



SUNDAY, 18 AUGUST 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 – 24/25 August 2024

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	20/8	5:00pm	St Bernard
Wednesday	21/8	8:00am	The Queenship of the BVM
Thursday	22/8	8:00am	St Pius X
Friday	23/8	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:

18 August: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

25 August: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

THE GREATEST GIFT

Have you noticed that on Mothers' Day, the gifts which mothers seem to most appreciate are the simplest: a drawing however scribbled or daubed with paint with the words 'I love you Mum'; a posy of flowers from the garden tied with a little ribbon; breakfast in bed (with the crumbs from the burnt toast in the sheets for days afterwards!). It seems that the gift which means the most is the one into which the son or daughter has put something of themselves.

When we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, we celebrate the most superlative Mothers' Day. Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ gave to His mother not merely something of Himself, but everything of Himself, His own life, His own resurrection life. He gave to her a share in His glorified humanity: bodysoul transformed, transfigured into the heavenly dimension of existence.

But Our Lord does not limit His generosity. He wants all of us, he wants the whole of humankind, indeed He wants the whole of

the cosmos to share in His transformed, transfigured existence.

We believe that when we come forward at Holy Communion we take into ourselves the transformed, glorified humanity of Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ. When we take the sacrament under the appearance of bread, under the appearance of wine, we so eat and drink that, in the wonderful words of Pope John Paul II: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.' For a short time, we anticipate in our own bodies what Mary now fully and eminently experiences.

As Our Lord assures us in today's gospel: 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood *has* eternal life.' Note the present tense: *has* eternal life, i.e. Divine Life as mediated through our participation in Christ. That it is why it is important in normal circumstances to accept the consecrated wine from the chalice and not to take the sacrament just under the appearance of the consecrated bread.

When I was a boy (is it so long ago?) it was still the rule at Mass that only the priest drank from the chalice. One of the great actions of the Church over the last forty years is the recovery of the ancient practice

of offering Holy Communion under both kinds.

Not only is the reception of both consecrated bread and consecrated wine in harmony with today's gospel, but it also clearly fulfils Our Lord's command: 'Take, eat ... take, drink.' Of course, Our Risen Lord is really and wholly present under the appearance of either the bread or wine. They are consecrated separately as did Our Lord at the Last Supper.

Let us thank God for this gift, this opportunity, beyond any human expectation or reckoning. It is the Risen Lord whom we ingest at Holy Communion.

When we do so, we do so with the words of today's Gospel resonating in our own bodies: 'He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.'

What an anticipation for a short time of that which Our Lady now experiences fully and forever. What a communion! What a Holy Communion!

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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:

Jennifer O'Donnell; John Petschler; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Donoghue; David Yates; Fr Ronald Donoghue; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Joey O'Neill; Michael Sewell; Donald Sheehy; Bernard Wakim; 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

* **Joe O'Neill** – 11:00am, Tuesday, 20 August, 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 kiamo@dow.org.au

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.

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 – 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.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama
Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.

Term 3 – 21 August, 4 & 18 September.

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

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program can be found on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

* **First Reconciliation** – *Enrolments closed.*

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

* **Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 4

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's Silver Circle:

1st – Cathy Rickert (#4)

2nd – Tony Jardin (#27)

3rd – Dennis Caruana (#44)

NEW RANGE OF INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our new range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.



Congratulations to the following couples who celebrate a significant Marriage Anniversary this year:

* Evan and Jackie Davis – 50 years

* Mark and Maria Donoghue – 25 years

May your coming years together continue to be full of happiness and love for each other.

ST MARY'S 142nd ANNIVERSARY MORNING TEA



A special morning tea will be held after Mass on Sunday, 25 August at St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong to celebrate the 142nd Anniversary of the church's opening.



Kiama members of Catholic Women's League cordially invite you to attend their **SPRING LUNCHEON**, with guest speaker Melissa Hurley, Disability Trust Music Makers. Men are very welcome to attend. There will also be a Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes.

