



SUNDAY, 29 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 – 5/6 July 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	1/7	5.00pm	
Wednesday	2/7	8:00am	
Thursday	3/7	8:00am	<i>St Thomas</i>
Friday	4/7	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:

29 June: Group 2 – Ross Smith
6 July: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Have you noticed that away from the Church we hear more about St Peter than we do about St Paul? It's because St Peter regularly features in jokes about heaven, like this one.

A man died and met St Peter at the gates of heaven. St Peter said, 'Before you meet with God, I thought I should tell you that we've looked at your life, and you really didn't do anything particularly good or bad. We're not at all sure what to do with you. Can you tell us anything you did that can help us make a decision?'

The newly arrived soul thought for a moment and replied, 'Yeah, once I was driving along and came upon a woman who was being harassed by a group of bikies. So I pulled over, got out my wheel brace, and went up to the leader of the gang. He was a big, muscular, hairy guy with tattoos all over his body and a ring pierced through his nose. Well, I told him he and his gang had better stop bothering the woman or they would have to deal with me!' 'I'm impressed,' St Peter responded, 'When did this happen?' 'Less than ten minutes ago' the man replied.

St Paul doesn't feature in many funny stories, except for the children who got rather confused about his life and wrote in their term paper that 'St Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony,

which is another name for marriage. That a Christian should have only one wife, which is called monotony. And in the end the natives of Macedonia did not believe in Paul, so he got stoned.'

Peter and Paul symbolise two facets of our Christian community: mission and maintenance. Paul was the great missionary and Peter was the great leader who held together the earliest disciples. Both were crucial to the Christian community's expansion and survival.

The image of the missionary venturing out boldly to proclaim Christ to the world is so much more engaging than being a maintainer. But every organisation or institution needs someone to provide a clear focus and vision, and to establish structures that will see the group survive past the first generation. To this day we need our Peters and our Pauls.

Peter and Paul did not always have an easy relationship. We know from the Acts of the Apostles that they disagreed about a fundamental issue in the earliest Christian mission: for whom was the good news of Jesus intended? Peter thought it was just for Jews. Paul argued it was for the Gentiles as well. What makes Peter's leadership so outstanding is that he not only listened

carefully to what Paul said, but saw what Christ was doing among the Gentiles. He trusted that the working of the Spirit was bigger than he was, and that it included a man who never met Jesus and yet seemed to have a richer insight into where and how Christ was to be preached. That takes courage and humility.

Today we need to be careful that in Christ's name we do not bind things up so tightly that we leave no room for the Holy Spirit to challenge or surprise us. Having the courage and humility to 'hang a bit loose' is not weakness. It can be about trusting that Christ's saving love is still at work in unexpected ways with all people everywhere.

Peter and Paul show what can happen when we cooperate with Christ in living out his love. Things we never dreamt of become possible. But their lives also show us the cost. Both of them died as martyrs. We may not be asked to embrace martyrdom in our lives, but in the way we run our race we are challenged to keep the faith and proclaim Christ by how we live. By doing so we are assured that when we come to heaven we will be greeted by Peter and Paul and with them we will behold the fullness of love, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for eternity.

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

Anniversaries:

Angelo Mifsud; Mary Newn; Donato Di
Salvio; Greg Swords; Alf & Ellen Nimmo;
Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; John "Jack"
MacAuley; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the
Holy Souls in Purgatory and all
parishioners whose anniversaries occur
at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Eileen Doyle; Sr Hildegard Ryan osb;
Norma James; Bill Toulmin; Damien
Allport; Fr Aloysius Kondookalayil CST
(brother of Fr George); Helen Cooney;
Robert "Bob" Gray; 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

PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

**Term 3 – 23 July, 6 & 20 August, 3 &
17 September.**

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

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 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 go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish.**)
- * **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 Silver Circle:

Week 5:

- 1st – Colleen Rae (#24)
- 2nd – Anonymous (#33)
- 3rd – Georgina Mifsud (#4)

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

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.**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed from 5 - 21 July due to the secretary being on leave. The Office will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 22 July. Fr Chris will be available by phone – contact 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service. Fr George will be back after 6 July.

