



SUNDAY, 26 APRIL 2026

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 MAY 2026

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	28/4	5.00pm	St Peter Chanel
Wednesday	29/4	8:00am	St Catherine of Siena
Thursday	30/4	8:00am	
Friday	1/5	9:30am	



RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday)
Monthly: first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (except Easter Saturday).

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

26 April: Group 2 – Ross Smith

3 May: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

I have a friend who is a great lover of classical music. His knowledge of it is vast. He only needs to hear a few bars of most musical works and he confidently declares, 'Mozart's Piano Concerto in A' or 'Stravinsky's Rite of Spring'. He's always right.

Another of his superfluous, but amusing gifts is to pick the singer. He can hear a soprano and declare it to be Callas, Te Kanawa or Sutherland. He knows which of the three Tenors is belting out that particular top C. Again, he's almost always right. What intrigues me about this gift is that he remembers the timbres of each voice, not just the famous ones, but some rather obscure soloists as well. It helps that he has listened to the sound of these voices for years. It's the same with recognising the voice of Christ – it comes with practice and exposure to it.

In our world there are a multitude of voices clamouring for attention. The loudest or the longest voices we hear are not always the wisest ones. Jesus invites us to attune our listening to the sound of his voice so that even if it is faintly heard

amidst the noise, we can lift our heads, turn our gaze and walk towards it.

More than ever, there are some voices which entice us away from the Gospel. We are told that it is impossible to be happy unless we are wealthy. Impossible to be fulfilled unless we are sexually active with several partners. Impossible to be free unless we answer to no one.

And in this crowded marketplace the voice of Jesus keeps saying the same thing it's been saying for two thousand years. Happiness is found in sharing what we can with the poor, in being faithful and loving in all our relationships and in surrendering our freedom to the service of His kingdom of justice and peace.

The problem is not that Jesus should yell more loudly, it is that at crucial moments in our lives when we have to make important decisions, we close our ears. We refuse to listen to any other voice except that one that reinforces the destructive decision we want to make. Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel that this choice can be a moment of death.

What his call offers is life and life abundantly. But at various times we blot it out and tune our hearing elsewhere.

There are, however, at least two times in our lives when we respond immediately to the sound of a loving voice: as a baby and in old age. A parent's voice soothes and reassures a baby like no other. Look at how a screaming child calms down as a mother nurses it. Look at how a loved one's voice comforts and gives confidence to an older person when they are distressed or disoriented.

What wonderful images these very human moments provide in terms of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd. At the moment of our death, in the midst of all the other sounds we hear as we leave this world we will hear Christ's voice – soothing, reassuring, comforting and confident. And at that moment we will do what we have tried to do always all our lives – we will walk straight toward it.

Now that will be life, and life abundantly.

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:

Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Brian Tyrie; Jan, Miecia & Zyguich; Bernard Cook; Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan; Peter Fogarty; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Kathryn Flynn; Donna Barry; Craig McLeod; Leonard Fletcher; Clare Manahan; 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

For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiama@dow.org.au

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

* **SS PETER AND PAUL KIAMA:** Every **Saturday**, 8:00am to 9:00am. Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

* **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA GERRINGONG:** Every **Monday**, 11:00am to 12:00pm. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All financial support for our Parish is received primarily through the second collection at Mass and online Giving. Funds received cover all running costs and maintenance for the whole Parish. If you would like to support us you can do so in the following ways:

- * **Second Collection at Mass.**
- * **Donation Point Tap devices** – located in Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (all donations collected through these devices go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish).
- * **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.
- * **Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.
- * **DOW App:** Download the App at <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Ss Peter and Paul Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If anyone has any concerns or questions about these matters, please contact a member of our Parish Safeguarding Team:

Maggie Phelan - 0417 064 826

Carole Parsons - 0429 040 502

Julianne Douglas - 0418 491 125

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 2026: 6 & 20 May; 3 & 17 June; 1 July.

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

SVPD HELP CENTRE

Mondays – 4:00pm to 5:00pm
(excluding public holidays)

SVPD 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.

SACRAMENTS 2026



Information about the 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

ENROLMENT DATES

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Online enrolments close Friday, 24 July.
- * **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed for annual leave until 11 May. It will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 12 May. If you wish to see Fr Chris or Fr George during this time, please phone 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service for their contact numbers.

DAILY MISSALS

If anyone would like to order a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can get them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$36 for a **Sunday Missal**. The following are annual publications which can be ordered at the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** - \$30 (still available to buy) and **God's Word** – price TBC (sold out for 2026, can order for 2027). Please note, prices are approximates. The final price will depend on the number ordered and postage costs.

GERRINGONG NEWS

- * St Mary's **morning tea** will be held after Mass this Sunday, 26 April.
- * The next **quarterly meeting** will be held on Sunday, 3 May after Mass.

