



SUNDAY, 26 MAY 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 – 1/2 June 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	28/5	5:00pm	
Wednesday	29/5	8:00am	
Thursday	30/5	8:00am	
Friday	31/5	9:30am	<i>The Visitation</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:

26 May: Group 2 – Irene Cook

2 June: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

One of the things we often hear in times of domestic, local or international crisis is that 'everyone pulled together'. We are rightly proud, and a few times amazed, at how people can set aside their differences and strive for the common good. Sometimes this experience of working together has the long-lasting benefit of breaking down boundaries. Other times, sadly, old enmities, prejudices and suspicions return when the crisis is over.

Trinity Sunday celebrates that whether we are in crisis or not, in season and out of season, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit do nothing but 'pull together' to love and save us. What we glimpse as the best attribute of our family, town or nation defines who our Christian God is, and what they see, how they judge and the way they act toward the world.

A famous icon of the Trinity depicts the three persons at a table where there are four place settings. The final place, in the lower half of the painting, invites the viewer to take the seat and join them. It's

profound theology and masterful art, but we can quickly misunderstand it.

We are not just personally invited to join in the very life of God, and pull together with them in their loving and saving of the world. The seat at the table is reserved for all of humanity.

In practical terms it is impossible to profess belief in the Trinity, on the one hand, and then work at things which pull the human family apart, on the other. It is scandalous to hold to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and be known as racist, bigoted and sexist, to not care about refugees or those who die each day of starvation. We cannot keep signing ourselves in the name of a Triune God and then work hard at getting richer and more secure while the rest of humanity grow poorer and lack the necessities for human dignity. Ghandi once said, 'I love the New Testament and the Christian ideas about God and I would take the waters of Christian baptism tomorrow if I saw Christians practise what they the preach.'

Trinity Sunday is not about theological mathematics, working out how three goes into one. It's about gaining the strength at this Eucharist to pull together to see that all of God's children have the opportunity to hear the good news of how much God loves us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and so can take their privileged place at God's table. Most people will learn about the saving love of God primarily through the way they observe us seeing, judging and acting.

It's not by accident that in our Catholic tradition the usual moment we invoke the Trinity is when we make the sign of the cross. It reminds us that 'we cannot have our cake and eat it too'. Every time we profess the Trinity we recommit ourselves to die to self so that God's saving love may be realised for everyone, everywhere.

So let's not only profess our belief in the three persons that make up our one God, but live the life that goes with it, 'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.'

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:

Michael Sewell; Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika; Gian-Carlo Goytizolo; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Daniel Wong; Brian Tyrie; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Tom Cullen; Patrick Nilan; Kathy Faulks; Keith Martin; Joan Barlow; Emanuel Grima; Bishop Peter Ingham; Bernard Gordon Snr; 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 - 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 4

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

1st – Angie Micallef (#8)

2nd – Gai Delavere (#4)

3rd – Michael Brady (#16)

FLOWERS NEEDED

Fresh flowers are needed for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. If you are a keen flower gardener who would like to contribute to the supply of fresh flowers for the Chapel, please ring Maria Donoghue on 0421 227 534. She will be happy to collect flowers or indoor flowering pot plants.



Women and men are needed to help facilitate the Shine and Strength programs at KHS. These programs are self-development mentoring programs for year 8 girls and boys which run for one hour per week during school term. Based around the core concepts of worth, strength, purpose and resilience, these programs assist our local youth to build the strength and skills needed to face the challenges of adolescence. These programs have been running for 12 years and are embraced by the school community. For more information please contact Gai on 0401 468 209.

THANK YOU!

Thank you from Kiama CWL members to Fr Patrick Vaughan, Diocesan CWL chaplain, for leading forty-five Retreat participants on a very spiritual journey into the life and music of St Hildegard of Bingen, the patron Saint of - Ecologists, Musicians, Writers and who is a Doctor of the Church. Thank you to

Acolyte, Paul Fogarty, who ably assisted Fr Patrick and witnessed forty-five women keep meditative silence in the spiritual, prayerful and also social atmosphere of the day.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Thanks to all parents/carers for your ongoing support and commitment to the parish sacramental program.

Just a reminder that the Confirmation Retreat Day will be held on Tuesday 18 June from 9:00am -3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Please return the following completed documents at the evening Masses next weekend, 1/2 June:

* Confirmation name and sponsor information form

* Retreat day permission slip

* Reflection worksheet for Unit 4

Pentecost Blessings, Colleen Easton

KBECET

Supporting the Christian Education Teacher at Kiama High

Tax deductible donations can be made to KBECET by direct deposit to BSB 012709, Acc # 498587987. Please include your name for receipt purposes. Envelopes for money are available at the back of each church and can be put in the offering at Masses. Please make cheques payable to the full name Kiama Board for Employing Christian Education Teachers. Enquiries to Gai Delavere, 0401 468 209. Thank you for your support.

