



SUNDAY, 14 JUNE 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 – 20/21 June 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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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	16/6	5.00pm
Wednesday	17/6	8.00am
Thursday	18/6	8.00am
Friday	19/6	9.30am



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:

14 June: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

21 June: Group 2 – Ross Smith

KINGDOM OF PRIESTS

By Scott Hahn



The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well.

The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see Deuteronomy 26:19; Isaiah 62:12).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new "Israel of God" (see Galatians 6:16). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd (see Exodus 3:1). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise

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up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17).

These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Israel's shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see Matthew 23:1–36; Jeremiah 50:6).

But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered "for lack of a shepherd" (see Ezekiel 34:1–24).

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom (see John 10:11).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see Matthew 9:35; 10:1). In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:46; Romans 1:16).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see Revelation 1:6).

So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

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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:

Bede Cummins; Vlad (surname not provided); Amy Cockshutt; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; William 'Bill' Toulmin; Greg Swords; Norma Raposas; Antonina Castro; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Hilton Bloomfield; Anne O'Neill; Vivienne Cresswell; Margaret Bartley; Margaret Brien; Ken Cotter; Janelle Hamill; 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 our Parish 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:

17 June; 1 July.

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 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.

MISSALS FOR SALE

If anyone would like to buy a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can offer them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$35 for a **Sunday Missal**.

Annual publications can be ordered nearer the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** and **God's Word** – prices TBC.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 6:

1st – Mary Lovegrove (#19);

2nd – Robyn Crabb (#45);

3rd – Steve McGuinness (#44)

FR GEORGE ON LEAVE

Fr George is away on annual leave until 24 June.

SAVE THE DATE

Winter warmer welcome.

Thursday, 6 August. 5:30pm arrival for 6:00pm start.

More details to follow.

Our Kiama Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) group would like to host a social evening at Ss Peter and Paul. All are welcome to join for an evening of prayer, social catch up and share a meal. **RCIA** is a preparation program for older teens and adults wishing to become

Catholic, or for Catholic adults who have not yet completed the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, or Confirmation. Contact Angela Quinn on 0418 403 691 for more information about RCIA.

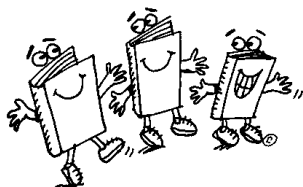
COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of more counters to count the weekend collections - our pool of volunteers is very small and we need extra volunteers to help spread the load. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office for more information.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

All interested are invited to the next meeting of our Laudato Si Circle by the Ocean which will be held on Friday, 26 June at 4.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

PRELOVED BOOK SALE



Your preloved books are needed for a fundraiser book sale to be held at Ss Peter and Paul Kiama over the weekend of 27/28 June. Please leave your books in the Parish Office foyer during Office hours, on the bench outside the Parish Office after Office hours, or contact Gai on 0401 468 209 or Helen on 0429 463 745 for other arrangements. Thank you.

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Supporting the Scripture Ministry at Kiama High



Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. **Final orders 24 June.** Variety of 7 Savoury and 3 Sweet pies \$13 each. Purchases can be donated to Vinnies or other charities for those in need, and are very much appreciated. Order forms can be found at the back of each church, or contact Gai on 0401 468 209 or email gai.delavere@outlook.com. Payment details are on the order forms. Orders and cash/cheque to Gai, the Parish office or in a marked envelope in any collection. Delivery details to follow. Thank you for your continuing support.



You're invited to the Homestead of Hope Gathering for June, to be held in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room on Wednesday, 24 June starting at 10:30am. The morning will commence with prayer and praise then a guest speaker. A lunch of soup and various breads will follow plus tea, coffee, and sweetmeats. All are welcome - please bring a friend. **Kindly contact Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548 or mary.spillane05@gmail.com to let us know if you are coming.** Thank you and hope to see you there.

