



SUNDAY, 5 APRIL 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 – 11/12 April 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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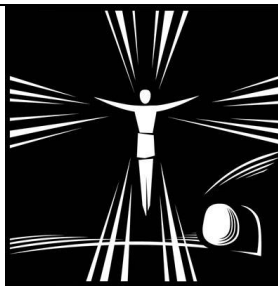
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	7/4	5.00pm
Wednesday	8/4	8:00am
Thursday	9/4	7:00pm
Friday	10/4	3:00pm



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:

5 April: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

12 April: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD'S EASTER MESSAGE



***The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not
overcome it.***

JOHN 1:5

This Easter, in 2026, we pause and find ourselves in a world that faces uncertainty, rapid change, and moments that are testing our resilience. Across our world we see challenges that remind us how interconnected we truly are, but also how strong we can be when we stand together.

Easter is the story of resurrection, the triumph of life over death, of hope over despair, a story of renewal. It reminds us that through the risen Christ, we are reminded that no darkness is too great

for God's light, and no burden is beyond God's power to redeem. What seemed like an ending became a new beginning, offering us a living hope that endures through every season. Even after the darkest moments, light can return, hope is not fragile, it is enduring—that new beginnings are always possible, even when they seem distant.

In a time when many feel weary or uncertain, this promise calls us back to faith: that God is still at work, bringing renewal where it is needed most. The resurrection assures us that suffering is not the final word, love is. Grace is. Life is.

At Easter, we celebrate not just tradition, but the quiet courage of people everywhere: those who keep going, who care for others, who choose kindness when it's easier not to. These everyday acts are what shape a better future.

As we reflect this Easter, may we open our hearts to that hope, not as wishful thinking, but as something we actively build in our communities, in our conversations, and in the way we show up for one another. May we be renewed in spirit, strengthened in faith, and inspired to share Christ's love through compassion, kindness, and unity with those around us.

I wish you a blessed Easter filled with peace, joy, and the enduring hope found in the risen Lord. He is risen, bringing light to our world and hope to every heart and a sense of purpose this Easter. Brighter days are ahead, and we will reach them together.

Yours in Christ

+ Brian Mascord

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

Holy Week 2026



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:

Susie; Jeff Gruska; Donna Gruska; Joy Rains; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan; Kathryn Flynn; Peter Fogarty; Les & May Russell; Anthony Russell; Warren Beecham; Yvonne Ryan; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Craig McLeod; Leonard Fletcher; Clare Manahan; Barbara Macgregor; 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 us 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 2 2026: 22 April; 6 & 20 May; 3 & 17 June; 1 July.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

SVPD HELP CENTRE

Mondays – 4:00pm to 5:00pm
(excluding public holidays)

SVPD 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 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

ENROLMENT DATES

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Online enrolments close Friday, 24 July.
- * **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 9:

Winners will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from 18 April to 11 May. It will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 12 May. If you wish to see Fr Chris or Fr George during this time, please phone 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service for their contact numbers.

If you have any notices you would like published in the bulletin over the weekends of 18/19 April, 25/26 April or 2/3 May please email them to kiama@dow.org.au by no later than Tuesday, 14 April. Thank you.

DAILY MISSALS

If anyone would like to order a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can get them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$36 for a **Sunday Missal**. The following are annual publications which can be ordered at the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** - \$30 (still available to

buy) and **God's Word** – price TBC (sold out for 2026, can order for 2027). Please note, prices are approximates. The final price will depend on the number ordered and postage costs.

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 kiana@dow.org.au



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes or envelopes.

Or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*

RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Project Compassion donation envelopes or boxes can be returned at any weekend or weekday Mass from Easter to 11/12 April. They can also be left at the Parish Office during Parish Office hours.

THANK YOU!



A huge thank you to Fiona Phillips MP, National Member for Gilmore, who has generously provided the Parish with a new Australian Flag. Thank you too to Mike Doherty for organising for the flag

to be replaced, and to Peter McGuinness, who has replaced the flag numerous times over the years and continues to look after the flag on a regular basis.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Madelyn Hale** and **Kevin Lambert**, who will be initiated into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil this weekend. We ask parishioners for their continued prayers for Madelyn and Kevin as they begin their journey of faith.

LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites will be gathering on Friday, 10 April in the Parish Meeting Room, after the 9:30am Mass in Kiama. You are welcome to come and meet us if you wish.

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

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!

DIOCESAN YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL



Young people from ages 15 to 35 are invited to come together for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival- a huge day of sport, faith and community.

When: Saturday 18 April 2026

Time: 9.30am – 3.30pm

Where: Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

Cost: \$50 per team | \$10 per person

Grab your friends, cousins, youth group or young adult crew and form a team of 7+ to compete in a fast-paced round-robin tournament. The twist? Teams vote on the main sport of the day, so register early and get training! Prefer something lower intensity?

A table tennis competition will run throughout the day with plenty of chances to jump in. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch are included, and the day will finish with Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Columbkille's Church in Corrimal.

Register here: dow.sh/youthsportsfest

SING WITH THE WOLLONGONG DIOCESAN CHOIR

Singers from across the Diocese are invited to join the Wollongong Diocesan Choir, which prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where parish communities from across the region gather to celebrate. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in the lead up to each celebration, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm, usually at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this ministry, you're warmly invited to get involved. To express your interest, visit: dow.sh/choir. All are welcome.

APPIN MASSACRE MEMORIAL

This year is the 210th Anniversary of the Appin Massacre which occurred on 17 April 1816. Our annual memorial service will be held on Sunday, 19 April at Cataract Dam from 11:00am – 3:30pm. We would like to encourage everyone to come to the Appin Massacre Memorial as a sign of respect for the Dharawal people who were killed in the Massacre on the 17 April 1816, and to the descendants of the survivors. It is a family friendly day. The day begins with a free sausage sizzle. We encourage bringing a hat, sunscreen, water bottle, and walking shoes for the short walk down the hill from the picnic ground to the dam wall. Some event buses will be available for those unable to walk. Once there, we hold a short ceremony, including a smoking ceremony, dancing by local Aboriginal dance groups, and didgeridoo playing. It is important that we continue our efforts at truth telling and reconciliation.

2026 – THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Good Morning Good People is a musical story on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Since Pope Leo has declared 2026 to be **The Year of St Francis**, Peter Kearney has provided an illustrated concert-performance of 'Good Morning Good People' which is now available as an MP4 file, or as a YouTube video. These can be downloaded from the links below: YouTube film - <https://youtu.be/TFa1x5-cg8g>; MP4 (no advertisements) - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_bAEQgQKcWaZ75L1rrtQA19I0q6I9TwE/view?usp=sharing

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION - YEAR A

5 APRIL 2026

The Easter Sunday readings below are for Mass during the Day, not the Easter Vigil.

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.

READINGS FOR 12 APRIL

Second Sunday of Easter – Year A/1

1ST READING: Acts 2:42-47

PSALM: 117:2-4, 3-15, 22-24 (R.) *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

2ND READING: 1 Pet 1:3-9

GOSPEL: Jn 20:19-31