NB: If you would like a notice published in the bulletin over the next few weekends, please email your notice to kiama@dow.org.au by no later than Wednesday, 2 July.

CONFIRMATION 2025

What a Celebration!!!

The Holy Spirit was certainly within and amongst us last Thursday night 26 June as Bishop Brian gently anointed thirty- six young candidates from our parish with the Holy Oil of Chrism.



Witnessing this great sacrament being given to them were their family members, Fr Chris and parishioners from within our parish and around the diocese. We thank our Bishop Brian for visiting our parish and confirming our candidates. Bishop spoke to the group of candidates and was extremely pleased with their knowledge and the response they gave. The entire Confirmation ceremony was reflective, prayerful and uplifting, bringing blessings to all those who were present to witness this celebration. Our young parishioners have now accepted the responsibility and challenge of nurturing God's gifts to the world. We congratulate the newly Confirmed and thank their parents and sponsors for presenting them for this sacrament. I personally thank Fr Chris for his leadership and support with the program. There are several key parishioners that played an important role in this sacrament: Sincere thanks to Louise Cobby our parish secretary, who takes responsibility for all the administration work that requires attention to detail. Also, thanks to our resident and talented Marianne who led the choir. Special thanks to Elise Burns, who offered to play the organ in the absence of Angela and Gary Quinn. Elise, we value and appreciate the generosity of your time and expertise to enhance the beautiful music provided by the singers. Thanks to Wilbur Redublado, who offered to be the acolyte on the night. To Kim Day, thanks for the church so beautifully decorated as you usually do each weekend, however, more especially for this special celebration. Thanks to Sr Maureen, Marion Haigh, Gai Delavere, Lisa Twist, Cassandra Marvic, Brooke McMahon (Religious Education Coordinator and Year 6 Teach respectively), Georgina Camilleri and Claire Folland who supported these children on the Retreat Day as well as on the night of the Confirmation. Lastly but certainly not the least, grateful thanks to the parents, sponsors, teachers and our parishioners who prayed for the newly confirmed throughout their preparation for this sacrament. May God continue to bless all of you for your support.

With God's Blessings.

Colleen Easton

Confirmation Coordinator

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Supporting the Scripture Ministry at Kiama High

Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. Final orders 2 July. Variety of 7 Savoury and 3 Sweet pies \$12 each. Purchases can be donated to Vinnies for those in need, and are very much appreciated. Order forms are available at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church. Or contact Gai on 0401 468 209 or email gai.delavere@outlook.com.



Payment can be made by EFT to:

BSB: 082662; Acc: 249030854

(Include your name and Pie Drive as reference).

Orders and cash/cheque payments to Gai or the Parish office. Delivery details to follow. Thank you for your continuing support.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL and supporters invite you to the Parish Morning Tea on Friday 4 July in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room following the 9:30am CWL Mass.

2025 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025.

Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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!

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 by the end of June 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.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos to run in South Coast Correctional Centre, Nowra.

Kairos Prison Ministry Australia is an interdenominational Christian ministry reaching out to incarcerated individuals and their families; to bring sustainable meaning and hope in the place of loneliness, isolation and despair. We at Kairos are delighted to let you know that we are now in the process of establishing a Kairos Inside (KI) for Men program in South Coast Correctional Centre, Nowra.

We have received approval from the Governor and his team to run the first Kairos Inside short course program within the jail. The date he has approved for the short course is from 13 to 17 October. Kairos State Council members and Kairos volunteers are holding a meeting in Nowra to inform people of this exciting development and to help build the community and team to participate in this short course.

If you are interested, we would love you to come along and join us and if you are attached to a church in the Illawarra or Shoalhaven or beyond, it would be great if you could let others in your congregation know and invite interested people to join us.

All Saints Anglican Church, 70 Plunkett St. Nowra on Saturday 28 June, 1:30 to 4:30pm.

For further information please contact: Nowra KI co-ordinator Jon Hale:

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STS PETER AND PAUL - YEAR C

29 JUNE 2025

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

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. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.'

Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 6 JULY

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1

1ST READING: Is 66:10-14

PSALM: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20 (R.) *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

2ND READING: Gal 6:14-18

GOSPEL: Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

