



SUNDAY, 11 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 – 17/18 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

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Assistant Priest: Father George Condookala

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday 13/10 5.00pm

Wednesday 14/10 8.00am

Thursday 15/10 8.00am *St Teresa of Jesus*

Friday 16/10 9.30am



RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (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:

11 October: Group 5 – Peter McGuinness

18 October: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

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 OUR MINISTRIES, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

THANK YOU AFTERNOON TEA

To express our heartfelt gratitude to those who dedicate their time to nurture and sustain our Parish and community, we warmly invite you as our VIP guests to a Thank You Afternoon Tea with Bishop Brian.

This gathering will take place on Saturday 24 October from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to join us in showing appreciation for those whose generous service enriches us all. After the afternoon tea, please stay with us for Evening Mass with Bishop Brian at 6:00 pm at Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama.

A **draft schedule** can be found below. The full schedule will be published closer to the date.

• 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:

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:

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.

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 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: 14 & 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.

SVDP ROSARY

With SVDP Kiama Conference

The next SVDP Rosary will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church at 4:30pm on Monday, 12 October. If you would like SVDP to include a loved one in the rosary, please text 0416 928 247. All are welcome to attend.

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.**

EXPERIENCED PIANO TEACHER



Experienced piano teacher just moved to Gerringong and am 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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Next year will mark the 175th anniversary of our Jamberoo, Gerringong and Kiama Parish. We plan to celebrate this

milestone of continuous community on 27 November 2027. More info to come.

PRIME TIME

**Monthly Community Lunch Event
14 October, 10:45am to 1:00pm
Kiama Anglican Church**

This month's Prime Time, run by Kiama Anglican Churches, will be about exploring all things postal! Hear about a brief history of the Postal Service and reminisce about how it was in your time. Join us and celebrate in fellowship, fun and food! Bring along anything postal - postcards, letters, stamps, photos etc. Special Guest Feature: Probus Men's Choir. RSVP Monday 12 October to 4232 2066.

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!

VOCARIS YOUTH OCTOBER

Do you have a high school-aged young person who you would love to see grow in their faith, discover the beauty of the Catholic faith and make like-minded friends? Then they won't want to miss **VOCARIS Youth** - a free, fun and faith-filled day for students in Years 7-12 on **Saturday, 31 October, 10:00am-3:00pm at Wilton Community Centre**, featuring a Cookie Station, Sausage Sizzle Lunch and Ice Cream Topping Bar! **For more information or to register, visit <https://dow.sh/VocarisYouth>**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18 OCTOBER



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



This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba - a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

**Name changed for privacy*

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

11 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God

in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v.6

**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff;
with these you give me comfort.
(R.)

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who

had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 18 OCTOBER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

1ST READING: Is 45:1, 4-6

PSALM: Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10 (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

2ND READING: 1 Thess 1:1-5

GOSPEL: Mt 22:15-21

