



SUNDAY, 4 MAY 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 – 10/11 May 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

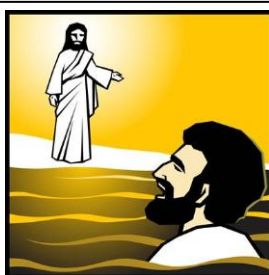
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	6/5	5.00pm
Wednesday	7/5	8:00am
Thursday	8/5	8:00am
Friday	9/5	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 – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

4 May: Group 2 – Ross Smith

11 May: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

The Shawshank Redemption was the hit film of 1994. In it we follow the incarceration and escape plans of Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. Robbins is condemned to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife and her lover. Freeman says he is the 'only guilty man in Shawshank Prison'. Based on Stephen King's novella, this uplifting film is a surprise package from a writer whose fame comes from the horror genre.

The longer we watch the film, the more we realise that Stephen King has modelled his story on the Gospel of John. It is, in many respects a more modern parable about John's portrait of Jesus. Tim Robbins' character, Andy, like Jesus, is an innocent man, treated harshly by the authorities of his day. He has to endure the condemnation and cruelty of the leading religious zealots who are keepers of law and order, while he inspires others to think of a world free of subjection and oppression where they can be free to live the life of which they dream. Like John's Jesus, Andy has big dreams and often talks in riddles, but he

leaves clues for others to follow him in their quest for freedom.

In the last part of the film, after Andy has successfully escaped and the governor of the prison has been exposed for the hypocrite he is, Freeman is paroled after serving 35 years hard labour. He decides to go where Andy has gone and, just as Andy promised when they were together in prison, he finds that Andy has prepared the way for him to follow. The moving climax of the film comes as Robbins and Freeman meet on a beach, embrace each other and share food and drink to celebrate the new life both of them have discovered.

Stephen King understands John's portrait of Jesus very well. For all of Jesus' assuredness and composure throughout the Gospel, the sense of care and intimacy in the encounters with his friends is deeply moving.

In the Easter Gospel to which we have just listened, Jesus returns to where his friends have fled from Jerusalem. In a parable about the growing numbers of the early Church, the Eucharist and the

suffering they are enduring, John reaffirms that Jesus is intimately present in their following of him and their suffering for the Kingdom. The only sense John can make of Jesus' death, the martyrdom of the apostles or the persecution of the early church is to see them all as acts of love. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.'

Those of us who have been caught up in the net of God's love are heirs to the same promises of Jesus' fidelity. Christ is intimately present to us in every act of loving sacrifice we undertake for him. He continues to send us out to tell people of the place that has been prepared for them at the banquet of life and he gives us strength to gird our loins for the times when life takes us to places we would rather not go.

In this Eucharist let's be grateful for this Easter season when we celebrate again that we have been set free from the prison of our fears and shown the way to live a life of sacrificial love and undeserved redemption.

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; John Fardy; Doreen Delaney; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Stevan Zadravac; Brian Tyrie; Warren Beecham; May & Leo Russell; Mark Anderson; Alison Smith; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis; Fr Michael Fallon MSC; Dm Peter Presdee; Thomas "Lloyd" Downes; Graham Clifford; Bob Barabach; Eddie Lovegrove; Maria Yates; Marilyn Mulhall; 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

* **Thomas "Lloyd" Downes** – 11:00am, Wednesday, 30 April, St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong

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

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.**

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 2 –

14 & 28 May; 11 & 25 June.

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

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

You can help support our Parish through a one-off donation using the banking details below, by using the Donation Point Tap devices at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea, or via regular Planned Giving. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for information about online giving, including wills and bequests.

* 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

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

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

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 or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

GERRINGONG NEWS

* **Quarterly Meeting** – The Quarterly meeting has been changed to Sunday, 18 May, straight after the 9:30am Mass.

LITURGY MEETING

A Parish Liturgy meeting will be held on Thursday, 8 May at 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room. All are welcome to attend to review the recent Easter Triduum Masses and plan for upcoming feast days.

CONDOLENCE BOOKS FOR POPE FRANCIS

* **Gareth Ward, Kiama** - Member for Kiama Gareth Ward has opened a condolence book to commemorate the life of His Holiness Pope Francis. The condolence book is available for signing now at Mr Ward's Kiama Electorate Office at 102 Terralong Street, Kiama. The condolence books and their messages will be sent to The Vatican via the Australian Ambassador to the Holy See.

