/bmfc24](http://dow.sh/bmfc24).

For more information on becoming a foster carer, contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or email [fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au). CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.

## **THE CHOSEN – A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS – SEASON 4**

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to [watch.thechosen.tv](http://watch.thechosen.tv) to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends or as a parish!

## **WEEKEND RETREAT JAMBEROO ABBEY**

The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey this September 2024, titled "Encountering God in Lectio Divina". The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia. There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September. Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday morning at 9:00am. For more information, please visit [jamberooabbey.org.au](http://jamberooabbey.org.au)

## **UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY PAST STUDENTS**

Were you a member of the University of Wollongong Catholic Society/Newman Society, or the Wollongong Teachers College St Thomas More Society? UOW CathSoc would love to hear from you! To register your interest to join a new past students' network complete our online form: [tinyurl.com/UOWCSPastStudents](http://tinyurl.com/UOWCSPastStudents) All UOW students, staff, and visitors are welcome along to our Mass on Campus during semester (12:35pm Thursdays, Clubs Room, Building 11). Follow @UOWCathSoc on social media for more details.

## **ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

ONE Music Festival is a holistic family event aiming to bring different generations and denominations together to celebrate and experience Jesus in community. Children, youth groups and adults are all welcome. It will be running on Saturday, 16 November at the Kiama Pavilion and showgrounds from 2:00pm – 9:00pm. Expect to see different bands, food trucks among other fun surprises. You can come for the whole event or part of it, your choice. Tickets are available now at [onemusicfestival.com](http://onemusicfestival.com).

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need roughly 30-50 volunteers to help us run the day smoothly. More information on volunteer registration can be found on the website [onemusicfestival.com](http://onemusicfestival.com)

## **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

**Monday, 7 October at 9:30am**

The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 7 October at 9:30am at the **Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul**. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 900kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep fleas well-muzzled. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Friday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.



## **GROWING GOOD MEN FATHER AND TEENAGE SON WEEKEND EXPERIENCE**

**25–27 October, Cataract Activity Centre, Appin**

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. Register online: [https://dow.sh/ggm24](http://dow.sh/ggm24)

# 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.  
The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

**(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the

man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### READINGS – 15 SEPTEMBER

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
Year B/2

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Is 50:5-9

PSALM: Ps 114:1-6, 8-9 (R.) *I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: James 2:14-18

GOSPEL: Mk 8:27-35

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Ephphatha

*The healing that Jesus works in this passage is perhaps one of the most 'physical' of his healing actions. He puts his fingers in the man's ears and places spittle on his tongue. It is an incredibly intimate contact with a complete stranger and someone regarded as outcast and unclean because of his disabilities. When Jesus speaks the word of healing, Ephphatha ('Be opened'), he appears to be speaking not only to the man but to all those listening. Be open to the possibility of embracing those you have cast out; be open to a different understanding of Messiah.*