SAFETALK: SUICIDE ALERTNESS FOR EVERYONE

Free Suicide Awareness Workshop Make a connection – help save a life!

Learn to recognise when someone may be struggling with thoughts of suicide and how to ask them about it in a respectful and natural way. Explore community resources to help keep people safe from suicide. Debunk common suicide myths. Saturday, 1 June, 9:00am to 1:00pm, Kiama Uniting Church. Bookings at <https://events.humantix.com/safetalk-workshop>

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Wollongong and Nowra. These half-day free information sessions 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.

▪ **Wollongong** - Wednesday, 5 June, 9am-1pm, The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow.

▪ **Nowra** - Wednesday, 19 June, 9am-1pm. Worrigea (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigea.

Places are limited.

To register, call 4227 1122 or visit:

www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

For any other information, contact Jane

Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email:

janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2024

For Such A Time As This

The Parish Renewal Conference is back in 2024! Join us for an inspiring gathering of clergy and lay faithful who desire renewal for parishes and the wider Church. Gather with Archbishop Anthony Fisher, special guest speaker Bishop John Adams and hundreds of fellow Catholics for illuminating keynotes, practical workshops, and beautiful liturgy to be equipped and strengthened for mission. Be part of the transformation in our Church today!

Date: Saturday 3 August

Time: 8:45am – 5:00pm

Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club

Cost: Early bird - \$75 plus booking fees (closes 31 May), \$90 plus booking fees (1 June onwards)

Register by 19 July at:

gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

SEA SUNDAY INVITATION

In order to keep the lives of our seafarers in the forefront of our thoughts and prayers, continuing our determination to share the love of Jesus with them, we celebrate SEA SUNDAY. Every year, on the second Sunday in July, all over the world, Christians who care about seafarers get together to worship God for his goodness in Christ and bring the seafarers to him in prayer. Here are the details for this year's annual SEA SUNDAY service in Wollongong:

Location: St Michael's Anglican Cathedral, 74 Church Street, Wollongong

Date/Time: Sunday, 14 July, 2:00pm with refreshments to follow in the hall.

FREEDOM FOR FAITH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

This year's Freedom for Faith National Conference will be held on Monday, 5 August at Village Church Annandale in Sydney. FREEDOM24 will be an important day for pastors, people working in religious schools and institutions, as well as anyone concerned about the future of religious freedom in Australia. Tickets are on sale now at <https://events.humantix.com/freedom24-national-conference-2024>

CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Danny Abdallah to Speak

In 2020 the Abdallah's tragically lost 3 of their children when they were tragically killed by a speeding driver. The story of their decision to forgive has become an inspiring example worldwide, and a witness to their faith. Come and hear their story and the power of forgiveness. Friday, 31 May at City Beach, Function Centre, Wollongong (11:45am-2:00pm). For more information and to book please visit <https://dow.sh/CBCMay2024>

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow will be hosting the Corpus Christi Procession in honour of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, **2 June 2024 at 2.30pm**. It will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction. All are most welcome to join us in prayer and witness to our Eucharistic Lord among us.

* **Corpus Christi – Young Adults (18 - 35 years)** - This year the Parish will be trying a new initiative of offering young adults a Retreat Morning on the day. It will involve catechesis on the history and Church teaching about the Holy Eucharist and the Real Presence of Jesus. There will also be a social aspect of bringing together young adult Catholics to celebrate their faith and belief. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Commencing at 10.00am the day will conclude with the Corpus Christi Procession at 2.30pm. Enquiries, phone Elise on 0449 991 716. For catering purposes please register at <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFQ>

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR B

26 MAY 2024



FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:32-34.
39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has

been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 2 JUNE

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Year B/2

1ST READING: Ex 24:3-8

PSALM: Ps 115:12-13, 15-18 (R.) *I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.*

2ND READING: Heb 9:11-15

GOSPEL: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

I believe

The word 'Trinity' does not appear anywhere in the New Testament although one can certainly see the beginnings of ideas about a Trinitarian God. It was not until 325, at the Council of Nicea, that the doctrine of the trinity was established as being orthodox teaching. This council sought to officially define the relationship between the Father and the Son as a response to the arguments of Arius (later known as Arian heresy). The statement of beliefs developed by this council in 325 is the Creed (credo – I believe) that is used in Catholic churches around the world today.

