



SUNDAY, 31 MARCH 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 – 6/7 April 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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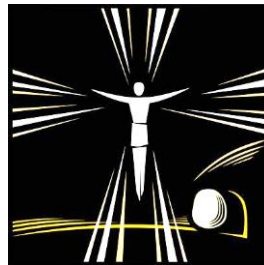
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	2/4	5:00pm
Wednesday	3/4	8:00am
Thursday	4/4	8:00am
Friday	5/4	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:

31 March: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

7 April: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Over the millennia, Christianity has had a gift for domesticating local traditions and festivals, bringing them on board and making them our own. The name Easter comes from the Anglo-Saxon spring festival in honour of the goddess Eostre. Her symbol was the rabbit and the giving of eggs were signs of new life bursting forth as winter withdrew. These associations only make sense in the northern hemisphere, but we can see why the early Christians could be so adaptable and inculturated with this local festival.

In both hemispheres Christians today celebrate Jesus being raised from the dead. In the New Testament there are two traditions about how the disciples come to know about Jesus' resurrection: the empty tomb and the apparitions of Christ.

Today's Gospel belongs to the empty tomb tradition. On Magdalene's urging, Peter and John run to the tomb, find it empty and come to at least an initial belief about the resurrection of Jesus.

We do not believe that God simply revived Jesus' corpse in the tomb. Easter Sunday does not celebrate the resuscitation of Jesus, but his Resurrection. We know his 'glorified body' was not the same as his human body because Jesus' presence could be encountered in several places simultaneously and he is reported to walk through walls and to vanish. The link between both resurrection traditions is the importance of Jesus' death. In the empty tomb accounts, as in today's gospel, the writers give us extraordinary details about the grave clothes. In the apparition narratives there are usually references to Jesus' wounds.

Whatever way they came to experience the Resurrection of Christ, the disciples knew that this was Jesus who actually died and was buried and that their personal encounter was with the one who was crucified.

What God did through the death and resurrection of Jesus is what Christians have done with local customs and festivals ever since: he entered into it,

understood it, took it on board, domesticated it and vanquished its power. As a result, we believe that God empathises with the full limitations of our human mortality and promises to remain faithful to us in death as he remained utterly faithful to Jesus.

That is why on this day 1,600 years ago St John Chrysostom could say on behalf of us all:

*'Hell took a body, and discovered God.
It took earth, and encountered Heaven.
It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it could not see.*

O death, where is your sting?

O Hell, where is your victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are destroyed!

Christ is Risen, and evil is cast down!

Christ is Risen, and angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and new life is set free!

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, becomes the first-fruit of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!'

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; Peter Fogarty; Bishop Peter Ingham; Joe O'Neill; Bernard Wakim; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Deceased members of the Mappas family; John & Molly Duffy; Gerald & Tom Viset; Ivan & Anna Zignic; Owen & Claire Patton; Pat & Jack Quinn; Rona Alice; David Kirkman; Sr Mary Regina O'Riordan; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Lenore O'Leary; Consuelo Shaw; Kath Pollard; Colleen McAlister; Terry McGill; 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

HOLY HOUR KIAMA

Every Saturday Morning

From 8:00am to 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome!



ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 1 - 10 April.

**Term 2 - 1, 15 & 29 May;
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.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 8

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

1st – Alf Svenson (#23)

2nd – Jeff Spillane (#3)

3rd – Robyn Crabb (#37)

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.

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

Thank you very much for your support.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

13-29 April

The Parish secretary will be on leave from 13-29 April and the Parish Office will be closed during this time. It will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, 30 April. Fr Chris will be available as normal during this time – the answering service will contain his details if you need to contact him. **If you would like a notice published in the bulletin over the weekends of 20/21 and 27/28 April, please send them to kiama@dow.org.au by no later than Thursday, 11 April.**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, 7 April. **Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, 6 April.** Please note –



Daylight Saving Time Ends

the Sunday evening Mass will commence at 5:00pm from Sunday, 7 April.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Catechist Sunday will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend, 6/7 April. We will be celebrating the wonderful work of our Parish Catechists and will consider how we might support this valuable Ministry in our Parish. For more information about the Catechist Ministry, please call Gai on 0401 468 209.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

FOR LEADING THE ROSARY AT BLUE HAVEN AGED CARE FACILITY

If you are interested in leading the Rosary for Residents at Blue Haven Aged Care Facility on **Mondays at 1:00pm**, please ring Maria on 0421 227 534. *The current Rosary Group was established in October 2017, and it has supported over 32 Catholic Residents during this time. It is a very special and rewarding Ministry for the Catholic Elderly.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Ss Peter and Paul Church
Sunday, 7 April**

