



SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST 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 – 16/17 August 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	12/8	5:00pm
Wednesday	13/8	8:00am
Thursday	14/8	8:00am St Maximillian Mary Kolbe
Friday	15/8	9:30am (Kiama) & 5:00pm (Gerringong)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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:

10 August: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

17 August: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

REFLECTION

VIGILANCE, ATTENTIVENESS, ACTION

Vigilance, hard work, determination, attentiveness, fidelity—these are some of the qualities that Jesus is speaking about. To “gird your loins” means that you are immediately prepared for some challenging task. You are ready for the hard work ahead and are committed to it. To “light your lamps” implies that you are not in the dark but that your mind is enlightened in such a way that you are able to see that which is the will of God.

As we go through life, it is easy to become complacent in the things of faith. It is easy to become lazy, disinterested, distracted, and unfocused. This parable goes on to speak of a thief who tries to break into a house in the middle of the night. This is Jesus' way of saying that the evil one, with his lies and attacks, is constant, vicious, forceful, and unpredictable. For that reason, we must never grow tired of being vigilant in the spiritual life and must always be attentive to the light of God's voice.

How attentive are you to the mission of Christ on a daily basis? This is an essential

question to answer honestly. Most people will find that they become distracted from the mission God has given to them. We experience countless things every day that compete for our attention. Many of those competing voices might not appear to be sinful. For example, perhaps a certain hobby has become the dominant focus of your free time. Or perhaps responsibilities at work have spilled over into your family time. Or perhaps some painful or even enjoyable experience has had your full attention for some time. Though it is obvious that sinful distractions in life are evil, it might not always be as obvious that there are many other neutral distractions that are a real problem. The problems they can produce are a lack of attentiveness to the will of God and a lack of readiness to engage the will of God the moment He calls.

Imagine, for example, that a very important person calls you to ask for a favour. Most likely you would drop all you were doing and respond immediately. But, sadly, when the King of the Universe attempts to speak to us and inspire us to some mission, we can be too distracted to even listen, let alone respond with immediacy and zeal.

This is a problem. If, however, a person is continually attentive to the voice of God and responds to His interior promptings as soon as they are received, then Jesus says that this person is truly blessed and that He will “have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.” In other words, the result of being vigilant in our attentiveness to the inspirations of God is that God Himself will reward us with His service. He will invite us to the table of spiritual rest, peace, joy, and fulfillment. He will serve us His mercy, which will be more than we could ever imagine.

Reflect, today, upon the call from God to always be attentive to His voice the instant He speaks. Reflect upon how aware you are of His constant presence in your life and His ongoing communication. Know that if you can form a habit of always listening, then you will never miss out on the grace-filled mission given to you by our Lord. Always listen to Him, seek out His still and gentle voice, and be ready to respond to Him every time He calls.

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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:

Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Joey O'Neill; Kevin & Dorothy Walsh; Stephan Zdravec; Jack Vinson; Tony Condron; Elsie Weston; Fr Pat Kenna; Cáceres, Rios, Alonso & Santa Cruz families; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Aloysius Condookala CST; Fr Davidanthony Davies; Fr David Catterall; Fr Peter Thompson; Joan Gilmore; 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 kiamo@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** - 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 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 3:

20 August, 3 & 17 September.

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

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Finished for 2025.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **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.**

ASSUMPTION MASSES



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Friday, 15 August** is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at **9:30am at Ss Peter and Paul Kiama** and **5:00pm at St Mary's Gerringong.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 15 August. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

GERRINGONG NEWS

* **St Mary's Jubilee Arch and Prayer ribbons:** There will be a replanting of vine around the Jubilee archway, so all prayer ribbons from our community have now been placed in a prayer bowl in the Tabernacle Chapel area. They will be kept there until the end of the Jubilee Pilgrim of Hope Year 2025.

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) for the **Saturday Vigil Mass at Kiama**. At present we only have four people on the roster for that Mass and one is off sick until further notice. The remaining three Ministers all help with other ministries at Mass and this often conflicts with their role as EMHC. If you are a parishioner who has completed EMHC training in the past but isn't on a roster, we ask you to please consider having your name added to the roster to help take a load off the current Ministers. If you would like to be added to the roster for the Saturday Vigil Mass, or any other Mass, or you are interested in being trained as an EMHC, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email: kiama@dow.org.au.

