



SUNDAY, 22 JUNE 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 – 28/29 June 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	24/6	5.00pm	<i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>
Wednesday	25/6	8:00am	
Thursday	26/6	8:00am	
Friday	27/6	9:30am	<i>The Most Sacred heart of Jesus</i>

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 – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

22 June: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

29 June: Group 2 – Ross Smith

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

WONDER AND AWE BEFORE THE EUCHARIST

At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, "The mystery of faith."

What is "the mystery of faith?" Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery.

"The mystery of faith" is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place. But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical

deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight.

Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, "My Lord and my God!" We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine.

In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a "oneness in time" that links the Paschal Mystery, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of

consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the Paschal Mystery "leads us to profound amazement and gratitude" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, #5).

Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament?

Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.

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:

Nicole Phelan; Jason Dorahy; Lyn Cox;
All sick parishioners and sick relatives
and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Donato Do Salvio; Greg Swords; Alf & Ellen Nimmo; Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; John "Jack" MacAuley; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Sr Hildegard Ryan osb; Norma James; Bill Toulmin; Damien Allport; Fr Aloysius Kondookalayil CST (brother of Fr George); Helen Cooney; Robert "Bob" Gray; Gerry Gilchrist; 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

PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

Term 3 – 23 July, 6 & 20 August, 3 & 17 September.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

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.**

WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All financial support to our Parish is received primarily through the second collection at Mass and online Giving. Funds received cover all running costs and maintenance for the Parish. If you would like to provide support you can do so in the following ways:

- * **Via the 2nd Collection at Mass.**
- * **Via the Donation Point Tap devices** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that all funds collected through these devices go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish**).
- * **Via 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.
- * **Via Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.
- * **Via the DOW App:** visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-app/> to download the Diocesan 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.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 4:

- 1st – Clare Anderson (#26);
- 2nd – Steve McGuinness (#43);
- 3rd – Colleen Rae (#24)

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.*

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

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY



Following on from Archbishop Fisher's call to prayer, we as a parish will continue to pray that the sanctity of human life will be respected and revered from conception to natural death and that all legislation will promote the great dignity of each individual. **Let us pray.**

2025/2026 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

For those parishioners who are currently giving by envelopes, your new sets for 2025/2026 are now available at the back of each church.

If you would like to sign up to Planned Giving, change to direct debit, or want further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au. Alternatively, see the notice in the adjacent column for ways to give.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL



The St Vincent de Paul Kiama Conference will be holding their annual Winter Appeal this weekend, 21/22 June. Cash donations can be made after each Mass, or if you prefer, you can use the envelopes which will be provided on that weekend. Donations of food would also be gratefully welcomed and can be left in the designated baskets in the churches. Thank you.

GERRINGONG MORNING TEA

The monthly morning tea will be held this Sunday, 22 June, after the 930am Mass at St Marys. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION



This year 36 of our young parishioners will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 26 June at 7:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. Parishioners are invited to join in this celebration when Bishop Brian visits our Parish to confirm them. We look forward to this very special occasion and ask you in your charity to continue to pray for our young parishioners and their families.

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Supporting the Scripture Ministry at Kiama High

Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. Final orders 2 July. Variety of 7 Savoury and 3 Sweet pies \$12 each. Purchases can be donated to Vinnies for those in need, and are very much appreciated. Order forms are available at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church. Or contact Gai on 0401 468 209 or email gai.delavere@outlook.com.



**Payment can be made by EFT to:
BSB: 082662; Acc: 249030854**

(Include your name and Pie Drive as reference).

Orders and cash/cheque payments to Gai or the Parish office. Delivery details

to follow. Thank you for your continuing support.

2025 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025.

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

FEEDBACK ON BISHOP BRIAN'S VISION AND PARISH LIFE

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, *'In the Parish I see'*, by completing an online activity at dow.sh/csgmactivity. The activity takes approximately 30 - 45 minutes to complete and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives on parish life. **We need around 40 to 80 people to complete this online form, so if you are able to find some time, please go online by the end of June and have your say.** If you would like to complete the form but don't have the internet, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in and complete the form.

GERRINGONG COMBINED CHURCHES FOOD DRIVE

To Support the Vulnerable This Winter

As the colder months approach, the combined churches of Gerringong are

coming together to support those in need through the annual COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE, running from **MONDAY, 16 JUNE to TUESDAY, 24 JUNE**. Residents are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items by placing them in the specially marked trolley located inside Khan's Super IGA in Gerringong. All contributions will be delivered to Salt Care, a registered charity based in Bomaderry that provides essential support to disadvantaged and homeless individuals and families throughout the Shoalhaven region. This is a simple yet powerful way for the community to make a difference this winter. Every donation counts.

MENALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND

9 – 10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. For more information and to register: <https://menalive-weekend-2025>

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Commences Monday 1 September 2025. Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan

Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage
For full details, itinerary and bookings, Visit: harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje

HELP CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND

Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C

22 JUNE 2025

FIRST READING

Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the
daybreak I begot you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will
not change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he

said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Short Version

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

Luke 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of

God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 29 JUNE

Sts Peter and Paul - Year C/1

NB: Due to limited space, only the DAY readings will be published in the bulletin next weekend.

VIGIL READINGS

1ST READING: Acts 12:1-11

PSALM: Ps 18:2-5 *(R.) Their message goes out through all the earth*

2ND READING: Gal 1:11-20

GOSPEL: Jn 21:15-19

DAY READINGS

1ST READING: Acts 12:1-11

PSALM: Ps 33:2-9 *(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears*

2ND READING: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

GOSPEL: Mt 16:13-19