



# SUNDAY, 27 JULY 2025

## 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 – 2/3 August 2025**

**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**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29/7</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Sts Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30/7</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31/7</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1/8</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>

#### **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:**

**27 July: Group 2 – Ross Smith**

**3 August: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee**

## REFLECTION

### **LEARNING TO PRAY**

In today's Gospel we are given three teachings on prayer. First, Jesus teaches His disciples what has come to be called "The Lord's Prayer." Second, He teaches about the importance of persistence in prayer. Third, He teaches about the fruit that comes from correct and persistent prayer.

The Church Father Tertullian said that The Lord's Prayer "is truly the summary of the whole Gospel." Saint Augustine said, "Run through all the words of the holy prayers [in Scripture], and I do not think that you will find anything in them that is not contained and included in the Lord's Prayer." Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers.... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired" (See the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #2761–2763).

It's amazing to consider what these great teachers of the faith have said about this short prayer. Perhaps because of our

familiarity with this prayer we can easily gloss over the depth of its meaning. We can fail to use it as a foundation and model for all of our prayer. One way to correct this tendency is to use The Lord's Prayer for an extended period of time by prayerfully pondering every word slowly and meditatively. Doing so will help open us up to these perfect "instructions" on how we should pray.

Immediately after Jesus taught this short prayer, He taught a lesson about persistence in prayer. He taught that we must not simply say a few prayers and leave it at that, giving up if they do not appear to be answered. Instead, we must continuously beg God for His grace until it is bestowed in its fullness.

What will we receive from persistent prayer? This is an important point. We ought not go to God with our own wants and desires. We ought not beg Him for things that do not fall within His perfect will. Instead, when our prayer is modelled on the Lord's Prayer, and when it is persistent and grounded in faith, then our prayer will be for what the Father

bestows upon us, that is His will alone. We must pray that His Kingdom will come. We must trust that He will provide for our needs. We must seek His forgiveness for our sins, and we must pray that He will protect us from the evil one.

Reflect, today, upon that perfect prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Spend time studying it, thinking about each petition, the order in which Jesus laid it out, its simplicity and its clarity. Acknowledge that because we pray The Lord's Prayer so often, we can sometimes miss its true meaning and beauty. Our Lord gave us this prayer for a reason. Make sure that you do all you can to discover its meaning and practice its teaching.

*Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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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:

*Nicole Phelan; Joy Raines; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Jack Vinson; Tony Condron; Elsie Weston; Fr Pat Kenna; Cáceres, Rios, Alonso & Santa Cruz families; Graham Ottey; Barbara Murphy; Warren Beecham; Anthony Russell; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Fr Davidanthony Davies; Fr David Catterall; Fr Peter thompson; Joan Gilmore; Sr Christina Connor; Hedi Stein; Mary Briffa; 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.**

## FUNERALS

\* **Joan Gilmore** – 10:30am, Wednesday, 30 July, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

## 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](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** - 3:00pm to 4:00pm, 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

**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.

*\* 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.*

## PARISH PLAYGROUP

Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama, Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am. **Term 3: 6 & 20 August, 3 & 17 September.** For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

## SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program)

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- \* **Confirmation** – Finished for 2025.
- \* **First Reconciliation** – Enrolments closed.
- \* **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

This weekend at the evening Masses in Kiama, children who are preparing for First Reconciliation will make their prayer of commitment, along with their parents. The prayer of support from the Parish can be found below. Prayer cards for each child participating in the preparation program can be found on the noticeboard at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church. Could Parishioners please take a card and pray for that child during their preparation period. Thank you for your support.