SAVE THE DATE

The Homestead of Hope is being hosted by Kiama Anglican Church in their Prime Time. Our invited speaker is Bonnie Comber from the Illawarra Women's Health Centre. **When:** Wednesday, 13 August from 10:45am – 1:00 pm. **Where:** Church Point Centre, 2 Terralong Street, Kiama. **Cost:** \$8.00 to cover a light lunch. **Please RSVP by Monday, 11 August to Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548.**

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Please, can you spare a couple of hours each week to go into our local public schools to teach the Catholic children about Jesus? Right now we need Catechists for classes. Parents make the choice to send their children to Catholic scripture but if we don't have teachers children miss out. All you need is a willing heart to speak of God's love and in so doing sow seeds of faith and hope in the next generation. A training course will take place in person in Wollongong or by Zoom from 4 August to 1 September to prepare you to become a part of this vital and wonderful Ministry. Please consider becoming a Catechist. It might just change your life. For more information please call Gai on 0401 468 209.

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!



Sincere thanks to those parishioners who assisted in any way to provide lunch for the many people who attended the Memorial Mass for Fr George's brother, including those who helped set up, clean up, provided food and helped on the day. Your spirit of generosity and your willingness to help is greatly appreciated. You are truly wonderful. God bless you all.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

Letter Writing to Make a Difference

Calling all people, who are passionate about our Federal government addressing Climate Change and Caring for Creation. Join our Letter Writing Afternoon on Sunday 17 August, 2:30 – 4:00 pm, in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Meeting Room. You don't have to be an expert. Resources and advice will be provided for you to choose an issue dear to your heart. Please bring your own device as the focus will be on sending emails. Paper and pens will also be available. We hope to see you there. For further information please call Denis Quinn on 0429 064 496.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE DAY

Saturday 6 September

80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow

To help us on our journey as Pilgrims of Hope in this Year of Jubilee, our Parish Community has been invited to participate in a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church, Rosemeadow on Saturday, 6 September. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with our Diocesan community, celebrating our shared faith, honouring our Church's call and spending this special day of retreat with Our Blessed Lord. The proposed format for the day is as follows: **10:00am** - Mass; **11:00am** - Catechesis (presented by Mrs Elise Duval); **12:00pm** - Adoration; **1:00pm to 2:00pm** - Confessions; **3:00pm** - Benediction. There will be time for breaks for tea/coffee and BYO lunch. Parishioners are invited to register their intention to attend with the Parish Office (4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au) by 31

August. Travel arrangements will be coordinated once numbers are finalised.

SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

The next Family Mass run by Ss Peter and Paul School will be held on **Sunday, 17 August at 5:00pm**. All are welcome to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VINNIES SHOP KIAMA

Volunteering with Vinnies is a chance to give back to the community, share your skills, develop new ones and make new friends. We have roles for everyone. Ask instore, visit our website or send an email retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au; www.vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteersw

NERIDA CUDDY ALBUM AND BOOK LAUNCH

Nerida (www.nerida.info) is a singer songwriter from Central West NSW. Capturing stories in finely crafted lyrics and emotive melodies, she sings from the heart with both a social conscience and a sense of humour. Album and book launch: Saturday, 23 August, 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Kiama Anglican Church, (old church) Terralong Street. Tickets \$20 at the door or via Humanitix.

ST JOSEPH CAMINO WALK FOR MEN

Join men from around our Diocese as we come together with brothers in the Archdiocese of Sydney for an overnight pilgrimage in honour of St Joseph, praying for the needs of the Church, our families and the world. The overnight walk visits 6 churches, with Catechesis and Adoration. The Camino begins on Friday, 5 September at St Joseph's, Como, with Mass at 8:00pm, stopping at St Patrick's, Sutherland, St Catherine's, Gympie, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda, Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah, and concluding with 7:00am Mass at St Aloysius, Cronulla, on Saturday, 6 September, followed by a hot breakfast and drinks. **Cost:** \$35 pp (free for clergy). **Bus Ticket:** \$24, leaves 7:00pm sharp on 5 September from Holy Family Church, Menai and 8:30am on 6 September from St Aloysius Church, Cronulla. **Register:** trybooking.com. For more information regarding Wollongong Diocese Involvement, please email Jude Hennessy jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

10 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Wisdom 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised

Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven

where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS – 17 AUGUST

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1

1ST READING: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

PSALM: Ps 39:2-4, 18 (R.) *Lord, come to my aid!*

2ND READING: Heb 12:1-4

GOSPEL: Lk 12:49-53