



SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2025

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 – 31 May/1 June 2025

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	27/5	5:00pm
Wednesday	28/5	8:00am
Thursday	29/5	8:00am
Friday	30/5	9:30am



RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm.

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

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

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

25 May: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

1 June: Group 2 – Ross Smith

LAUDATO SI WEEK 2025

RAISING HOPE

To honour the 10th Anniversary of the Laudato Si Encyclical the Parish Council and LS Circle by the Ocean Group have decided to hold a public screening of *The Letter: A Message for our Earth* on Friday 30 May, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Pizza provided!

Ten years ago today, 24 May, Pope Francis wrote a letter to all peoples entitled 'Laudato Si': on Care for our Common Home'. We celebrate with mixed emotions, sadness for his passing, gratitude for his legacy in the example of his life and teaching, and joy as we welcome the election of his successor Pope Leo XIV.

In his Letter Francis made an urgent appeal to the whole human family to come together to protect our common home and to seek a sustainable future. In his concluding words he prayed

*The poor and the earth are crying out.
O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.*

Praise be to you! Amen.

(Given in Rome at Saint Peter's on 24 May, the Solemnity of Pentecost, in the year 2015, the third of my Pontificate. Franciscus)

The film was made in 2022. It features Pope Francis and documents projects in various regions of the world which were inspired by Laudato Si – from the Amazon, India, Senegal and Hawai'i - then follows project 'champions' to the Vatican where they meet with Pope Francis. Francis shares his vision in beautifully human interactions. Together they are revitalized in hope for their projects and the future of planet Earth.

A recent Vatican Press highlighted important aspects of the document. These included:

1. International Significance – its influence in building the consensus for the Paris Agreement 2015 whereby 196 nations signed a Treaty to limit global warming to 1.5 C. It is recognized for its 'moral voice'. Australian economist, Ross Garnaut, described it as the 'most rigorous, comprehensive and influential treatment of the ethics of climate change' and 'grounded in sound and

contemporary knowledge of atmospheric physics'.

2. The Poetic and Mystical Quality of Francis' thought – *'The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face. Standing awestruck before a mountain, we cannot separate this experience from God'.* (LS233). This is an example of creation theology which informs Ecological Spirituality, and which is expressed throughout Francis' writings and in the liturgy of the Season of Creation.

3. Integral Ecology – Francis is sensitive to the interconnectedness and interdependence of all beings. His central and novel insight is that the climate crisis and contemporary social, political and economic crises are intimately linked – the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Hence the idea of Integral Development and the linking of the LS Goals for Promoting Integral Human Development with the United Nations Goals for Sustainable Development.

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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:

Lyn Cox; Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Tom Cullen; Daniel Wong; Dom McBride; Norma Raposas; Stevan Zadavac; Brian Tyrie; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Gerry Gilchrist; John Lizzo; Manfred Pfeiffer; Pope Francis; Fr Michael Fallon MSC; Dm Peter Presdee; Thomas "Lloyd" Downes; 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 kiamo@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 to 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.**

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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

- * **Via the 2nd Collection at Mass.**
- * **Via the Donation Point Tap devices** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that all funds collected through these devices are for the upkeep of the entire parish, not just Kiama or Gerringong**)
- * **Via 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.
- * **Via Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.
- * **Via the DOW App:** visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-app/> to download the Diocesan 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 PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 –

28 May; 11 & 25 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 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.

** 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.*

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

GERRINGONG BELLE'S LUNCH

The Belle's lunch will be held at 12:00pm on Monday, 2 June at Gerroa Fisherman's Club. All welcome.

HEAR FROM POPE LEO XIV

Sunday Echo is a limited-release weekly resource the Diocese has developed that contains, where available, the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings. To access the resource visit <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/>

FEEDBACK ON BISHOP BRIAN'S VISION AND PARISH LIFE

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, *'In the Parish I see'*, by completing an online activity at dow.sh/csgmactivity. The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives on parish life. **We need around 40 to 80 people to complete this online form, so if you are able to find some time, please go online over the next few weeks and have your say.**

If you would like to complete the form but don't have the internet, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in and complete the form.

CATECHIST DIPLOMA COURSE

As part of training for the Catechist Diploma Course, CCD have engaged Fr Anthony Crook RAN presenting *Christ: Heart of Catechesis* at St Francis Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong on Monday 26 May, 9:30am to 2:30pm. Fr Anthony has worked in university education for over 20 years and has degrees in Psychology, History and Philosophy of Science, and Theology. As a Secondary Teacher and University Lecturer, Fr Anthony has taught a variety of subjects including Mathematics, Religious Education, Applied Psychology, and Chaplaincy Studies.

