



# SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 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 – 11/12 October 2025**

**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**

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### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	7/10	5.00pm	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday	8/10	8:00am	
Thursday	9/10	8:00am	
Friday	10/10	9:30am	



### **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:**

**5 October:** Group 4 – Mike Doherty

**12 October:** Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

## REFLECTION

### **NOURISHED BY FAITH**

Is it possible to completely uproot a tree and plant it in the sea? It's certainly hard to imagine how. It is especially hard to imagine doing so with a simple command of faith. Uprooting a tree is hard enough to imagine, but it is even more difficult to imagine a tree being planted in the sea. Though water is necessary, one cannot plant a tree in the sea and expect it to grow. But that's partly the point. We often underestimate the power of true faith. Saint Matthew's Gospel says that faith can move mountains. Saint Luke's says it can uproot a tree and replant it in the sea. All it takes to do so is faith the size of a mustard seed.

How much faith is equal to a mustard seed? A mustard seed is small, very small. It measures only about one millimeter in length. People who worked the soil at that time would have known that it was among the smallest of seeds they planted. For that reason, Jesus uses this

familiar image to teach the apostles that faith, even a little faith, is powerful.

Jesus' teaching comes in response to a prayer on the part of the apostles. "Increase our faith," they said. Jesus' response, inviting them to have only a little faith, implies that their faith was quite weak. To increase their faith to the size of a mustard seed suggests that they did not even have a little faith yet. Most likely they were aware of that fact, and that was the reason they asked Jesus to increase their faith. They perceived their lacking and turned to Him Who could help.

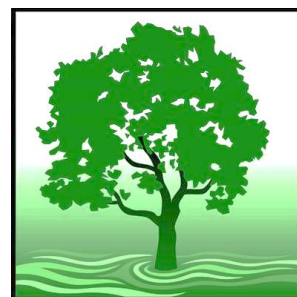
One of the first steps to increasing faith is to humbly admit our lack of faith. In our pride, we often want to convince ourselves and others that we are filled with faith. But if that were the case, God would be doing incredible things through us. He would be doing that which is otherwise humanly impossible.

Obviously, faith does not give us magical powers by which we can literally command a tree to uproot itself and

plant itself in the sea. This imagery is meant to tell us that faith will work miracles of faith, not necessarily physical miracles. In fact, if God ever did use us and our faith to work a physical miracle, it would only happen because it was a motivation for the far more important gift of the increase of faith.

What, then, can a little faith do? It can uproot sin from your heart and from the hearts of those around you. It can nourish you and others in ways that seem impossible. Just as a tree cannot normally be planted in the sea and survive, the gift of faith, even a little faith, will enable the soul to be nourished and strengthened in ways that otherwise seem impossible.

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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:

*Mel Condon; Clare Anderson; Joy Fardy; Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Des & Gwen Coady; Peg Anderson; Katherine McGuinness; Virgil O'Halloran; Lucy Howell; Valetta McDonald; Reno Said; Gloria Rawlin; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Tom Musgrave; Anne Sullivan; Sr Martina Sarkis ssj; Ian Campbell; Tim Cooney; Charlie Kirk; Iryna Zarutka; 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

\* **Anne Sullivan** – 12:00pm, Thursday, 9 October, 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 their non-Catholic partners.** 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** – 11:00am to 12:00pm, 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 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** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that 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.

## 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 4: 22 October; 6 & 20 November; 4 & 18 December.**

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

## 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** – Finished for 2025.

\* **First Reconciliation** – Finished for 2025.

\* **First Holy Communion** – see notice below.

## 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Sr Maureen will be away Saturday, 27 September to Monday, 6 October. Someone will replace her for each communion that week.

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

### Week 7:

1<sup>st</sup> – Mary Clarke (#9); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vonnie Gee (#14); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thea Blanch (#15)

## FR CHRIS ON LEAVE

Fr Chris is away on annual leave and will return on Thursday, 30 October.

## 2025 MASS COUNT

Over the 4 weekends of October we will be holding the annual Mass Count.

## SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Starting this Sunday, the Sunday evening Mass will now commence at 6:00pm during daylight savings time.

## 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.**

## OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



- The Rosary will be prayed before Mass each Friday during October, starting 3 October at 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church.
- During her appearances at Fatima in 1917, Our Lady asked the three children Lucy, Francesco and Jacinta to pray the Rosary reverently every day especially for world peace then extended this request to all the faithful.
- In praying for world peace let us pray for an end to the war in the Ukraine, the Middle East and all war torn countries.
- Let us also pray for our own intentions, for our families, our government and an end to abortion.
- 7 October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary a special day to pray the Rosary
- The Rosary is recited at the Adoration and Holy Hour Devotions held each Saturday beginning at 8 am at the Kiama church.
- Rosary beads are available from the back of the Kiama Church.

## KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

**Date:** Saturday 18 October.

**Time:** 6:00pm for 6:30pm start.

**Place:** Point Ministry Centre, Kiama Anglican Church.

**Cost:** \$35 pp.

Bookings with Louise at the Parish office. Cash on booking or pay by EFT to BSB 082 662 Acc# 249030854. Please state DINNER and your SURNAME when paying by EFT. Please come and meet the new KHS Scripture Teacher, enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship within our local Christian community. Inquiries to Gai Delavere 0401 468 209.

## HOMESTEAD OF HOPE MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



Ss Peter and Paul Hall,  
Tuesday, 4 November – 12:30pm



Lunch will be chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea & coffee. BYO alcohol. Win a prize for the best outfit worn on the day. **Please bring your ticket on the day and plenty of gold coins.** Buy a horse in our sweeps and watch the race on the big screen. Lucky door prizes. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – Drawn on the day. Bookings are essential space is limited to 100. **Contact Angie: 0404 856 379 or Robyn: 0437 277 908**

## DIOCESAN NEWS

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](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

## CROSS+GEN – FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

We are very pleased to share with you, that our Cross+Gen technology program has been recognised with a *prestigious Award for Innovation and Contribution from the Australian Institute for Intergenerational Practice (AIIP)* at their annual conference in February. Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen program, CatholicCare, will again partner with Corpus Christi and CEDoW to assist with technology issues that you may be struggling with. The dates are as follows, and afternoon tea will be provided:

- Friday 24 October 11:00am-1:00pm
- Friday 7 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 21 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 5 December 11am-1pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect seniors and students for some information sharing in a fun, relaxed setting at Corpus Christi High School Oak Flats. Please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or email [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18/19 OCTOBER



In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.**

Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission)





# 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

## 5 OCTOBER 2025

### FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

*The just will live by faithfulness.*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
while you will not listen;  
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
and you will not save?  
Why do you set injustice before me,  
why do you look on where there is  
tyranny?  
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
Then the Lord answered and said,  
'Write the vision down,  
inscribe it on tablets  
to be easily read,  
since this vision is for its own time only:  
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not  
deceive;  
if it comes slowly, wait,  
for come it will, without fail.  
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at  
rights,  
but the upright man will live by his  
faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden  
not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving  
thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made  
us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his  
voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as  
at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw  
my work.' **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

*Never be ashamed of witnessing the  
Lord.*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame  
the gift that God gave you when I laid my  
hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit  
of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and  
love, and self-control. So you are never  
to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord,  
or ashamed of me for being his prisoner;  
but with me, bear the hardships for the  
sake of the Good News, relying on the  
power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching  
you have heard from me, in the faith and  
love that are in Christ Jesus. You have  
been trusted to look after something  
precious; guard it with the help of the  
Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good  
News.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

*If you had faith!*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase  
our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your  
faith the size of a mustard seed you could  
say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted  
and planted in the sea", and it would  
obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing  
or minding sheep, would say to him  
when he returned from the fields, "Come  
and have your meal immediately"?  
Would he not be more likely to say, "Get  
my supper laid; make yourself tidy and  
wait on me while I eat and drink. You can  
eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must  
he be grateful to the servant for doing  
what he was told? So with you: when you  
have done all you have been told to do,

say, "We are merely servants: we have  
done no more than our duty."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### READINGS - 12 OCTOBER

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Year C/1

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2 Kg 5:14-17

PSALM: Ps 97:1-4 (R.) *The Lord has  
revealed to the nations his saving power.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 2 Tim 2:8-13

GOSPEL: Lk 17:11-19

### Reflection continued ...

A martyr perfectly illustrates this fact.  
Normally, persecution and death are not  
considered to be nourishing to a person.  
But when a person has faith and suffers  
martyrdom on account of Christ, then  
their soul will be fed by the persecution  
itself. And that is among the greatest of  
miracles possible. Suffering, persecution,  
illness, poverty, and every other difficulty  
imaginable are transformed by God into  
a source of nourishment when we endure  
them with true faith.

Reflect, today, upon the prayer of the  
apostles: "Increase our faith." Some of  
the greatest mystics taught that faith  
darkens the intellect. By this darkening,  
they mean that, by faith, God will lead us  
into the unknown, on a path that He  
alone is aware of. We will become  
instruments of His transforming grace in  
ways that are completely beyond our  
natural abilities. Pray for an increase of  
faith. When our Lord hears your humble  
prayer, by which you also confess your  
lack of faith, He will increase that faith,  
uproot sin and evil, and plant your soul  
in places in which you become nourished  
in ways that you could have never  
imagined possible.

*Most glorious Lord, Increase my faith.  
Give me a pure faith—a faith that enables  
You to lead me down the unknown path  
to Your glory. With this gift of faith,  
please use me to bring forth Your  
miraculous power by which sin is  
uprooted and souls are nourished by You  
alone. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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