



# SUNDAY, 18 JANUARY 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 – 24/25 January 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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### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	20/1	5.00pm	St Hilary (optional)
Wednesday	21/1	8:00am	St Agnes (Memorial)
Thursday	22/1	8:00am	St Vincent (optional)
Friday	23/1	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:**

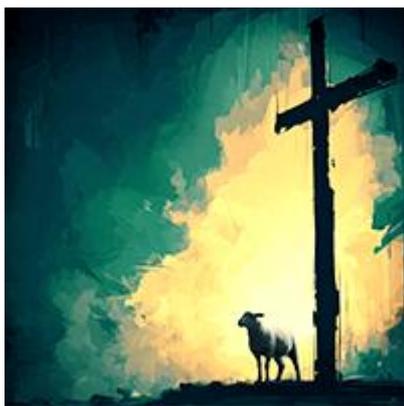
**18 January: Group 4 – Mike Doherty**

**25 January: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor**

## **REFLECTION**

### **PERFECT OFFERING**

By Scott Hahn



Jesus speaks through the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading.

He tells us of the mission given to Him by the Father from the womb: "You are My servant," He said to Me."

Servant and Son, our Lord was sent to lead a new exodus—to raise up the exiled tribes of Israel, to gather and restore them to God. More than that, He was to be a light to the nations, that

God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth (see Acts 13:46–47).

Before the first exodus, a lamb was offered in sacrifice and its blood painted on the Israelites' door posts. The blood of the lamb identified their homes and the Lord "passed over" these in executing judgment on the Egyptians (see Exodus 12:1–23, 27).

In the new exodus, Jesus is the "Lamb of God," as John beholds Him in the Gospel today (see 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 Peter 1:18–19). Our Lord sings of this in today's Psalm. He has come, He says, to offer His body to do the will of God (see Hebrews 10:3–13).

The sacrifices, oblations, holocausts, and sin-offerings given after the first exodus had no power to take away sins (see Hebrews 10:4). They were meant not to save but to teach (see Galatians 3:24). In offering these sacrifices, the people were to learn self-sacrifice—that they were made for worship, to

offer themselves freely to God and to delight in His will.

Only Jesus could make that perfect offering of Himself. And through His sacrifice, He has given us ears open to obedience and made it possible for us to hear the Father's call to holiness, as Paul says in today's Epistle.

He has made us children of God, baptized in the blood of the Lamb (see Revelation 7:14). And we are to join our sacrifice to His, to offer our bodies—our lives—as living sacrifices in the spiritual worship of the Mass (see Romans 12:1).

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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:

*Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; Clare Anderson; Joy Fardy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Suzanne Cole Johnstone; Terry McGill; Faye Roch; Michelle Makin; Connie Debono-Cullen; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Kathy Flynn; Ian McCarthy; Doreen Delaney; Mary Duck; 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 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

The SVDP Kiama Help Centre is now closed and will reopen **Monday 2 February 2026 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.** Anyone seeking assistance during the holiday period can call the central Vinnies Assist Centre on 13 18 12.



## 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.

## CONFIRMATION 2026

**Save the date:** Parent Information and Enrolment Night - Wednesday, 11 March, 6:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

## GERRINGONG NEWS

- \* St Mary's monthly morning tea will be held on Sunday, 25 January after Mass.
- \* The Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, 1 February after Mass.

## NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

A National Day of Mourning for the victims of the Bondi Beach terror attack will be held on **Thursday, 22 January**. The 8:00am Mass at Kiama on the day will include a special remembrance for this event.

## AUSTRALIA DAY MASS



Mass for Australia Day will be celebrated at 9.00am on **Monday, 26 January** in Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama.

## SILVER CIRCLE 2026

To all our loyal supporters - it's a New Year and a new Silver Circle will commence soon. Please contact Sue (0408 979 005) or Thea (0450 015 547) to secure your ticket. *Homestead of Hope*

## FR GEORGE ON LEAVE

Fr George is away on leave for the whole of January.

## CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

You may have family or friends who are non-practicing Catholics who would like to rekindle their Catholic faith. Dana & Vince Breen are providing informal information sessions. All-comers are welcome no matter at what stage they find themselves on their journey home. For further information contact Louise at the Parish Office 4232 2081 or [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

## CLEANERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in going on the monthly cleaning roster at St Matthew's, Jamberoo, could you please call Helen Plowman on 0429 463 745.



## LENTEN PROGRAM - COMPASSIO

The Diocesan Lenten Program - *Compassio* - is now available from the Parish Office during Office hours. Books cost \$5. CD's are available for Lenten Groups, cost \$5. Limited stock available - get in early so you don't miss out.



# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

## 18 JANUARY 2026

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv.8. 9.

**(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy

Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### READINGS - 24/25

#### JANUARY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time -  
Year A/2

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Is 8:23 - -:3

PSALM: Ps 26, 1, 4, 13-14 (R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

GOSPEL: Mt 4:12-23

## SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

### Baptism of Jesus

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it.

