



SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 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 – 24/25 October 2026

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 6:00pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

SS PETER AND PAUL PRESBYTERY: 94 Manning St, Kiama

Parish Priest: Father Chris Roberts

Assistant Priest: Father George Condookala

SS PETER AND PAUL PARISH OFFICE: 96 Manning St, (PO Box 299) Kiama NSW 2533

Parish Secretary: Louise Cobby **Office Hours:** 9am - 1pm (Tues to Thurs); 9am - 4pm (Fri)

Phone: (02) 4233 2111

Email: kiama@dow.org.au

Web: www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au



SS PETER AND PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL: 98 Manning St, (PO Box 248) Kiama **Web:** www.sspdpow.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Peter Michael **Admin Officer:** Liz Brown **Ph:** (02) 4232 2442 **Fax:** (02) 4232 1064 **Email:** info@sspdpow.catholic.edu.au

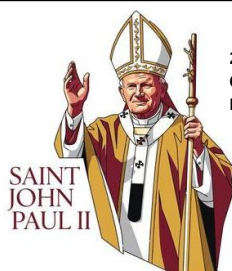
WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday 20/10 5.00pm

Wednesday 21/10 8.00am

Thursday 22/10 8.00am

Friday 23/10 9.30am



22 Oct -
Optional
Memorial

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:

18 October: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

25 October: Group 2 – Ross Smith

UPCOMING EPISCOPAL VISITATION

23–25 October 2026

We warmly welcome the Bishop of Wollongong, The Most Rev Brian Mascord DD, who will make an official Episcopal Visit to our Parish and community from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 October 2026. This meaningful visit is an opportunity for us to honour our rich history, cherish our present, and embrace a hopeful vision for our future. We feel truly blessed to have Bishop Brian's presence and value all parishioners' thoughts and perspectives during this transition.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS - AFTERNOON TEA WITH BISHOP BRIAN

Join us in warmly welcoming the Bishop and thanking our ministries and volunteers at afternoon tea in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 24 October, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your feedback on our Parish and discuss its future.

If you have a special skill for baking, please bring a plate of your prize recipe to share. Tea and cake will be provided, but your contributions are always appreciated.

We also invite you to join the Bishop, Father Chris, and Father George afterwards for Mass at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

The schedule for the rest of the visit can be found below.

• FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER

9:30am Mass Kiama
10:30am Parish Office
10:40am School Infants
11:00am Morning Tea with school staff
11:40am School Primary
12:00pm Principal
1:00pm Lunch at Presbytery
2:30pm Visit sick
6:00pm Dinner with Parish Council

• SATURDAY, 24 OCTOBER

9:30am Meeting with Catechists
10:30am Morning Tea with Finance Council
11:30am Priests together and separate
12:30pm Lunch
3:00pm Afternoon tea for volunteers
6:00pm Mass Kiama

• SUNDAY, 25 OCTOBER

9:30am Mass Jamberoo
1:30pm Baptism at Gerringong

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:

Michael Doherty; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Gerry Gilchrist; Stan Morrissey; Des & Gwen Coady; Lawrie Hayden; Ruby Johnson; Geoff Cole; Lucy Howell; Katherine McGuinness; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Frank Pudarich; Bede Cummins; Kevin Sullivan; Colleen Norman; 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

* **Frank Pudarich** – Friday, 23 October, 11:00am, St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong

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
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 4, 2026: 28 October;

11 & 25 November; 9 December .

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

Enrolments have closed for the 2026 Sacramental Program. 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

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

You are warmly invited to pray the Rosary each Friday morning in October starting at 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, before the 9:30am Mass. The Rosary will also be recited after Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month of October

- **Intention:** Praying for world peace in the Ukraine, Russia, Lebanon and all war-torn countries. Also, we will pray for our own special intentions and for the sick in our parish.
- Our Lady at Fatima in 1917 asked us to pray the Rosary daily. She wants her dear children to live in peace, to love her Son Jesus and to follow in His footsteps.
- Rosary beads are available from the back of the church at Kiama.

