



SUNDAY, 24 MARCH 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 – 30/31 March 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Easter Vigil 7:30pm; Easter Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am
St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Easter Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	26/3	5:00pm	Communion Service
Wednesday	27/3	8:00am	Mass
Thursday	28/3	7:00pm	Holy Thursday Mass
Friday	29/3	3:00pm	Good Friday Service

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:

24 March: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

31 March: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

Written by Michael McGirr

We see images of the cross everywhere, from school uniforms to hospital buildings. Perhaps it is so commonplace that it doesn't stop us in our tracks the way it should. The cross of Jesus is the best key we have for understanding the mystery of God's love. God's compassion for the human family took Jesus to a lonely and brutal execution. Jesus was the victim of appalling injustice and degradation. His experience asks us to try to make the world more just and to reverse the dignity of every person. 'Whatsoever you do to the least of my sisters and brothers, you do to me.' This is part of the reason why Project Compassion has, for 60 years, been part of our Lenten observance.

This year, Holy Week begins with the reading of the passion story from Mark's Gospel. Even in busy lives, we should try to set time aside to spend with this extraordinary story, not to

rush it. Gently take a little at a time and ask for the grace to be close to Jesus. In the Spiritual Exercises, St Ignatius asks us 'to consider how the divinity hides itself.'

One way to spend time with the Passion story is to take a different character each week and quietly ponder what it looked like to them and what they may have felt. Here is a suggestion:

- Sunday – Judas Iscariot
- Monday – Simon Peter
- Tuesday – The high priest
- Wednesday – Pontius Pilate
- Thursday – Simon of Cyrene
- Friday – The centurion
- Saturday – Mary of Magdala

Let us remember a beautiful prayer of just seven words that was taught to Pope Francis by his grandmother: Jesus, make my heart more like yours.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Donations can be made through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of each church, or by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

**Please return your Project
Compassion donations by Holy
Thursday.**

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:

Bishop Peter Ingham; Joe O'Neill; Bernard Wakim; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

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:

Lenore O'Leary; Consuelo Shaw; Kath Pollard; Colleen McAlister; Terry McGill; Val Mountford; John Thomas; Joe Manahan; Fr Nicolaos Bozikis; 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

HOLY HOUR KIAMA

Every Saturday Morning

From 8:00am to 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome!



ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 1 2024

27 March; 10 April.

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.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 7

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

1st – Mary Clarke (#47)

2nd – Ken Rae (#36)

3rd – John Howell (#44)

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.

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

Thank you very much for your support.

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

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES



Holy Thursday – 28 March

Kiama: 7.00pm

Good Friday – 29 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10.00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 30 March

Kiama: 7.30pm

(please bring a torch or battery-operated candle, no wax candles please)

Easter Sunday – 31 March

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Gerringong: 9.30am

Jamberoo: 9.30am

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION TIMES

Fr Chris will hear confessions for a short time straight after the 8:00am Wednesday morning Mass on 27 March, and the normal time of 8:30-9:00am on Easter Saturday.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, 31 March, so **don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Easter Saturday night**. Please note - Sunday evening Masses will commence at 5:00pm from Sunday, 7 April.

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.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Ss Peter and Paul Church
Sunday, 7 April**



An important reminder for Divine Mercy Sunday – this Sunday is the culmination of the Easter joy, remembering and celebrating God's infinite mercy, according to St Faustina. Pope St John Paul II recognised the significance of this celebration after studying St Faustina's urgent message of Divine Mercy. He established the feast day for our troubled world in the year 2000. Please come and celebrate this Universal Feast at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Sunday, 7 April, 1:30pm – 3:45pm. The celebration is a beautiful time of peace and joy. Reconciliation is included, and afternoon tea will be held afterwards. Mass will follow at 5:00pm. Enquiries to Joan Toulmin: 4233 2665 or Ann Barron: 0407 220 560.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Catechist Sunday will be celebrated at all Masses weekend of 6/7 April. We will be celebrating the wonderful work of our Parish Catechists and will consider how we might support this valuable Ministry in our Parish. For more information about the Catechist Ministry, please call Gai on 0401 468 209.

JAMBEROO LAY CARMELITES

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites Invite you to join them for a day of reflection – "Listening with the Heart" – Saturday, 13 April from 9:30am to 3:00pm at St Matthew's Church, Jamberoo. An opportunity to take time out and hear about the prayer of listening – a powerful force for change and growth. **Dr Laurie Woods** is a retired teacher from the school of Theology at the Strathfield campus of Australian Catholic University. **Donation:** \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Morning Tea and Light Lunch provided. Any special dietary requirements, please let us know.

RSVP: Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548 or spillane.m@outlook.com

SEEN WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Kiama Baptist Church holds an annual Women's Conference called SEEN. This conference is for all women of all denominations and will be a day of worship, fellowship and exploring the incredible truth that not only are we seen, but we are seen IN HIS HANDS. Our SEEN Women's Conference is for women aged high school and up and is meant for women of all denominations. SEEN will be held at the Kiama Pavilion on 18 May from 9:00am-4:00pm.

Prices are as follows.

Concession and Highschool = \$55

Adult Early Bird (Till 31 March) = \$65

Adult Full Price (From 1 April) = \$75

We'd love to offer your church a discount code as we value your church and the ladies in your congregation. The discount code is: KIAMACATHOLIC. This code is for \$10 off an adult ticket. We would love it if you checked out our SEEN webpage! You can register and find out more info via the link below.

<https://www.kiamabaptist.church/seen/>

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

On Friday, 29 March we celebrate Good Friday. This is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us,

when he shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked. It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land. In these challenging times in the Middle East, Christians are experiencing unique hardships, made all the worse due to the ongoing war. We have an opportunity to help them through the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection. Who are these Christians? Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants of those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. It is important that Christians continue to live, work and pray in the Holy Land. The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region, and of course the recent pandemic.

Normally, each year's Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection:

- Supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, three academic institutions
- Helps keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through to Grade 12 students
- Supports 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Helps rehabilitate 80 homes for Christian families
- Provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Creates 1,500 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

Thank you for supporting the Holy Land (Good Friday) Collection as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

Good Friday Appeal envelopes are available at the back of each church and can be returned on Good Friday or via the collections at Mass.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

24 MARCH 2024



ENTRANCE

Mark 11:1-10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'.

And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.

And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my

beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he

was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mark 14:1 – 15:47

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

The Gospel is not published today due to its length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 31 MARCH

**Sunday of the Resurrection
– Year B/2**

1ST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

PSALM: Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23 **(R.)**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

2ND READING: Col 3:1-4

GOSPEL: Jn 20:1-9