Upcoming sessions feature Fr Richard Healey on *The Work of the Trinity*, Monday 2 June and Seminarian Darren McDowell on *Morality: Life in the Spirit*, Monday 16 June. Morning tea is provided, BYO lunch. Open to everyone. **For more information or to register please call 4222 2403.**

CLAIM THE DATE!

KBECET BOOK FUNDRAISER

KBECET will be holding a preloved book sale fundraiser here in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall from 29-31 August to raise funds to support the Christian Education Teacher at Kiama High School. All donations of books, games, jigsaws and small bric a brac items gratefully accepted and can be left at the Parish office during Parish Office hours, or for

other arrangements call Gai on 0401 468 209.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT

As a fellow parishioner, I am inviting all who are seeking to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus to participate in a Spiritual Exercises retreat in Daily Life. This retreat is given on an individual basis through weekly meetings of 30-45 minutes duration over six to nine months. Divided into 4 phases, the retreat moves you through the events of salvation history - from Jesus' Incarnation to his Resurrection. During our meetings I will journey with you as you share your prayer experiences of the preceding week. Starting dates are negotiable and the pace of each phase is tailored to your own spiritual journey. As an intern giver of these Exercises, I will be receiving professional supervision throughout the retreat with your confidentiality assured. A retreat payment of \$40 (in total) is requested please. This retreat is suitable for all persons seeking to experience a deepening in their love for Our Lord through a structured program put together by Ignatius of Loyola in the 1500's but made relevant today through their adaption by me. The Exercises retreat provides a wonderful opportunity to live life with greater richness and purpose through ordered decisions founded upon your love of Christ Our Lord. If this invitation speaks to your heart, please contact me for further information and I will arrange to meet with you to discuss this on 0411 845 118 (any afternoon) or email me at meriden168@gmail.com. Thank you.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

A CatholicCare initiative

Friday, 13 June,

10:00am – 1:00pm

The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow.

Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity.

To register for this free community event including morning tea, please visit:

<https://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/get-involved/events-calendar/ageing-with-confidence-2025-wollongong/>. For any other information, please contact Jane

Hollier on 0417 018 152 or jane@catholiccare.dow.org.au

WOLLONGONG CURSILLO

The Diocese of Wollongong Cursillo Movement is celebrating 25 years of guidance by the Holy Spirit. We would like to invite anyone who has been involved with the CM in the past 25 years to join us for Mass and a reunion luncheon on Saturday, 21 June at 11:00am. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church, Camden, with lunch in the church hall. Please call Dianne for further details. 0418 640 373.

LAUDATO SI WEEK: RAISING HOPE continued...

Our theme for LS Week 2025 is 'Raising Hope - Bringing the Light of LS to all for a Brighter Future for All. Francis, in his letter *Laudate Deum* 2022 realised that 'our responses have not been adequate and that the impact of climate change will increasingly impact the lives and families of many peoples. (LD2). He asked everyone (LD 69) to accompany him on a pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home to make it more beautiful, because that commitment has to do with our personal dignity and highest values. As we reflect on the inspiration and achievements of the past decade we commit ourselves anew to climate justice, the healing of the planet and the wellbeing of future generations. **Parish Pastoral Council and LS Circle by the Ocean**

SUMMIT NIGHT: AN EVENING WITH REAL TALK

After the success of the first Summit Night with Matt Fradd, we are excited to bring the young adults of the diocese another transformative night of community, truth and encounter with Jesus. This time, we will be welcoming two presenters from Real Talk Australia who will present on "What Am I Made For?: The Good News about Love, Sex & Marriage". **When:** Tuesday 10 June, 6:30pm- 9:00pm. **Where:** Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong. **What:** Wine + Cheese Reception, vibrant community, guest speakers, meaningful conversation and Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral. **Cost:** Free - donations will graciously be accepted on entry. Registration is essential. To secure your seat visit <https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/SummitNight2>.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

25 MAY 2025

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.

So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

'Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 1 JUNE

The Ascension of the Lord - Year C/1

1ST READING: Acts 1:1-11

PSALM: Ps 46:2-3, 6-9 (R.) *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

2ND READING: Eph 1:17-23

GOSPEL: Lk 24:46-53