* **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)** - Anyone wishing to write a message of condolence following the death of Pope Francis is invited to do so at this email address established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference condolencebook@catholic.org.au. Messages will be passed on to the

Apostolic Nuncio and in turn to the Vatican.

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE



The Homestead of Hope invites you to a Gathering at Ss Peter and Paul Church. Members of all the Kiama churches have also been invited to attend on Thursday, 8 May at 10:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room. Prayer, praise and a speaker followed by morning tea. ALL WELCOME.

CLAIM THE DATE – KBECET BOOK FUNDRAISER

KBECET will be holding a preloved book sale fundraiser in Ss Peter & Paul Parish Hall, 29-31 August, to raise funds to support the Christian Education Teacher at Kiama High School. All donations of books are gratefully accepted and can be left at the Parish Office during Parish Office hours, or for other arrangements call Gai on 0401 468 209.



INVITATION – JAMBEROO LAY CARMELITES

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites invite you to join them for a Day of Reflection on Saturday, 24 May in St Matthew's Hall, Jamberoo, 9:30am – 3:00pm.

Topic: "Scripture is all about Relationships" **Speaker:** Laurie Woods, recently retired from the school of Theology, ACU Strathfield.

Donation: \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Please bring a plate to share for lunch, with morning tea provided.

RSVP: Mary Clarke on 4232 2970 or email: pandmclarke@gmail.com

BIGGEST MORNING TEA INVITATION



You are cordially invited to Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and Op-Shop Fashion Parade on Monday, 19 May at 10:30am in The Presbyterian Church Hall, Kiama. Gold coin donation for Cancer Research. **RSVP Monday, 12 May to Joyce Schweitzer.** Phone: 4232 1020 or 0411 156 430

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.

Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord and overnight adoration.

Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner.

For more information go to dow.sh/WFL or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au 4222 2407. **This is a free event, but registration is essential.**

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Lakeside Memorial Park is holding a commemorative Mother's Day Memorial Service on Saturday, 10 May at 10:00am. All are welcome to attend. Address: 230 Kanahooka Road, Dapto.

CATHOLIC CARE EARLY LEARNING CENTRE OPEN DAY

All Saints, 19 College Avenue,
Shellharbour, Saturday, 10 May,
9:00am - 11:00am

We welcome families to our Early Learning Centre Open Day on Saturday, 10 May, 9:00am - 11:00am, to come and explore our centre, have a chat with staff and learn more about our Early Learning Centre. We will have lots of activities to keep the kids entertained including face painting, balloon art, arts and crafts and lots more. You'll also be able to sample some of the delicious treats that our in-house cook whips up.

[Register here](#) or contact CatholicCare:
Phone: 4227 1122 or Email:
enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au

FEEDBACK ON BISHOP'S VISION AND PARISH LIFE

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, *'In the Parish I see'*, by completing the online activity at dow.sh/csgmactivity. The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's

Vision and share your valuable perspectives. **Take part today.**

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS IN HARMONY WITH CATHOLIC TEACHING

Learn to understand your body's natural signs of fertility through the **Billings Ovulation Method®** — a simple, effective, and Church-approved method for natural family planning and reproductive health awareness.

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CHARISMATIC MASS

Praying for the Papal Election and our Bishop's Vision, Friday 9 May, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong
7:00pm Praise and Worship
7:30pm Holy Mass

A warm invitation is extended to all members of the public, to join us in charismatic praise for the Election of a new Pope, and 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. **Celebrant:** Bishop Brian Mascord. Everyone welcome.

Info: Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404

LAY LEADERSHIP IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

Sr Monica Barlow is running a formation session for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of leading liturgical celebrations in the absence of a Priest. This ministry is open to both men and women. To be held at: **Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong** Saturday morning, **24 May from 10:00am – 12:00pm**. The link to register for this formation session is <https://dow.sh/LayLeadership>

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

4 MAY 2025

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32. 40-41

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the

net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 11 MAY

**Fourth Sunday of Easter –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Acts 13:14, 43-52

PSALM: Ps 99:1-3, 5 (R.) *We are his people,
the sheep of his flock.*

2ND READING: Rev 7:9, 14-17

GOSPEL: Jn 10:27-30