



SUNDAY, 28 JANUARY 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 – 3/4 February 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Saturday 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	30/1	5:00pm	
Wednesday	31/1	8:00am	St John Bosco
Thursday	1/2	8:00am	
Friday	2/2	9:30am	The Presentation of the Lord

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:

28 January: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

4 February: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

EVIL SPIRITS VERSUS THE HOLY ONE OF GOD

I lecture at the nearby university on war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Often, I find myself dealing with a blood-lust which seems to craze whole societies leading to the massacre of innocent civilians, the use of rape as an instrument of terror, torture and dehumanising on a systematic basis.

It has revived my belief in diabolical powers. I suppose I had a rather infantile, Disney type image of the devil in my youth. I discarded that and saw human wickedness as the wellspring of evil in our world. But I now think St Paul was correct when he said: 'Our battle is not against human forces but ... we are struggling against the spirits and supernatural forces of evil.'

There are powerful spirits at work in our world: good angelic forces and evil demonic forces – sometimes called diabolical forces. The word 'diabolical' comes from a Greek word referring to something broken in two, something

torn apart, something shattered which should be whole.

Looking at persons and societies torn apart, it is obvious that the diabolical spirit is very powerful. But that spirit harbours a certain fear: the fear that there could be a stronger spirit moving through human history, a spirit of wholeness, a spirit of holiness:

Could there be a Holy Spirit which could heal a person torn apart whether by illness or abuse or a deep sadness which divides body, mind and soul? Could there be a Holy Spirit which can integrate the personality and make it whole again?

Could there be a Holy Spirit which could heal a group or even an entire nation divided by racial hatred, class warfare, unjust discrimination based on sex, religious conflict? Could there be a Holy Spirit which can overcome such alienations and can make a society, a community out of the divided group?

The diabolical spirit found this fear to be well grounded when Jesus appeared at the synagogue at Capernaum, when the

Holy One of God appeared on the scene of human history. What did the 'unclean spirit' which possessed a man cry out? 'Have you come to destroy us?' The fear was realised because they recognised Jesus as 'the Holy One of God'. They realised that they were in peril: 'Are you going to destroy us?' Jesus' answer was a resounding 'Yes', not in words but in action. He healed the man possessed. He made whole this gravely disturbed person being torn apart by the diabolical spirit.

Our Lord continued with this mission for three years. He *invites* you and me to share in this mission. He *empowers* you and me to share in this mission. You and I are to use all our healing powers whenever we come across whatever it is which tears people apart: disease, long festering conflict within a family or some other group, deep loneliness – the most prevalent contemporary manifestation of apartness.

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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:

Doreen Delaney; Bernard Wakim; Br Michael Burton; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Patricia Shallcross; Tony Daher; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Terence McGill; Suzanne Cole-Johnstone; Nicole Jones; Lester Smith; Kate Stirling; Andreas Papazoglou; Br Charles Evans; Andrew Brennan; Philip Smith; 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 2024

**31 January; 14 & 28 February;
13 & 27 March; 10 April.**

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.*

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 will be published on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2024.

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Ss Peter & Paul Sacramental Team

CONFIRMATION 2024



Enrolments are now open for the 2024 Confirmation program. Children must be in Year 6 or above and have already made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. All information about the program, including dates, program requirements and enrolment, can be found at:

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation

Enrolments close 8 March.

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

St Mary's Meeting Room, Sunday, 5 February, following the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 1 March 2024

Focus: Prayer for peace in Palestine

* Gerringong - Anglican Church, 103 Fern Street, 10:00am.

* Kiama - Anglican Church, 1 Terralong Street, time to be advised.

All welcome.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM

PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page full-colour book containing short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, perfect for individual devotional reading, in addition to the longer Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. **Stocks will be limited so please contact the Parish Office to reserve a copy. Cost: \$5.**

EVENING LENTEN GROUP

A Lenten group will be held at Sr Maureen's house on a Monday night at 7:00pm. We will have an hour's discussion and prayer followed by a cuppa. The group will begin on Monday 12 February and continue during Lent. To facilitate good discussion and prayer the group will be limited to 6-8 people. If interested please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855 or Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209.

GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK DURING LENT

Everyone is warmly invited to come along for one hour of prayers, reflection and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed each Thursday afternoon for the six Thursdays of Lent at Ss Peter & Paul Church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet will be provided each week for your personal use during the quiet time. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to the parish.

'Come and see . . .'