WHEN: Monday, 23 September, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm

WHERE: Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club, 68 Crooked River Road, Gerroa

COST: \$45 per person

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Account Name: Catholic Women's League Kiama.

BSB: 062 562;

Acc #: 0090 1790

Reference: *Your name (or organisation if paying for a group)*

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To avoid disappointment book early!

RSVP: by 6 September to Anne Hassett, hassett1a@gmail.com (4232 2570) or Gai Delavere, gai.delavere@outlook.com

(0401 468 209) with the following information – Name/Organisation, Number Attending and Special Dietary Requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on Sunday, 27 October. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

"COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE" - FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Introduction to "Come And See, Go And Make" (CSGM), and Facilitating CSGM Worksheet Activities (Double event). Exploring the vision for parishes, why it matters, and how we can have hope for the future and understanding the parish approach to the Worksheet Activities. **Campbelltown** – Monday 2 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm **Wollongong** (and Zoom) – Wednesday 4 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm. All welcome! REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://form.jotform.com/242136774128862>

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare and Catholic Education will be holding free technology training at St John the Evangelist High School, Nowra, in September. Seniors can bring their phone, laptop or tablet and students from St John's Catholic High School will assist with tasks such as downloading apps, sending messages, google maps and much more. The sessions will be held over 4 weeks on a Monday, but please take note of the time variance.

- Monday 2 September: 9.30-11.10am
- Monday 9 September: 12.00-1.45pm
- Monday 16 September: 9.30-11.10am
- Monday 23 September: 12.00-1.45pm

In addition to this, CatholicCare will be holding an information session on Aged Care and how to get into the My Aged Care system, along with keeping your mind fit, on Monday 2 September after the first session, from 12pm-1.30pm. Be sure to ask about this when registering. Please call Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

INSTITUTED MINISTRIES FORMATION

Sr Monica Barlow is running formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at:

* **Kiama:** Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, 96 Manning Street, Saturday mornings, 7 and 14 September from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Attendance at the second session is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session.

Register for the first of these formation sessions using the following links:

Eagle Vale: dow.sh/imf24eaglevale

Kiama: dow.sh/imf24kiama

WEEKEND RETREAT JAMBEROO ABBEY

The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey this September 2024, titled "Encountering God in Lectio Divina". The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia. There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private

reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September. Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday morning at 9:00am. For more information, please visit jamberooabbey.org.au

WALK FOR LIFE SYDNEY

**2:00–4:00pm, Saturday 21 September
Hyde Park, Sydney (Near the Archibald Memorial Fountain)**

Join the movement of Australians making abortion unthinkable in our country! All are welcome to this family-friendly



gathering to be a voice for the unborn and call for the protection of every life from the moment of conception. Further Information and Registration (for free): <https://www.lovesydney.org.au/>

UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS SEMINAR

Presented by Nick Tabley a Gerringong based psychologist with experience in diverse areas of mental health and wellbeing, working in areas such as stress management, men's health and mindfulness. The seminar will present ways of thinking about and responding to emotions especially for men of all ages but open to everyone. **Thursday 29 August: 7:00pm – 8:30pm, Gerringong Uniting Church Hall.** \$5 per person. **Bookings essential** - scan the QR code on the poster at the back of the church or go to:

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/g17bu/understanding-emotions.aspx>.

Enquiries to Di 0407 057 418

COMPASS: CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

13 – 15 September, Wooglemabi Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale

Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size). Camping and Bunk Room Options. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.

To register: <https://dow.sh/cfwsept24>

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

18 AUGUST 2024

FIRST READING

Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.' The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-3, 10-15. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.

The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.

They lack nothing, those who revere him.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)

3. Come children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)

4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R.)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink his blood,

you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,

and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood

lives in me

and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;

not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,

but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 25 AUGUST

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2

1ST READING: Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

PSALM: Ps 33:2-3, 16-23 (R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

2ND READING: Eph 5:21-32

GOSPEL: Jn 6:60-69

