



SUNDAY, 1 JUNE 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 – 7/8 June 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	3/6	5.00pm	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
Wednesday	4/6	8:00am	
Thursday	5/6	8:00am	St Boniface
Friday	6/6	9:30am	

RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

1 June: Group 2 – Ross Smith

8 June: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

DOORWAY OF HOPE

You may have noticed that we have a lovely white Doorway of Hope at the front of Ss Peter and Paul Church in Kiama, and an Archway of Hope in the garden at St Mary Star of the Sea in Gerringong, as part of our celebrations for the Jubilee Year of Hope. These are doorways; not ones that have a door that can be closed, because God never closes the door on us - in Him we are always truly welcome. A doorway is something you go in and out of. We come in, seeking God, to be part of our church community and to find the food we need for each day's journey - the Body and Blood of Christ. Having been fed and nourished we go out again - to share the love and encouragement we have found. We become the bread of life for our families, friends, neighbours and complete strangers as we share God's love through a smile or a hug; a listening ear or by putting someone's bin out!

Often when we come to church we pray for different intentions and perhaps light a candle. Our prayers are a sign of our hope and trust in God's love. Sometimes we come empty and despairing with no hope

left - all we can do is ask for enough hope to begin to find hope again - and, as Pope Francis reminded us when he chose the Jubilee theme, hope does not disappoint us! (Romans 5:5)

Over the next couple of weeks you are invited to not just say a prayer, but tie your prayers where they can be seen. At the back of the church you'll find some coloured "ribbons" in the colours of the Jubilee logo.

- **Blue** is often the colour that signifies prayer and healing. You remember the lady who reached out and touched Jesus' garment and was healed? Jesus would have been wearing his prayer shawl (tallit) with tassels on the four corners and blue threads (tekhelet) woven into it (Numbers 15:38 – 40, Deuteronomy 22:12). Are you praying for healing; physical healing, the healing of a broken relationship or a broken heart?

- **Green** is for all of God's beautiful creation, especially our common home, the earth. Let's give thanks for the incredible diversity and beauty all around us. Let's pray for the environment and for wisdom and courage for our leaders to make wise decisions.

- **Yellow** is for peace and hope; our world certainly needs lots of prayers for peace!

- **Red** is the colour we think of for love and the Holy Spirit - you might like to pray for those you love and tie a red ribbon as a sign of your prayer.

St Mary's Gerringong will also be joining in by tying coloured ribbons to their Archway, in preparation for Pentecost Sunday and Sundays following, celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit and following feast days.

This week as you go past the church and see the ribbons you might be reminded to keep looking to see how God is answering your prayers (often not the way we expect). Tell your kids or your grandchildren that one of those ribbons was tied there with your love and prayers. Talk to your friend who is going through a difficult time, offer to add a prayer for them or better yet invite them to come with you and tie your prayers together.

We are Pilgrims of Hope, and our prayers are one way we bring Hope to the world.

The Liturgy Team

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:

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

Anniversaries:

Tom Cullen; Daniel Wong; Dom McBride; Norma Raposas; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Robert "Bob" Gray; Gerry Gilchrist; John Lizzo; Manfred Pfeiffer; 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 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.**



PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 – 11 & 25 June.

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

WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All financial support to our Parish is received primarily through the second collection at Mass and online Giving. Funds received cover all running costs and maintenance for the Parish. If you would like to provide support you can do so in the following ways:

* **Via the 2nd Collection at Mass.**

* **Via the Donation Point Tap devices** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that all funds collected through these devices are for the upkeep of the entire parish, not just Kiama or Gerringong**)

* **Via 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.

* **Via Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.

* **Via the DOW App:** visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-app/> to download the Diocesan 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.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

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

Week 1:

1st – Ken Rae (#36);

2nd – Sheelagh Abela (#47);

3rd – Peter Ryan (#37)

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!

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.*

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

GERRINGONG NEWS

* **The Belle's lunch** will be held at 12:00pm on Monday, 2 June at Gerroa Fisherman's Club. All welcome.

* **A special morning tea** to welcome Darren Lane into the Church will be held on 8 June after Mass.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL members and supporters invite you to their parish morning tea on Friday, 6 June, in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room following the CWL 9:30am first Friday Mass.

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.**

KBECET BOOK FUNDRAISER

KBECET will be holding a preloved book sale fundraiser here in **Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall** from **29-31 August**



to raise funds to support the Christian Education Teacher at Kiama High School. All donations of books, games, jigsaws and small bric a brac items gratefully accepted and can be left at the Parish office during Parish Office hours, or for other arrangements call Gai on 0401 468 209.

