



SUNDAY, 9 JUNE 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 – 15/16 June 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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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	11/6	5:00pm	St Barnabus
Wednesday	12/6	8:00am	
Thursday	13/6	8:00am	St Anthony of Padua
Friday	14/6	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 – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

9 June: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

16 June: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

REFLECTION

SINCERE REPENTANCE

"Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Mark 3:28-30

Jesus spoke these words to the crowds who had gathered around His home in Capernaum because two groups of people had just spoken very critically of Him in a public way. First, some of His extended family arrived and said to everyone, "He is out of his mind." And then some of the scribes from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul." Thus, Jesus states clearly that their blasphemy is a sin against the Holy Spirit and will have everlasting consequences.

Why is it that certain sins will never be forgiven? What exactly is a sin against the Holy Spirit? Traditionally, our Church has identified this sin in a couple of ways. First, it is a sin of final impenitence, that is, the sin of obstinately persisting in grave sin. Obstinacy, or the refusal to repent, is a sin

that cannot be forgiven, simply because the person committing it never seeks forgiveness. They become so entrenched in their sin that they refuse to change. Thus, the mercy of God is incapable of entering into them. Second, it has also been identified as presumption, meaning a person sins while expecting God to forgive. Presumption is more subtle; however, it also has the effect of keeping a person from the sincere repentance that is needed for forgiveness. The presumptuous person never fully repents and amends their life as long as they remain in their sin.

Of all the many sins you struggle with or might struggle with in the future, pay special attention to the sins against the Holy Spirit. Though we should never think we have a right to God's forgiveness, we must always believe that God's mercy is so great that the moment we humbly acknowledge our sin and sincerely repent of it, God will forgive. But the key is "sincerity." In order to be forgiven, the repentance within us must be sincere, authentic, real and complete. We cannot fool God. We can certainly fool ourselves, but not God.

One of the best ways to regularly be certain that you are not guilty of any sin against the Holy Spirit is by going to the Sacrament of Confession and confessing your sins with openness, thoroughness and humility. Own your sin. Acknowledge it. Experience sorrow for it. Resolve to change. Then confess it and trust in God's mercy.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you lack sincerity and thoroughness in your repentance from sin. Are you honest with yourself about the sins you have committed? Have you taken ownership of those sins? If so, have you also confessed them to God and firmly resolved never to commit them again? Take repentance seriously so that you never even begin to fall down the slippery slope that leads to any sin against the Holy Spirit.

Most merciful Lord, You offer forgiveness to all who come to You with humility and sincere sorrow. Please fill me with these virtues and give me the resolve to change as I open myself to Your unfathomable mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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:

Bob Barabach; Joe O'Neill; Michael Sewell; Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika; Gian-Carlo Goytizolo; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Greg Swords; Alf and Ellen Nimmo; Daniel Wong; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Tom Cullen; Patrick Nilan; Kathy Faulks; Keith Martin; 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

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

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 2 - 15 & 26 June.

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 is now published on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Reconciliation** – 2 August

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 6

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

1st – Cathy Jardim (#28)

2nd – John Howell (#45)

3rd – Steve Carr (#21)

REQUIEM MASS FOR TOM CULLEN

The Parish will celebrate the life of Tom Cullen on Saturday, 6 July at 10:30am in Ss Peter and Paul Church with Sacred Mass, Morning Tea and Interment of Tom's ashes. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY 2024

Just a reminder that the Confirmation Retreat Day will be held on Tuesday 18 June from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

GERRINGONG 200 CLUB

For all attending the St Mary's morning teas in remaining 2024, you are invited to participate in our 200 club events to raise funds for the Gerringong financial account. Tickets are \$5 – cash only please. See Mary and Herbie Weegen for more details.

SVDP ROSARY



We are offering the rosary in Ss Peter and Paul Church on Monday, 17 June at 5:00pm for Josephine Vella, mother of Julie Gatt.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The SVDP Winter Appeal will be held at all Masses on the weekend of 22/23 June. Non-perishable food donations are very welcome. Containers can be found in Ss Peter and Paul Church to house these goods. Electronic payment is available for donations in Kiama.

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Supporting the work of the Scripture teacher at Kiama High.

Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. Final orders 19 June. Delivery 8 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 for individual and Vinnies donations are on the notice board at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church. Alternatively, please call or SMS Gai on 0401 468 209, or email gai.delavere@outlook.com. Payment can be made by EFT to BSB: 082662 Acc: 249030854. *Please include your name and Pie Drive as reference.* Cash or cheque to Gai. Delivery details to follow. Thank you for your continuing support.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Wollongong and Nowra. These half-day free information sessions will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.

▪ **Nowra** - Wednesday, 19 June, 9am-1pm. Worrigeer (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigeer.

Places are limited.

To register, call 4227 1122 or visit:

www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email:

janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024

Rise Up! Brisbane 19-22 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part

in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. For more information, go to ignite.conference.com.au and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREAT

Praying with the Aramaic Jesus – Friday 28 June to Sunday 30 June

A weekend retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB

In the framework of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, this weekend retreat will meet the Jesus who was Jewish, spoke Aramaic and was formed in a Middle Eastern culture. Through this lens we will meditate together and contemplate some well-known words and teachings of Jesus, providing a wealth of rich meaning to nourish our prayer and spiritual life. Pensioner discount or other reductions according to need are available. **CONTACT:** Book and pay for this retreat by phoning 4236 0011, Extension 114, or by emailing cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au.

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 receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.thechosen.tv/#carousels> to watch on your own, or better still, with family and friends or as a parish!

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Australian May 2024 Summary Report and Australian Diocesan Testimonies

We are pleased to report the publication of the Australian Summary of the 2024 Consultation. The Australian Summary is based on the summaries of reflections received from 25 geographical dioceses, three Eastern Church eparchies and 13 other organisations, including the Diocese of Wollongong. Documents were sent to the General Secretariat on Tuesday, 14 May 2024. They were also circulated to all the Australian bishops and the Australian Synod participants. They can be accessed on the Synod webpage:

<https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Our Diocesan Submission to the Synod Summaries can be found at:

<https://www.dow.org.au/diocese-of-wollongong-australia-synod-submission/>. The Second Assembly of the Synod is due to begin with a retreat for the participants on 30 September.

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Parish Secretary - Parish of St Therese Parish West Wollongong

West Wollongong parish is seeking the services of a part-time secretary for 10 hrs per week – including Tuesdays, a second day yet to be determined. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to:

frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 5:00pm Monday, 17 June.

DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry. The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA. Does this sound like you? Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf>. For more information, please contact our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au / M0B: 0431 611 128

A VOCATION VIEW

We do not lose heart because of our faith. Instead, we are called to share our faith. How is God calling you to share your faith? If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

9 JUNE 2024

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:9-15

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v.7

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 12:31. 32

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 3:20-35

It is the end of Satan.

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 16 JUNE

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Ezek 17:22-24

PSALM: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16 (R.) *Lord it is good to give thanks to you.*

2ND READING: 2 Cor 5:6-10

GOSPEL: Mk 4:26-34