



SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 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 – 26/27 September 2026

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 22/9 5.00pm

Wednesday 23/9 8:00am *St Pius of Pietrelcina*

Thursday 24/9 8:00am

Friday 25/9 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:

20 September: Group 2 – Ross Smith

27 September: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

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

8:00am Mass Kiama, Homily only
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:

Kate Bramley; Michael Doherty; Bede Cummins; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Lucy Howell; Katherine McGuinness; Jennifer Johnstone; Cecil Lindley; Owen Patton; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Colleen Norman; Ann Dawes; Melanie Hellmund; Claire Shortis; Marie Brennan; Michael Sayers; 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 kiama@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

Information about the 2027 Sacramental Program will be available on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2027.

www.kiamacatholicchurch.au/sacramental-program

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

This weekend in our Parish, children and their parents will be making their prayer of commitment for the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. **Prayer cards for the children are available at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church.** Please take one, or more, and pray for that child during the preparation program. We keep all these children and their families in our prayers at this time. **First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Ss Peter and Paul Church on Saturday, 21 November at 10:00am.**

PRAYER OF SUPPORT FROM THE PARISH COMMUNITY

We want to accompany these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

May we show our support and pray for these children as they take another step in their faith journey. Amen.



SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle **Week 8:**

1st – Colleen Rae (#24);

2nd – Steve McGuinness (#43);

3rd – Ken Rae (#36)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday, 29 September. Fr Chris and Fr George will still be available during this time. If you need to speak please phone 4232 2081 for further information.

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.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To support the retirement and health of clergy and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians



"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired and retiring clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + *Bishop Brian Mascord*
The appeal will be held this weekend via a leaving collection.

You can also donate online at www.dow.org.au/giving or call 4222 2400 to make a donation over the phone. Visit the link above to watch the appeal video and to find out more.

LIVING WATER - SEASON OF CREATION

1 September – 4 October

Our theme for the Season of Creation this year is Living Water, with the accompanying reference from Ezekiel 47: 1-12: Immersion in Living Water. To be immersed means to be surrounded by something. This season we are invited to

imagine ourselves surrounded by living water, connected to every river, creek, ocean, raindrop, plant, animal and person. But there is a challenge. Water is precious. Some people have plenty of clean water. Others do not. Rivers and oceans are being polluted. Wetlands are disappearing. Climate change is changing rainfall, droughts and floods. Creation needs us to do more than care. Creation needs us to act. Small acts of care can grow into something much bigger. When we protect water, reduce waste, care for our waterways and speak up for creation, we can help bring healing. Pope Leo IV's prayer for the Care of Water reflects on water as a universal gift and right without borders, addresses the pain of those who lack clean water and asks for the grace to live simply and avoid waste.

You can view the Pope's prayer video at <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththe pope/>

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE

This Season of Creation, our Laudato Si Circle is supporting the push to gather signatures in support of the Fossil Fuel Treaty, as the world's leaders prepare to gather for the Pre-COP Summit in Fiji. By doing so, we will be standing with our Pacific neighbours as they call for a global transition from fossil fuels. On Sunday, 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, our faith community will join with Pacific people in a moment of prayer and spiritual solidarity. Our Laudato Si Circle and supporters will be providing information on how to sign up to the FFT and information on activities happening, after mass each weekend up to and including 4 October. Looking forward to your support as we stand together for the sake of Creation.

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.

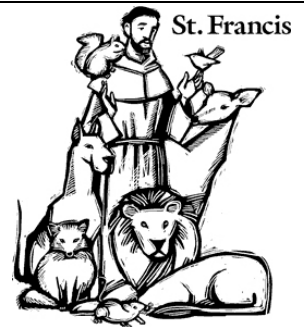
100 Tickets only so be early not to miss out. Cost \$35 each.

Contact Angie 0404 856 379, Robyn 0437 277 908, or Tammy 0432 696 532.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



To celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi there will be a Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, 4 October at 11:30am behind the Presbytery in Kiama. Animals of all types welcome, and their human family as well!

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!

DOW CHOIR INVITATION



The Wollongong Diocesan choir warmly invites people across our parish communities who love to sing and might enjoy the opportunity to share their gifts through music and worship. It would be wonderful to welcome some new voices into our Diocesan Choir and to help more people discover the joy of singing. The choir prepares music for major Diocesan Masses and celebrations, where parishes from across the region gather in prayer and celebration. It is a way to contribute to the liturgy while connecting with others who share a love of sacred music. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in the lead up to Diocesan events and usually run from 7:00pm - 8:30pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong. If you would like to be involved, please contact Diocesan Choir Director Katrina Hannaford with your name, email address and parish: hannafordk02@dow.catholic.edu.au

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.
(R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
(R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.
(R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body,
whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then

death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So

those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 27

SEPTEMBER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

1ST READING: Ezek 18:25-28

PSALM: Ps 24:4-9 (R.) *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

2ND READING: Phil 2:1-11

GOSPEL: Mt 21:28-32



Have you thought?

Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?