



SUNDAY, 14 APRIL 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 – 20/21 April 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	16/4	5:00pm
Wednesday	17/4	8:00am
Thursday	18/4	8:00am
Friday	19/4	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:

14 April: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

21 April: Group 2 – Irene Cook

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

In today's Gospel Jesus is present to the disciples; he gives himself to them to be seen and held; he eats with them; teaches them about the scriptures; and he commissions them to go out.



As a result of that first Easter, we gather here each Sunday to remember and make Easter present again. This is the reason, for example, we talk about the 40 days of Lent when in fact there are 45 days from Ash Wednesday to the Easter Vigil. In or outside the Easter season Sundays are always days of the Resurrection. And just like the first

Easter Sunday we believe that Christ continues to invite us here; to teach us about how to understand the scriptures and live them out in our daily lives; is present to us, to have and to hold, in his Word, this community, the presider and in a special way in the Eucharistic meal; and that he sends us out to proclaim his saving love with heroic joy.

To enable us to do all this we receive the same gift Jesus gave the first disciples as well, the gift of peace.

But sometimes we have to get creative about how we achieve it, like the old man who purchased a retirement home near a high school. He spent the first few weeks in peace and contentment. Then a new school year began.

The very next afternoon three young men came down his street beating merrily on every rubbish bin they encountered. The crashing percussion continued day after day, until finally

the old man decided to take some action. The next afternoon, he walked out to meet the young percussionists. He called out, 'You kids are a lot of fun. Will you do me a favour? I'll give you each a dollar if you'll promise to come around every day and do your thing.' The kids were elated and continued to do a bang-up job on the rubbish bins.

A few days later, the retiree approached them again, 'Look' he said. 'I haven't received my pension cheque this month, so I'm not going to be able to give you more than 25 cents. Will that be okay?' '25 cents?' the drum leader exclaimed. 'If you think we're going to waste our time beating these bins for 25 cents, you're nuts! No way, mister. We quit!' And the old man enjoyed peace and quiet for the rest of his days.

So as Christ sends us forth today, may we be wise about how we can create some happiness and peace around us as well.

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:

Keren Davenport; Donna Truscott; Joy Raines; Mark Huxley; Rob Ferrari; Bob Barabach; Bishop Peter Ingham; Joe O'Neill; Bernard Wakim; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Philippa Hardy; Mark Anderson; Warren Beecham; Leo and May Russell; Bernard Cook; Deceased members of the Mappas family; John & Molly Duffy; Gerald & Tom Viset; Ivan & Anna Zignic; Owen & Claire Patton; Pat & Jack Quinn; Rona Alice; David Kirkman; Sr Mary Regina O'Riordan; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Barbara Kelly; Peter Fogarty; 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

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 2 - 1, 15 & 29 May;
15 & 26 June.**

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 is now published 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:

* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Reconciliation** – 2 August

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

13-29 April

The Parish secretary is on leave until 30 April and the Parish Office is closed during this time. The Office will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, 30 April. Fr Chris will be available as normal during this time – the answering service will contain his details if you need to contact him.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

**FOR LEADING THE ROSARY AT
BLUE HAVEN AGED CARE FACILITY**

If you are interested in leading the Rosary for Residents at Blue Haven Aged Care Facility on **Mondays at 1:00pm**, please ring Maria on 0421 227 534. *The current Rosary Group was established in October 2017, and it has supported over 32 Catholic Residents during this time. It is a very special and rewarding Ministry for the Catholic Elderly.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 10

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

1st – Robyn Crabb (#37)

2nd – Jean McBride (#11)

3rd – Colleen Rae (#24)



I would like to say a huge "Thank You" to Fr Chris, Anne Hasset, Mary and all of the parishioners who attended the morning tea for me last Friday. I had a lovely morning and was very surprised, humbled and overwhelmed. I will never forget, and I will keep all of you in my prayers. Thank you! *Ann Dawes.*

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT AND 2023 AUDITOR'S REPORT

The 2023 Finance Council report, which provides parishioners with a summary of Parish Income and Expenditure, is available as an insert in the bulletin this weekend. A copy of the Auditor's Report is also available at the back of each church to read. If you miss out on a copy of the Finance Council report, or you would like a copy of the Auditor's Report, please email the Parish Office and a copy will be sent to you when the Office reopens after 30 April.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Drawn 5 May. Several prizes to be won.
1st Prize - Bar Mixture Cocktail Set
Tickets 3 for \$5. On sale at Ss Peter and Paul Church after weekend Masses.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

* **Project Compassion** - Caritas Australia would like to thank parishioners for supporting Project Compassion 2024.

A total of \$3551.70 was raised.

* **Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection** - The Holy Land Commissariat thanks all parishioners for their donations in support of Christians in the Holy Land.

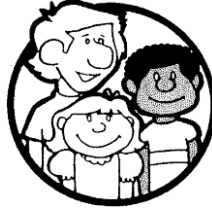
A total of \$1974.20 was raised.



Ss Peter & Paul Church is in need of more people to come forward as readers, commentators and Eucharistic Ministers. At the moment there are only eight Eucharistic Ministers rostered on, and six of those people are also readers, commentators and acolytes. This is making it increasingly difficult for those people to fill their roles each and every week especially if they need to get a

swap. It is not always appropriate to do more than one Ministry at each Mass. Come and offer your time, gifts and worship to Jesus in an active way, by taking part in any of these beautiful and sacred Ministries. Please phone or email your details to the Parish office. Thank you.

CATECHISTS NEEDED



Following the celebration of Catechist Sunday at all Masses recently, were you encouraged to become involved in the wonderful work of our SRE Catechists?

We need you.

Answer the call to Mission and become a Catechist.

Bishop Brian says of the Ministry, "One of the greatest gifts we can offer our children in State Schools is the opportunity to get to know Jesus. As we focus on the teachings that He has given us around respect, compassion, love and service, we provide ways by which that relationship with Jesus can be fostered and developed. It is a great privilege to work with them as they discover the great love God has for them." Come join us. For more information, please call Gai on 0401 468 209.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW

**Celebrating Pentecost Eve
"Anointing"**

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday, 18 May at Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4:00-7:00pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true.

Any inquires email: email@ccrnsw.org.au

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Campbelltown, Wollongong and Nowra. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations

from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.

• **Campbelltown** – Wednesday, 8 May, 9:30am - 1:00pm, Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road.

• **Wollongong** – Wednesday, 5 June, 9:30am – 1:00pm, The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow.

• **Nowra** – Wednesday, 19 June, 9:30am – 1:00pm, Worrigeer (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigeer
Places are limited.

To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events. For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

**Dead Theologians Society
recommencing Sunday 21 April
Albion Park Catholic Church 6:00pm –
8:15pm**

Under candlelight, with a background of Gregorian chant and church incense, we tell the story of St Therese of Lisieux and her "Little Way" to heaven. A light meal follows. All welcome. **Info:** Jacob Hooker, 0407 706 102 or Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404.

BANQUET: PENTECOST INTENSIVE 2024

**Friday 17 May - Wednesday 22 May
@ Carmel House, Varroville**

Join the MGL Sisters for Pentecost 2024 as we discover the depths of God's love through our Banquet Intensive and accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity. Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship.

Enquiries: mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Registrations:

<http://www.trybooking.com/CNSXA>

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00pm during school term, Xavier Centre Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong). All are welcome. Contact: Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

14 APRIL 2024



FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your

hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 21 APRIL

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year B/2

1ST READING: Acts 4:8-12

PSALM: Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

(R.) *The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.*

2ND READING: 1 Jn 3:1-2

GOSPEL: Jn 10:11-18