SILVER CIRCLE

A new Silver Circle will commence soon. Please contact Sue (0408 979 005) or Thea (0450 015 547) to secure your ticket. *Homestead of Hope*

COFFEE CAKE & CONVERSATION

You are invited to our Parishioner's morning tea on Friday, 1 May in Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room following the Catholic Women's League 9:30am Mass.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Tickets on sale at all Masses within the parish this weekend and next, 2/3 May.
1st Prize - Mother's Day Gift Hamper.
2nd Prize - De Lorenzo Hamper.
3rd Prize - Ladies overnight Luggage Set.
4th Prize - Basket Hamper.
5th Prize - Towel set, six pieces.
Tickets, cash only, \$2 each or 3 for \$5.
Raffle Drawn on Friday, 8 May after the 9:30am Mass at Ss Peter & Paul.
Anne Hassett 42322570

2026 MASS COUNT

National Count of Attendance

The 2026 National Count of Attendance (Mass Count) will take place over each weekend in May. This count is overseen by the Australian Catholic Bishop's National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR) and is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (to be held on 11 August 2026) so that the information collected can most effectively be used in association with results from this other Federal government project. All dioceses throughout Australia are required to take part. Given this requirement, our own Diocesan Annual Mass Count, which is usually held in October-November, will not be conducted in 2026.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May

Join walkers praying for Australia for all life issues - the elimination of abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family breakdown, and to pray for Australia's Government. We unite our prayer with sacrifice and entrust everything to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Walk on either or both days, or for just a short section. BYO Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided

all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of departure on both days.

BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). Start 9:30am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama. Finish 3:30pm St Mary Star of the Sea Church Gerringong (Benediction, confession available, all night adoration).

Day 2: Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads (16km). Start 7.30am Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea Church Gerringong. Late lunch Shoalhaven Heads Surf Club 1.45pm. Shuttle bus to Crookhaven headland, for procession walk 4.00pm for Mass at Culburra. 5.30pm - Dinner to follow at Bowling Club. For more information contact Sue Hill, 0435 336 195 or sueandpeterhill@gmail.com, or Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404

DIOCESAN NEWS

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe at dow.sh/stayingconnected and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

CATECHIST TRAINING COURSE LEVEL 2

The Level 2 Course is a chance for all SRE Teachers and Helpers to take their knowledge of teaching and the Catholic Faith deeper. It focuses on a variety of topics to help you grow as a Catechist and Catholic. The Level 2 Course will run on the following dates in Wollongong and Rosemeadow:

* **Rosemeadow (Fridays commencing 1 May):** Martha Room, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 80 Demetrius Rd, Rosemeadow. Fridays - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May & 5 June, 9:30am - 1:30pm (2:30pm on 15 May)

* **Wollongong (Mondays commencing 4 May):** Conference Rooms, Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong. Mondays - 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 1 & 15 June. 9:30am - 1:30pm (2:30pm on 18 May) Please register your attendance at either the Level 2 Course in Wollongong or Rosemeadow by clicking the link below, noting that you can attend either course and that if you miss one day, you can attend the other course so as not to miss any topics.

Enquiries: Sue Clark - 0457 427 583 or support@ccdwoollongong.com

Register online at:

<https://web.thankqportal.com/cdowa/cc-d-level-2-course-2026/#/stepper?pageId=17629>

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Friday 22 May | 6:30am-8:00am

Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour Street, Wollongong

Topic: Historic Eucharistic Congress 2028
Join other men for a morning of breakfast, prayer and inspiring input from our Guest Speaker, Ben Galea, Chief Operating Officer for the International Eucharistic Congress. Be inspired and strengthened as you connect with others seeking to live as authentic disciples on mission. Cost is just \$20. Book at dow.sh/MPB26 by Tuesday, 19 May.

COMPASS CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for **Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May**. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: dow.sh/familycamping26

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Middle East Emergency Appeal

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please visit:

www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE -

Vatican Approved | Harvest Journeys COMMENCES MONDAY 31 August 2026
Queen of Peace - 8 Days / 7 Nights.
Medjugorje (7 Nights) • Dubrovnik day.
Optional 4-night post-tour extension to Rome. Accompanied by Fr Joseph Pothenparampil.

For full details, including itinerary and booking information, visit www.harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje
Free-Call: 1800 819 156

Email: hello@harvestjourneys.com

For information about other Pilgrimages run by Harvest Journeys visit www.harvestjourneys.com

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

26 APRIL 2026

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of
darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and
your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:20-25

You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his

flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.

The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come

so that they may have life
and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 3 MAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter – Year A/1

1ST READING: Acts 6:1-7

PSALM: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (R.) *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

2ND READING: 1 Pet 2:4-9

GOSPEL: Jn 14:1-12

