



SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER 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 – 2/3 November 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 6:00pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION (LOTW) OR MASS - KIAMA

Tuesday (LOTW)	29/10	5:00pm	
Wednesday (LOTW)	30/10	8:00am	
Thursday (LOTW)	31/10	8:00am	
Friday (Mass)	1/11	9:30am	All Saints

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:

27 October: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

3 November: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

REFLECTIONS

REFLECTION

by Fiona Dyball

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time bring us to the close of the Second Session of the Synod. The readings for this week invite us to recognise and see the great things that the Lord has done for us throughout this graced time, and through all time.

This is a source of joy and gratitude. Communion, participation and mission are at the heart of the Synod and also guide our actions as followers of Christ in the time to come as we continue to walk together as the People of God.

What will each of us do to advance this mission of compassionate mercy where we are?

How do each of us understand what Christ asks of us as individuals and as communities?

Each part of the Body of Christ has their vital and unique response and

contribution to make. Like Bartimaeus, what do we want Jesus to do for us so that we may see? Each of us is called by our name in baptism and invited to follow Christ in faith and trust. We are not alone.

As we continue to share a life of prayer, proclamation and love of neighbour, we pray that we grow in our commitment to listen to what the Spirit is saying and to welcome resurrection. As pilgrims of hope, we give thanks for the love of God that lights our way.

REFLECTION

by Nick Brodie

'Jesus hears,' Pope Francis says, 'and immediately stops. God always listens to the cry of the poor.'

The story of Jesus' encounter with blind Bartimaeus shows this to be true. Shouting for aid, Bartimaeus evidently irritates many of those following Jesus. To an extent, this is understandable.

They wanted to see and hear from Jesus, after all, and Bartimaeus was disrupting the procession.

But Jesus hears the cry of one who, as the Pope puts it, is 'full of faith, a faith that is not afraid to insist.'

As the Pope points out, Bartimaeus keeps his prayer simple. He honours the Lord and then asks first for mercy and only secondly for sight. In light of this, the Pope suggests that we take Bartimaeus' prayer as our own and use it to reflect on the authenticity of our prayer life.

Are we 'content with making a formal greeting every now and then,' or is our prayer regular and heartfelt? Are our prayers 'anaemic, superficial, made up of rituals, without feeling and without heart,' or do we honestly share our experiences and worries with God? Do we try to silence others, or do we try to listen to them in the spirit of the One who hears us all?

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:

John Petschler; Fr David Catterall; Gwen Coady; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Daniel Wong; Stan Morrissey; Ruby Johnson; Des Coady; Geoffrey Cole; Lucy Howell; Peg Anderson; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Peter Ford; Geoff Long; Fr Len Helm MSC; Mary Newn; Herbert Shorter; 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.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members will be placed on the altar at each Mass, with the Mass being offered for the repose of their souls. All names will be kept on the list for the whole month, and the list will be updated with new names each weekend. If you would like your loved ones' names on this list please write their names on a plain envelope, (or collect a November Mass Offering envelope from back of the church), and return it via the collections at any Mass or drop it in the letterbox in the Parish Office door. The sick and recently deceased will continue to be printed in the bulletin each weekend, but anniversaries will be omitted.

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855.

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 4 – 6 & 20 November;
4 & 18 December.**

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

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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 2

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

1st – Mike O'Dwyer (#2)

2nd – Sheelagh Abela (#47)

3rd – Cathy Rickert (#4)

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting for St Mary's will be held in St Mary's Meeting Room after Mass on Sunday, 3 November. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Welcomes you to Catholic Women's League Parishioners & visitors Morning Tea, to be held in Ss Peter & Paul meeting room, following the CWL 9:30am Mass on Friday, 1 November.

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

St Matthew's Book Fair will be held this weekend, 26/27 October. Book sales start from 9:00am on both Saturday and Sunday. **Thank you everyone for your kind donations.**

ADVENT PROGRAM 2024

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with **The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections** — a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections. **The Light** also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Hunt, Van Dyck, Breenbergh, Giordano, Luini, Raphael and more, with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. **Copies are now available to**

purchase from the Parish Office during Parish Office hours. Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Homestead of
HOPE

\$25 entry. Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall Kiama, Tuesday, 5 November from 1:00pm. Lunch will be chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. BYO alcohol. Win a prize for the best hat worn on the day. Please bring ticket on the day and plenty of gold coins. Buy a horse in our sweeps and watch the race on the big screen. Lucky door prizes. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – drawn on the day. **Bookings are essential.** Contact Angie (0404 856 379) or Robyn (0437 277 908)

COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE FORMATION PATHWAY

NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OPEN

* **Campbelltown** – Tuesday 12 November, 7:00 – 9:30pm

* **Wollongong** – Zoom, Wednesday, 13 November 7:00 – 9:30pm

“Principles and Foundations of Come and See, Go and Make” (Module 107).

Exploring the three foundations and ten principles of the vision for parishes, understanding a “values” approach to renewal, and making decisions through our values.