## PRAYER OF SUPPORT FROM THE PARISH COMMUNITY:

**We want to accompany these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance.**

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

**Amen.**

## LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY



Following on from Archbishop Fisher's call to prayer, we as a parish will continue to pray that the sanctity of human life will be respected and revered from conception to natural death and that all legislation will promote the great dignity of each individual. **Let us pray.**

## **SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

### **Week 7:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Josh Jardim (#1); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Christine Holloway (#18); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sue Svenson (#23)

### **Week 8:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Gerda Doherty (#17); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Toulmin (#12); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rhonda Back (#30)

### **Week 9:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Steve Carr (#21); 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Howell (#38); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jane Stokes (#16)

## **MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR GEORGE'S BROTHER**

On **Monday, 4 August**, the feast of St John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, a Memorial Mass will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church for Fr George's brother, **Fr Aloysius Condookala CST**. The Mass will start with the Rosary at 10:30am, and will be followed with a light lunch in the hall. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

The 9:30am Mass on Friday, 1 August will be followed by an open invitation to our monthly 1st Friday Parishioners and Visitors Morning Tea, held in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

## **GERRINGONG NEWS**

\* **Monthly Morning Tea:** this Sunday, 27 July, after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

\* **Quarterly Community Meeting:** Sunday, 3 August, after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

## **MENALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND**

**9 – 10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong**

Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life. For more information and to register: <https://menalive-weekend-2025>

## **JUBILEE YEAR EVENT**

**Rosemeadow Jubilee Pilgrimage Day  
Saturday 6 September**

**80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow**

The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Day where we will uncover the profound meaning, history and significance of the Year of Jubilee and how we can continue living it out in

our pilgrimage of life towards Christ. **The day begins with Mass at 10:00am**, followed by a catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, and concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God's mercy!

## **WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?**

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop [dow.sh/stayingconnected](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

## **SUMMIT NIGHT**

**An evening with Dr Edward Sri**

**When:** Saturday, 30 August, 6:30PM – 8:30PM

**Where:** Xavier Conference Centre (adjacent to St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong)

**Who:** For young adults aged 18+

**Cost:** Free – donations gratefully accepted on the night.

Young adults of the Diocese of Wollongong, this is our final Summit Night for 2025! We're inviting you to an unforgettable evening designed to challenge, inspire, and renew. At Summit Night, you'll join a vibrant community seeking truth, building faith, and growing closer to Christ. **This time, we will be joined by Dr Edward Sri.** He is a renowned Catholic, author, theologian who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity. He has written several best-selling books. He is also the presenter of several Ascension Press and the Augustine Institute faith formation film series.

## **COMPASS: "BUSH" FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND**

**Friday 5 – Sunday 7 September  
Guntawang - Wooglemai Catholic  
Camping Facility**

We are excited to be returning for the second of our 2025 Catholic family camping weekends at Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre. This weekend is designed to bring together families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Mark

your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to connect with families from across the diocese in a laid-back setting. Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To secure your spot, register now.

[dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend](http://dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend)

**Cost:** \$50 per adult or \$100 per family  
**RSVP:** Friday 29 August

## **CHARISMATIC MONTHLY MASS**

**Friday, 8 August, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong  
Praying for the Bishop's Vision**

Join us for thirty minutes of charismatic praise to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome. 7:00pm Praise and Worship. 7:30pm Holy Mass. **Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404**

## **POSITIONS OPEN – DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL**

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a vibrant team of lay people, clergy, and religious who serve as both an advisory body and implementation team to the Bishop for youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. Meeting quarterly, the DYC helps guide, support, and implement initiatives that foster mission, faith, and community among young people. Members have the opportunity to be co-partners in shaping diocesan priorities in this important area of ministry. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. Selections will follow a structured process that ensures a broad representation of voices, experiences, and demographics across the diocese. Applications close on 4 August. To apply, visit: [dow.sh/4ewlLkU](http://dow.sh/4ewlLkU)

## **HEAR FROM POPE LEO XIV**

Sunday Echo is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains a reflection and accompanying discussion questions using the Holy Father's most recent homily. Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings.

To access or sign up to have the resource sent straight to you, go to <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/>

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

27 JULY 2025

## FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Colossians 2:12-14

*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we

ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## READINGS – 3 AUGUST

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
– Year C/1

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

PSALM: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14 (R.) *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

GOSPEL: Lk 12:13-21

