



SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 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 – 16/17 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 MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	12/11	5:00pm	St Josaphat
Wednesday	13/11	8:00am	
Thursday	14/11	8:00am	
Friday	15/11	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:

10 November: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

17 November: Group 2 – Irene Cook

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

In today's Gospel Jesus lines up the religious leaders of his day and lets them have it with both barrels. It may come a surprise to learn that hypocrisy is the sin Jesus condemns most frequently in the Gospels. He could not bear it. And nor should we. Being powerful and rich is not a problem in itself. As with all gifts, it is what we do with them that show us up for who we are. The problem with religious, political, social or even family power, and the wealth that can come from it, is that it is so seductive. The more powerful and rich we become, the more we can think everything is our due. We can take our eye off the Giver of all gifts and avoid our responsibility to share with those who are left with nothing.

In the second part of today's Gospel, Jesus does not praise the widow because she is poor. There is no nobility in poverty. Jesus praises her for being generous and he indicates how the poor teach the rich about what really matters in life. This story teaches a similar lesson. Centuries ago, the Pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the Pope made a deal. He would have a religious

debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the Pope won, the Jews would leave. The Jews realised that they had no choice. They looked around for a champion who could defend their faith, but no one volunteered. It was too risky. So they picked Moshe, an old, poor man. Moshe had nothing to lose so he agreed, but on one condition. Not being a learned man he asked that neither side be allowed to speak. The Pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moshe and the Pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the Pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moshe looked back at him and raised one finger. The Pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moshe pointed to the ground where he sat. The Pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moshe pulled out an apple. The Pope stood up and said, 'I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay.' An hour later, the cardinals were all around the Pope asking him what happened. The Pope said: 'First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was one God common to both our

faiths. Then I waved my finger around me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground, showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and the wafer to emphasise the Eucharist. He pulled out an apple to remind me of original sin. He had an answer for everything.'

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moshe, amazed that this old, poor man had done what all their scholars had insisted was impossible! What happened?' they asked. 'Well,' said Moshe, 'First, he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here.' And then?' asked a woman. 'I don't know,' said Moshe. 'He took out his lunch and I took out mine.' May this Eucharist, then, give us strength to avoid being seduced by power, riches and greed. May we use whatever gifts we receive to build up the entire human family and may we never stand condemned by Jesus for coming here each Sunday and saying one thing, and then leaving here and doing the very opposite.

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.

Recently Deceased:

Judith Kevin; Dianne Coorey; Frank Bawden; 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.

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

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 - 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 4

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

1st - Tom Nilan (#32)

2nd - Joan O'Neill (#44)

3rd - Mary Clarke (#11)

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

* Friday, 29 November - CWL morning tea for attendees of the CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION.

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.

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. **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.**

2024 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT - NOVEMBER

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.

SVDP ROSARY



The next SVDP rosary will be offered for Nancy Voss (mother of Dana Breen) and Mary Newn on Monday, 11 November at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome.

EMAIL SCAM

Some parishioners have approached the Parish Office to say that they are receiving emails purporting to be from Fr Chris requesting assistance. **Please note – these emails DO NOT come from Fr Chris.** He would never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for urgent help, money, gift cards, or other financial support. It is very easy for scammers to set up an email address and then sign off with the name of a priest, so please be wary of this scam. **Emails for any priests in our Diocese follow a standard format for their address and end in @dow.org.au.** If ever in doubt, please contact the Parish Office before replying to a message. If you do receive an email like this, please do not reply to it – simply delete it.



So many people have been so kind and supportive to me since I have had to step down from my ministries and I would like them to know how their kindness has and is helping me. Thank you to all parishioners from St. Peter and Paul's Parish for your kind caring thoughts and prayers, so much appreciated. *Jeanette Easton.*

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

It's time to order your SVDP Christmas cards and Columban calendars. There is a list at the back of each Church where you can put your name and what you would like to purchase by Monday, 11 November. Alternatively, you can phone Thea for any orders on 0450 015 547. Thank you.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Homestead of Hope - Thursday, 28 November at 10:00am. Prayer, praise and a guest speaker. Ss Peter and Paul Church, followed by morning tea in the hall. All welcome – no booking necessary
Enquiries: Mary Spillane 0425 228 548

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.

LAST OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER

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

STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT WITH UNCLE NATH!

Event Details:

Date: Friday, 22 November

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Kiama Baptist Church, 3 Brown St, Kiama

Cost: Free entry (love offering encouraged)

Uncle Nath brings clean, hilarious comedy suitable for all ages, with messages that encourage and inspire. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and laughter—something we could all use more of!

ADVENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY

Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- Inspiring and transforming talks
- Opportunities to pray and reflect
- Practical strategies for impactful living
- Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the Advent Mission Event Retreat online from 7-9th December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: https://TheCatholicGuy.com/mission_event. Register now on the website or for more information, email: info@brucedownes.org

DEATH CAFÉ

Let's Talk About Death

**Kiama Library, 7 Railway Parade
Thursday, 21 November, 2:00pm**

Talking about death won't kill us! Let's come together and talk about our thoughts, feelings and experiences with death and dying in an open and compassionate environment. Afternoon tea provided. Bookings essential. 4233 1133. www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au

What to expect at a Death Café?

- No agenda, just bring yourselves and we will let the informal conversations unfold.
- A Death Cafe is a welcoming safe, relaxed space where you can enjoy open, light and relaxed conversation on death, dying and end of life.
- You can share a story if you wish, or just listen and observe – no pressure.
- Be prepared for coffee, tea, cake and good conversation.

In these uncertain times, what better time to come together and talk about our thoughts and feelings around death and dying. Talking about death won't kill us! *Please note: We are not able to provide grief support or counselling, so this may not be an ideal group for those suffering a more recent bereavement.*

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

10 NOVEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 17 NOVEMBER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Dan 12:1-3

PSALM: Ps 15:5, 8-11 (R.) *Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

2ND READING: Heb 10:11-14

GOSPEL: Mk 13:24-32