Begins: Thursday, 15 February for six Thursdays of Lent

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

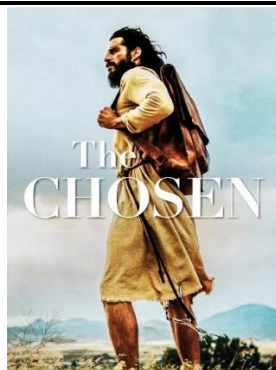
Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama
'Come and see . . .'

YOU'RE INVITED!

Homestead of Hope Gathering of all the churches in Kiama, Thursday 8 February starting at 11:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall. Morning tea, prayer and praise, speaker, lunch. All welcome and all free. We look forward to seeing you there.

LITURGY MEETING

Do you enjoy attending the most holy time in our Liturgical Year - The Easter Triduum? The Liturgy group would love some new folk to swell the dwindling team of supporters and helpers to organise the beautiful Easter ceremonies in each of our Churches. You do not need to have a great knowledge of liturgical practice, but you will learn so much as you become involved. Any way you can help or any ideas you may have will be very much appreciated. Please contact Fran on 0428 317 014, the Parish Office or any of the team members (Angela Quinn, Kim Day, Gai Delavere, Helen Hunter, Jeanette Easton, Marion Haigh) if you are interested in joining us. **Our first meeting is 8 February at 5:00pm, Kiama Meeting Room** - you will be so warmly welcomed!



Tickets are on sale at Hoyts, Warramong for the premiere of Season Four of *The Chosen*, Episodes 1 and 2. Screening two sessions a day from Thursday, 1 February to Sunday, 4 February at 12:15pm and 6:00pm. The two episodes will cover "Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus are closing in while His followers are struggling to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone".

SAVE THE DATE!!! HOMESTEAD OF HOPE FUNDRAISING LUNCH

Grab your husband, wife, partner, friends and neighbours and join us for a fun-filled lunchtime get-together with games

and prizes. Bag a bargain from our 2nd hand table. Jewellery, plants, clothing, books, bags, knitted items, baked goods and lots of other bric-a-brac for sale. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, drawn on the day. All profits go to the valuable work Of Kiama Homestead of Hope in supporting the poor, marginalised, lonely and homeless in our community.

When: Friday, 22 March, **Time:** from 11:30am. **Where:** Kiama Bowling Club, Shoalhaven Street, **Cost:** \$25 per person - includes entry and lunch. Tickets can be purchased from Angie Micallef, 0404 856 379. Lunch is an alternate drop of chicken or fish, so please contact Angie before 22 March if you have special dietary requirements.

SOUTHERN ILLAWARRA OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

Are you an older woman living in the Southern Illawarra area that would like to enjoy a range of stimulating activities that stretch both your body and your brain? Come along to find out more at our interest meeting and learn all about the work and the benefits of the Older Women's Network NSW. **WHEN:** Friday, 9 February, 2:00 - 4:00pm, Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room. Cost is free.

Sign Up here: <https://bit.ly/48IikVg> OR <https://events.humanitix.com/siown-interest-meeting> If you have any further questions, contact Wendy Saunders on 0412 614 684 or email: info@ownsw.org.au. Afternoon tea will be provided.

CALMING TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT STRESS AND ANXIETY

Presented by: Maggie Dent. For teens and young adults (12-25years old) their parents/carers and interested members of the community. Friday, 16 February, 6:30 - 8:30pm. \$5 per person (donated to Lifeline). Gerringong Uniting Church Hall (28 Fern Street Gerringong).

A NEW VISION FOR PARISHES

Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of **Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong** for distribution amongst the faithful. Copies are still available at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church for those who missed out, but you can also download a copy from <http://dow.sh/CSGMresources>. A short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed at <http://dow.sh/CSGMvision>.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

28 JANUARY 2024



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth, and he will tell them

all I command.

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:

a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

This is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean

spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 4 FEBRUARY

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Year B/2

1ST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

PSALM: Ps 146:1-6 (R.) *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 9:16-19

GOSPEL: Mk 1:29-39

REFLECTION Continued ...

That is our mission at the personal level, but of course, there are tasks at the communal, social, political levels also. These are all dimensions of a battle of immense scale going on: evil spirits versus the Holy One of God. What gives us hope that the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ will prevail?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus Christ conquered the worst the diabolical power can inflict on you and me: the apparent finality of a death which wrenches body and soul apart. Jesus' resurrection manifests the triumph of the Holy One of God: the reintegration of the human person - bodysoul. Let us become allies of this Victor over Death. *That* will put the fear of God into the devil!