An important reminder for Divine Mercy Sunday – this Sunday is the culmination of the Easter joy, remembering and celebrating God's infinite mercy, according to St Faustina. Pope St John Paul II recognised the significance of this celebration after studying St Faustina's urgent message of Divine Mercy. He established the feast day for our troubled world in the year 2000. Please come and celebrate this Universal Feast at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Sunday, 7 April, 1:30pm – 3:45pm. The celebration is a beautiful time of peace and joy. Reconciliation is included, and afternoon tea will be held afterwards. Mass will follow at 5:00pm. Enquiries to Joan Toulmin: 4233 2665 or Ann Barron: 0407 220 560.

JAMBEROO LAY CARMELITES

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites Invite you to join them for a day of reflection – "Listening with the Heart" – **Saturday, 13 April from 9:30am to 3:00pm at St Matthew's Church, Jamberoo.** An opportunity to take time out and hear about the prayer of listening – a powerful force for change and growth. **Dr Laurie Woods** is a retired teacher from the school of Theology at the Strathfield campus of Australian Catholic University **Donation:** \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Morning Tea and Light Lunch provided. If you have any special dietary requirements, please let us know. RSVP

to Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548 or spillane.m@outlook.com

THANK YOU, ANN DAWES

An appreciation Morning Tea is being held to acknowledge Ann's years of contribution to the Parish and to wish her well at her new abode in Kanahooka.

WHEN: Friday, 5 April.

WHERE: Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room, following the 9:30am Mass.

Visitors, Parishioners & Friends all welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

* The **next open meeting** for CWL will be on Wednesday, 3 April at 2:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

* **Save the Date** – Wednesday, 22 May, CWL Diocesan Retreat Day, led by CWL Chaplain Fr Patrick Vaughan at St Mary's, Gerringong.

Alleluia, Alleluia to all from CWL members. Anne Hassett 4232 2570.

COMPASS: CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

17 – 19 May 2024, Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale

Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size) Enquiries: Jude Hennessy (4222 2407 / jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)

Camping & Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.

To register: dow.org.au/events/compass-catholic-family-camping-weekend

TIMELESS MELODIES - HIGH TEA FOR SENIORS

Join us for Vintage Vibrations: Timeless Melodies - High Tea for Seniors, and let your voice be heard. **When:** Wednesday 10 April, 2:00 - 4:00pm. **Where:** Kiama Leagues Club and Kiama Community Radio (kcr.org.au). **Contact:** Bernie Hems 0432 292 151 or berniehems@gmail.com Kiama Council is providing funding support for Vintage Vibrations through their Small Community Events Grants program.

CATECHIST TRAINING COURSE LEVEL 2

The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic.

Mondays – Wollongong – Xavier Centre (36 Harbour St, Wollongong)

Fridays – Campbelltown – Emmaus Centre (5 Allman St, Campbelltown)

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Week 1 - Mon 29 April / Fri 3 May

Week 2 - Mon 6 May / Fri 10 May

Week 3 - Mon 13 May / Fri 17 May

Week 4 - Mon 20 May / Fri 24 May

Week 5 - Mon 27 May / Fri 31 May

Week 6 - Mon 3 June / Fri 7 June

Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Campbelltown by visiting

[https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/cc-d-level-2-course-](https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/cc-d-level-2-course-2024/#/stepper?pageId=13217)

[2024/#/stepper?pageId=13217](https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/cc-d-level-2-course-2024/#/stepper?pageId=13217) NB: you can attend either course and if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as to not miss any topics.

POSITION VACANT

Executive Assistant | Welcoming and Information – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and qualified person to apply for the role of Executive Assistant | Welcoming and Information. Please visit the website: dow.org.au/JOBS/. Applications can be emailed to recruitment@dow.org.au. For all enquiries, call Robin Williams on 4222 2402.

HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL AT CARITAS AUSTRALIA!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, *for all future generations.* **Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.** You can donate by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Don't forget to return your Project Compassion donation boxes or envelopes at any Mass this weekend or next weekend. Thank you.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

31 MARCH 2024



FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles
10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,

hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw

that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 7 APRIL

Divine Mercy Sunday

– Year B/2

1ST READING: Acts 4:32-35

PSALM: Ps 117:2-4,15-18,22-24 (R.)

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

2ND READING: 1 Jn 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31