FEEDBACK ON BISHOP BRIAN'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 an online activity at dow.sh/csgmactivity. The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives on parish life. **We need around 40 to 80 people to complete this online form, so if you are able to find some time, please go online over the next few weeks and have your say.** If you would like to complete the form but don't have the internet, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in and complete the form.

CATECHIST DIPLOMA COURSE

As part of training for the Catechist Diploma Course, CCD have engaged Fr Anthony Crook RAN presenting *Christ: Heart of Catechesis* at St Francis Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong on Monday 26 May, 9:30am to 2:30pm. Fr Anthony has worked in university education for over 20 years and has degrees in Psychology, History and Philosophy of Science, and Theology. As a Secondary Teacher and University Lecturer, Fr Anthony has taught a variety of subjects including Mathematics, Religious Education, Applied Psychology, and Chaplaincy Studies. **Upcoming sessions** feature Fr Richard Healey on *The Work of the Trinity*, Monday 2 June and Seminarian Darren McDowell on *Morality: Life in the Spirit*, Monday 16

June. Morning tea is provided, BYO lunch. Open to everyone. **For more information or to register please call 4222 2403.**

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

As a fellow parishioner, I am inviting all who are seeking to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus to participate in a Spiritual Exercises retreat in Daily Life. This retreat is given on an individual basis through weekly meetings of 30-45 minutes duration over six to nine months. Divided into 4 phases, the retreat moves you through the events of salvation history - from Jesus' Incarnation to his Resurrection. During our meetings I will journey with you as you share your prayer experiences of the preceding week. Starting dates are negotiable and the pace of each phase is tailored to your own spiritual journey. As an intern giver of these Exercises, I will be receiving professional supervision throughout the retreat with your confidentiality assured. A retreat payment of \$40 (in total) is requested please. This retreat is suitable for all persons seeking to experience a deepening in their love for Our Lord through a structured program put together by Ignatius of Loyola in the 1500's but made relevant today through their adaption by me. The Exercises retreat provides a wonderful opportunity to live life with greater richness and purpose through ordered decisions founded upon your love of Christ Our Lord. If this invitation speaks to your heart, please contact me for further information and I will arrange to meet with you to discuss this on 0411 845 118 (any afternoon) or email me at meriden168@gmail.com. Thank you.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

A CatholicCare initiative
Friday, 13 June, 10:00am – 1:00pm
The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow.

Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity. To register for this free community event including morning tea, please visit: <https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/ageing-with-confidence-2025-wollongong/>. For any

other information, please contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

WOLLONGONG CURSILLO

The Diocese of Wollongong Cursillo Movement is celebrating 25 years of guidance by the Holy Spirit. We would like to invite anyone who has been involved with the CM in the past 25 years to join us for Mass and a reunion luncheon on Saturday, 21 June at 11:00am. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Camden, with lunch in the church hall. Please call Dianne for further details. 0418 640 373.

SUMMIT NIGHT: AN EVENING WITH REAL TALK

We are excited to bring the young adults of the diocese a transformative night of community, truth and encounter with Jesus. We will be welcoming two presenters from Real Talk Australia who will present on "What Am I Made For?: The Good News about Love, Sex and Marriage". **When:** Tuesday 10 June, 6:30pm - 9:00pm. **Where:** Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong. **What:** Wine + Cheese Reception, vibrant community, guest speakers, meaningful conversation and Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. **Cost:** Free - donations will graciously be accepted on entry. Registration is essential. To secure your seat visit <https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/SummitNight2>.

SANCTUS SUMMIT

Monthly Adoration for youth and young adults of the Diocese. **Wednesday, 18 June, Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Rosemeadow.** Eucharistic Adoration from 6:30pm - 7:30pm, followed by Dinner at Ambarvale Hotel. Come along to pray before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament- and bring a friend with you!

MENALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND

9 – 10 August, 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>

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

1 JUNE 2025

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,

great king over all the earth. (R)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer

and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 8 JUNE

**Pentecost Sunday –
Year C/1**

VIGIL MASS READINGS

1ST READING: Gen 11:1-9

PSALM: Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35 (R.)
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2ND READING: Rom 8:22-27

GOSPEL: Jn 7:37-39

MASS OF THE DAY READINGS

(Only the Mass of the day Readings will be published in the bulletin)

1ST READING: Acts 2:1-11

PSALM: Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 (R.) *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

2ND READING: Rom 8:8-17

GOSPEL: Jn 14:15-16