WIDOWS HELPING OTHER WIDOWS (WHOW)

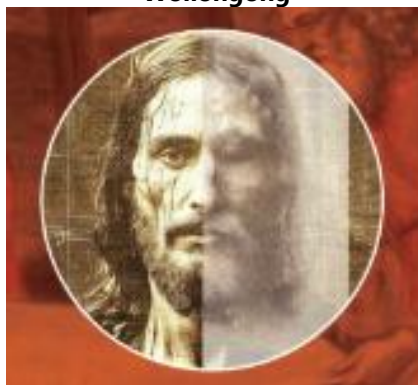
The next WHOW meeting is on Thursday, 19 June at 2:00pm at the Uniting Church Meeting Room, 48 Manning Street Kiama. We will have a guest speaker, the manager of the Commonwealth Bank, who will speak on "Staying Safe Online". For more information contact Marion Rattray on 4233 2490.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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!

WHO IS THE MAN OF THE SHROUD?

5:30pm-8:30pm Saturday, 27 June
Xavier Conference Centre,
Wollongong



Come join us for this inspiring evening with renowned Catholic speaker Francine Pirola as we explore the mystery of the Shroud of Turin and what it reveals about the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Enjoy a wine and cheese reception, view a rare life-size replica of the Shroud, connect with others, and

conclude the evening with Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. This is a free event but registration is essential. Register: dow.sh/summitsroud

CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

**Inaugural Dinner, Friday 26 June,
5:30pm-9:30pm, City Beach Function
Centre, Wollongong**

Join us for the next Catholic Business Connections event which will feature Stan Grant as the Guest Speaker.

Topic: Privacy of faith and the public nature of its expression.

Dress: Cocktail or Professional Attire

Cost: \$150 for non-members, \$60 for Clergy & Religious

RSVP: Wednesday, 17 June

Book your ticket now at cbc.dow.org.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Did You Know? An estimated one in seven Christians worldwide experiences persecution or discrimination because of their faith. In countries including Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Pakistan and China, Christians can face imprisonment, violence, or pressure to abandon their faith simply because they follow Christ. Yet despite persecution, countless Christians continue to gather for Mass and practise their faith with remarkable courage - even when doing so may place their freedom or lives at risk. These Christians are not strangers to us. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ, and we are called to stand with them in prayer and solidarity. Through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), discover their stories and be inspired by the courage of Mathieu and Pauline, catechists from Burkina Faso who were kidnapped for their faith. Read their remarkable story by scanning the QR code, or visit aidtochurch.org/bulletin

CARING SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

When life feels challenging, support can make a difference. CatholicCare's professional counsellors are here for you. We support children, adults, couples, and families, with appointments available in person, online, or by phone.

Call 1800 967 894 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au to get started. **You're not alone.**

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

14 JUNE 2026

FIRST READING

Exodus 19:2-6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for

a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax

collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 21 JUNE

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

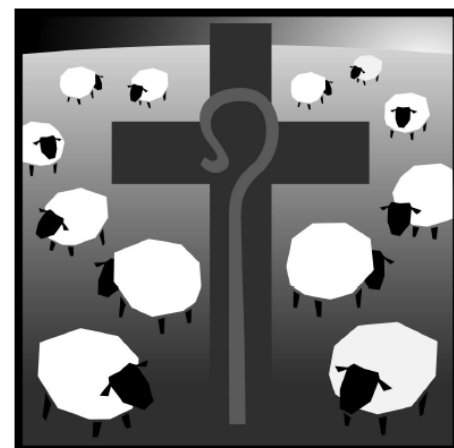
1ST READING: Jer 20:10-13

PSALM: Ps 68:8-10. 14, 17, 33-35 (R.)

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

2ND READING: Rom 5:12-15

GOSPEL: Mt 10:26-33



Scriptural Context

The House of Israel

The gospel passage has Jesus telling his newly commissioned apostles to go only to the House of Israel, not to go to Samaritans or into pagan territory; the ministry of the apostles is only to be addressed to Jews. But this is the first part of a two-phase ministry. At the conclusion of the gospel, the Risen Jesus directs his followers to 'make disciples of all the nations'. For the Matthew community, (unlike the community of Luke) it was the House of Israel that needed renewal first before the message of Jesus could be taken to gentile and pagan communities.