Register today at dow.sh/nov2024

ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL

ONE Music Festival is a wholistic family event aiming to bring different

generations and denominations together to celebrate and experience Jesus in community. Children, youth groups and adults are all welcome. It will be running on Saturday, 16 November at the Kiama Pavilion and showgrounds from 2:00pm – 9:00pm. Expect to see different bands, food trucks among other fun surprises. You can come for the whole event or part of it, your choice. Tickets are available now at onemusicfestival.com.

VOLUNTEERS: We need roughly 30-50 volunteers to help us run the day smoothly. More information on volunteer registration can be found on the website onemusicfestival.com

MESSAGE FROM SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL - FAMILY PARISH MASS

Dear Parishioners,

This is a save the date for our final Ss Peter and Paul Family Parish Mass on **Sunday 17 November at 6:00pm.**

The Ss Peter and Paul Choir will lead the singing for this beautiful Family Parish Mass. A big thank you to Marianne, Angela, and Gary, who have coordinated the choir and music for each Family Parish Mass this year. Their efforts really make a difference, providing a meaningful experience for our students and helping them engage more fully in the Mass. After Mass, parishioners, staff and Ss Peter and Paul School families will be invited to gather on the basketball court for a BBQ. This is a wonderful opportunity for connection between our families, the school community, and the parish. We look forward to seeing you there.

ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE



Celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord, Saturday 9 November at 10:30am at Lakeside Memorial Park. All welcome to attend. **RSVP by Friday 1 November** at

bookings@lakesidecrem.com.au

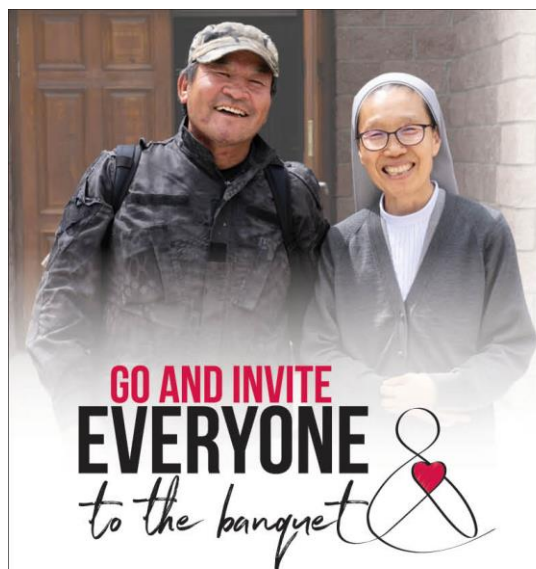
2024 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT – NOVEMBER

Starting the weekend of **2/3 November** and continuing each weekend throughout November, all parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the annual Mass attendance count. This important initiative aims to provide a complete picture of Mass attendance to aid in local parish and broader Diocesan planning. All sites holding public weekend Masses are required to participate in this mass count.

CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION

Friday, 29 November

CatholicCare will be visiting Ss Peter and Paul Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on Aged Care, covering topics such as: How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide. Presentation to commence after the 9:30am Mass in the Hall or Meeting Room (depending on numbers). Please RSVP to Louise at kiama@dow.org.au or 4232 2081.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

27 OCTOBER 2024

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!

See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of
earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not
stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

**(R.) The Lord has done great things
for us; we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for
us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our
bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of
tears,

carrying seed for the sowing:

they come back, they come back,
full of song,

carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:1-6

*You are a priest forever in the line of
Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of
mankind and is appointed to act for
men in their relations with God, to offer
gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he
can sympathise with those who are
ignorant or uncertain because he too
lives in the limitations of weakness.
That is why he has to make sin
offerings for himself as well as for the
people. No one takes this honour on
himself, but each one is called by God,
as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give
himself the glory of becoming high
priest, but he had it from the one who
said to him: You are my son, today I
have become your father, and in
another text: You are a priest of the
order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples
and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is,
the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar,
was sitting at the side of the road.
When he heard that it was Jesus
of Nazareth, he began to shout and to
say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on
me.' And many of them scolded him
and told him to keep quiet, but he only

shouted all the louder, 'Son of David,
have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and
said, 'Call him here.' So they called the
blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up;
he is calling you.' So throwing off his
cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus.
Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want
me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind
man said to him 'Master, let me see
again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith
has saved you.' And immediately his
sight returned and he followed him
along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 3 NOVEMBER

31ST Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Deut 6:2-6

PSALM: Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51 (R.) *I love
you, my Lord, my strength.*

2ND READING: Heb 7:23-28

GOSPEL: Mk 12:28-34

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Blindness

*Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is
used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is
almost always a metaphor for blindness
of heart or blindness of mind rather than
a purely physical affliction. There are
multiple accounts of healing blindness
in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on
the road to Damascus and only has his
sight restored when he is baptised. The
Pharisees are described as being 'blind
fools' and there the prophets make
numerous references to blind seeing as
a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very
powerful image of being 'blind' to truth
and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.*