PARISH OFFICE PHONE PROBLEMS

We apologise to anyone who has been trying to contact the Parish Office during the past week. The main phone line is having problems which are yet to be fixed, but, in the interim, you can contact the office via our old fax line on 4233 2111 or by email - kiama@dow.org.au.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 1:

- 1st – Anne Hassett (#32);
- 2nd – Colleen Rae (#24);
- 3rd – Mary Farrugia (#7)

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members will be placed on the altar at each Mass, with the Mass being offered for the repose of their souls. All names will be kept on the list for the whole month, and the list will be updated with new names each weekend. If you would like your loved ones' names on this list please write their names on a plain envelope, (or collect a November Mass Offering envelope from the back of the church), and return it via the collections at any Mass or drop it in the letterbox in the Parish Office door. **The sick and recently deceased will continue to be printed in the bulletin each weekend, but anniversaries will be omitted.**

KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

Come along and hear about the Kiama High School SRE Ministry, enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship within our local Christian community.

Date: Saturday, 7 November

Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm Start

Where: Point Ministry Centre,
Kiama Anglican Church

Cost: \$35 pp

Tickets are available from Louise at the Parish Office or contact Gai on 0401 468 209. Cash payment on booking please.

GERRINGONG NEWS

* Monthly Morning Tea on Sunday, 25 October after the 9:30am Mass.

* Quarterly Meeting on Sunday, 1 November after the 9:30am Mass.

ST MATTHEW'S LIAISON VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of one or more parishioners who live in the Jamberoo community to be a church liaison volunteer. The role involves opening and closing St Matthew's for weddings, funerals, baptisms, retreats etc, and being a point of contact for those who have questions about the church. If you would like to take on this role, or just want to know more, please contact Louise at the Parish Office – 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE MELBOURNE CUP TICKETS

Ss Peter & Paul Parish Hall

Tuesday 3 November from 12.30pm

Lunch - chicken and salad, bread rolls, dessert, tea, coffee, BYO alcohol. Prizes for best dressed on the day. Buy a ticket in the sweep and watch race on big screen. Lucky door prizes - Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 drawn on the day. 100 Tickets only so be early not to miss out. Cost \$35 each.

Contact Angie 0404 856 379, Robyn 0437 277 908, or Tammy 0432 696 532.

EXPERIENCED PIANO TEACHER

Experienced piano teacher just moved to Gerringong and looking for piano students. Will teach any age from 7 upwards. \$40 per ½ hour or \$60 for 45 minutes. Phone Adeline on 0428 686 226.

ABBEY RETREATS

Are you looking for some time away to rest, reflect and reconnect with God? We warmly invite you to join us at Jamberoo Abbey for one of our upcoming retreats. From October to December, we have several retreat programs planned, offering opportunities for prayer, reflection, renewal and quiet time in the peaceful surroundings of the Abbey. We would be delighted to welcome you! For more information visit <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/cottages/retreats/>

SAVE THE DATE

RCIA's Spring's Farewell, Advent's Welcome

A Parish Dinner Celebrating Community and New Beginnings, Thursday 26 November at 6:00pm. Everyone welcome. More details to follow.

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!

ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lakeside Memorial Park,

Saturday, 7 November, 10:30am

Mass of Remembrance for the Faithful Departed. Celebrated by Most Rev Brian Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong.

RSVP by Monday, 2 November to
<https://events.humanitix.com/all-souls-day-2026-ls>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18 OCTOBER



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

18 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is great and worthy of
praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are
naught.
It was the Lord who made the
heavens. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of
peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his
courts. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and

that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 25 OCTOBER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

1ST READING: Ex 22:20-26

PSALM: Ps 17:1-4, 6 (R.) *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

2ND READING: 1 Thess 1:5-10

GOSPEL: Mt 22:34-40

Historical Context

What's in a face?

The question of coinage was a problematic one for first century Jews. The tradition – grounded in the commandments given to Moses on Mt Sinai – forbade the use of 'graven' or carved images. The people of Israel took this prohibition very seriously and did not portray the human face in artwork of any kind. Roman coins were minted with the face of the emperor on them and it was compulsory that taxes be paid with Roman coin. This helps to explain the role of the Temple money-changers who converted the Roman coin into Temple coin that could be used for religious purposes.

