



SUNDAY, 3 AUGUST 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 – 9/10 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

Tuesday	5/8	5.00pm	
Wednesday	6/8	8:00am	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
Thursday	7/8	8:00am	
Friday	8/8	9:30am	<i>St Mary of the Cross</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 – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

3 August: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

10 August: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

BEING CHEATED

Many things in life are not fair. Children are keenly aware of this any time they sense they have been cheated by a sibling. They complain to their parents, just as the person in the crowd quoted above complained to Jesus about his brother. We want justice and can become quite upset when we feel that we have been dealt an injustice.

The first paragraph of today's Gospel is interesting because Jesus gently but clearly refuses to be the arbiter of justice for this man. It may indeed be the case that he was cheated out of his inheritance by his brother. But it's interesting that Jesus not only refuses to resolve the dispute – He then goes on to teach about greed, suggesting that the cheated man was acting out of greed.

If you were cheated out of your inheritance by a sibling, how would you react? If a sibling were to do this, it would clearly be a sin and an injustice. But the question at hand is your reaction to being cheated. Being cheated by another might result in one of two responses. The

most common response is to immediately seek justice, to fight back. But this is not always what God will inspire us to do. Instead, when we experience injustice, we are given an opportunity to love on a very deep level. And this must be our response. This is why Jesus said we must love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. In the big picture of eternity, earthly injustices are always an opportunity for grace. This is evident by simply looking at the gravest injustice of the suffering and death of the Son of God. Jesus did not complain about being so cruelly treated. He did not call on the angels of Heaven to destroy the Pharisees and Romans who attacked Him. Instead, Jesus used the injustice inflicted upon Him as a foundation for His gift of salvation.

As we journey through this life, we need to decide whether we are going to live for this life or for eternity. We cannot have both. However, by choosing to live for eternity, we also enhance our lives here on earth in ways that nothing in this world can match The things of this

world cannot save your eternal soul. In fact, they are a serious hindrance to your ability to trust in God alone. So, truth be told, poverty and injustice actually open the door to an opportunity for much more grace in our lives than material wealth does. But so often we still long to have more and more of the things of this world.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual and eternal blessings that come from relying solely upon God and not upon material wealth. This is a hard lesson for most people to learn. If this is your struggle, then try to take on the eternal perspective. Try to look beyond the temporary stability and pleasures that come from accumulating earthly wealth, so that you will see the eternal riches that come from seeking God alone. Everything in this world will one day pass away. In the light of that fact, recommit yourself to the embrace of God's riches by loving others through every injustice you encounter in life.

Excerpt of full reflection.

Source of content: www.mycatholic.life

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; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

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

Recently Deceased:

Fr Aloysius Condookala CST; Fr Davidanthony Davies; Fr David Catterall; Fr Peter Thompson; Joan Gilmore; 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 kiaama@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

Enrolments close on the following dates:

* **Confirmation** - Finished for 2025.

* **First Reconciliation** - Enrolments closed.

* **First Holy Communion** - Friday, 12 September

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 10:

1st - Christine Holloway (#18);

2nd - Sue Svenson (#23);

3rd - Mel Condon (#34)

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.**

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 be celebrated by Bishop Brian and will start with the Rosary at 10:30am. A light lunch in the Hall will follow. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

GERRINGONG NEWS

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

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!

HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) for the **Saturday Vigil Mass at Kiama**. At present we only have four people on the roster for that Mass and one is off sick until further notice. The remaining three Ministers all help with other ministries at Mass and this often conflicts with their role as EMHC. If you are a parishioner who has completed EMHC training in the past but isn't on a roster, we ask you to please consider having your name added to the roster to help take a load off the current Ministers. If you would like to be added to the roster for the Saturday Vigil Mass, or any other Mass, or you are interested in being trained as an EMHC, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email: kiama@dow.org.au.

SAVE THE DATE

The Homestead of Hope is being hosted by Kiama Anglican Church in their Prime Time. Our invited speaker is Bonnie Comber from the Illawarra Women's Health Centre. **When:** Wednesday, 13 August from 10:45am – 1:00 pm. **Where:** Church Point Centre, 2 Terralong Street, Kiama. **Cost:** \$8.00 to cover a light lunch **Please RSVP by Monday, 11 August to Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548.**

HOMELESSNESS WEEK: MOVIE EVENT

Thursday, 7 August, 5.30pm
Kiama Leagues Club

A special movie event will be shown for Homelessness Week. *Frances*, a short film made in the Illawarra, tells the real story of an older woman navigating housing insecurity. The event includes a Q & A session with Director Sharon Lewis, a panel discussion, and Katandra Choir will sing to close the event. This event is proudly presented by the Older Women's Network NSW, Supported Accommodation and Homelessness Services Shoalhaven Illawarra, and KCR Radio, calling for visibility, justice, and action. This is a **free** event, but a donation will help offset costs. Tickets available at:

<https://events.humanitix.com/homelesswomen>

CATECHISTS NEEDED

Please, can you spare a couple of hours each week to go into our local public schools to teach the Catholic children about Jesus? Right now we need Catechists for classes. Parents make the choice to send their children to Catholic scripture but if we don't have teachers children miss out. All you need is a willing heart to speak of God's love and in so doing sow seeds of faith and hope in the next generation. A training course will take place in person in Wollongong or by Zoom from 4 August to 1 September to prepare you to become a part of this vital and wonderful Ministry. Please consider becoming a Catechist. It might just change your life. For more information please call Gai on 0401 468 209.

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!

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 - Woogelemai 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

Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family

RSVP: Friday 29 August

NEWMAN LECTURE 2025

Hosted by the Bulli Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC). "THE LEGACY OF POPE FRANCIS". **Guest Speaker:** Bishop Brian Mascord (Wollongong Diocese). **When:** Saturday, 6 September, 2:00pm. **Venue:** Xavier Centre, Wollongong. Live-streamed nationally. 40-minute presentation
* Q & A session following the lecture
* Open invitation to all parishioners and friends across the Wollongong Diocese

* Live-stream link to be advised closer to the lecture

* For free bookings, use:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DDQBT>

For further information, contact: Denis Bristow 0412699929

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

3 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a

share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 10 AUGUST

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1

1ST READING: Wis 18:6-9

PSALM: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22 (R.) *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

2ND READING: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

GOSPEL: Lk 12:32-48

