



SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 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 – 21/22 September 2024

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 17/9 5:00pm

Wednesday 18/9 8:00am

Thursday 19/9 8:00am

Friday 20/9 9:30am



Sts Andrew Tae-gŏn & Paul Ha-Sang

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:

15 September: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

22 September: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

A SPIRITUAL U-TURN

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Mark 8:34-35

Practically speaking, how do we follow Jesus and save our souls? Is it enough to profess that we believe in Jesus? If we were to arrive at the conclusion that Jesus is God and the Saviour of the World, would we then be saved? Certainly not. Even the demons believe this truth. Jesus is quite clear that salvation requires action on our part. We must deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him. Furthermore, the road to salvation requires that we lose ourselves for the sake of Christ and the Gospel. What exactly does this mean, practically speaking?

To answer this question, let's first consider the way that many people live. We tend to desire that which is the easiest in life, the most enjoyable, the greatest, and the most consoling. We often seek out those things

that make us feel good and the path of least resistance. For example, if you could choose to fast on bread and water or feast on the most delicious foods, which would you choose? If you could choose between a vacation in the most exotic and luxurious location or a week of very difficult work, which would you choose? If you could choose to drive a brand new, high-end car or a very old beater, which one would you prefer? Most people would quickly pick the nice food, luxurious vacation and fancy new car.



Jesus' teaching, that we must deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him, is the road map to saving your eternal soul and to discovering a spiritual fulfillment that far surpasses anything this world or our flesh have to offer. But in order to understand this road map and then to follow it, we often need to make a "spiritual U-turn" so to speak. This U-turn begins with us choosing the Cross on every level of our being and concludes with God stripping away all selfish desires and replacing them with a desire for sacrificial love.

Reflect, today, upon that which you desire throughout your day. What occupies your thoughts the most? What are you drawn to the most? Do you spend most of your day thinking about how you can better serve God and His holy will? Or do you spend most of your day thinking about yourself? Do the eyes of your soul most often turn to the selfless service of others? Or do they more often think about what you want in a selfish way? Reflect upon these difficult questions and seek to eradicate everything within you that is selfish. Doing so will enable you to make a spiritual U-turn so that you can carry the glorious and transforming Cross of Christ.

My sacrificial Lord, You lived a selfless life in which Your only concerns were the glory of the Father in Heaven and the salvation of the world. Please free me from all selfishness so that I will be more able to deny myself in every way, run toward every cross in life, and follow You into the beautiful life of selfless and sacrificial love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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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:

John Petschler; Gwen Coady; Jennifer O'Donnell; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Gloria Rawlin; May & Michael Flynn; Jennifer Johnstone; Betty O'Halloran; Elizabeth Donoghue; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Gabriel (from UK); Catherine di Girolamo; Angela Martello; Mary Newn; Kenneth Condon; Valetta McDonald; Nancy Voss; Gian Carlo Goytizolo; Nelson and Joshua Chan; Joey O'Neill; Michael Sewell; 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

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 3 – 18 September.

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

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program can be found 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:

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

* **First Reconciliation** – *Enrolments closed.*

* **Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 8

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

1st – Marion Witheridge (#37)

2nd – Diane Sainsbury (#26)

3rd – John Nash (#16)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENTS 2024



Enrolments for First Holy Communion close on Friday, 20 September.

Children in Year 3 and above who have made their First Reconciliation are eligible for enrolment. Further information and enrolment forms can be found

at www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/eucharist

NEW RANGE OF INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our new range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

HELP WANTED

Ss Peter and Paul Church has several old sacred vessels and candlesticks in need of cleaning/restoring. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on the weekend of **26/27 October**. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

FREE ITEMS

Walker (lightweight), wheelchair (lightweight, folding, 140kg max), walking frame (lightweight with skis, side folding). Phone Ken Rae on 4233 2532 or 0419 412 534.



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

\$25 entry. St 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)

ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL

ONE Music Festival is a holistic 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

JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREATS

* **Weekend Retreat:** I Give You My Word: Encountering God in Lectio Divina Friday 27 – Sunday 29 September 2024. A weekend retreat, Jamberoo Abbey Retreat Centre Presenters: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Oblate Libby Denny Lectio Divina is sacred reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of Lectio Divina by engaging participants in the ancient

art of reading/praying with the word of God in scripture. To register phone 4236 0011 Extension 114, or email cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

* **Day retreat:** Benedictine Values – fertile soil for an integral ecology, Saturday 5 October. Time is moving on and the cry of the earth and the poor is intensifying. The appeal of Pope Francis in “Laudato Si” and “Laudato Deum” is now an imperative. There is a wisdom in the Rule of St Benedict that can provide fertile soil for an integral ecology for our time. Come, let us listen to Mother Earth during this day of retreat. Presenter: Sr Mechtild Crawford Register at: www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2024-10-05/

HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

In, *Laudato Deum* Pope Francis encouraged us to accompany him on a pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world which is our home. To hope and act with creation means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will. Parishioners are invited to join with others who care for this planet at:

**Coronation Park, Tuesday 17
September, 4:00 - 4:45pm.**

This event is a part of the national **Week of Climate Action** organised by **ARRCC** (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change).

<https://www.arrcc.org.au/weekofaction>

At this event we will be launching banners which will be publicly displayed outside churches and other religious institutions. These banners

* **support the uptake of renewable energy**

* **call for action to halt the proliferation of fossil fuels.**

As well as launching the banners, we will have reflections, prayers, music and handouts to lift your spirits, as we come together to show our concern for our common home. Hope to see you there. Please bring a chair or rug if required.

Information: Denis Quinn. 0429 064 496

POSITION VACANT

Part-time Parish Office

Administration, St Michael's Nowra

Nowra parish is seeking the services of a part-time Parish Office Administration for 12 hrs per week – Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 12:30pm. The position requires skills in administration,

maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish office administration needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position from Frances at frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au
**Applications close 5:00pm
Wednesday, 25 September.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be held in our Diocese on the weekend of 21/22 September. *"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated."* + Bishop Brian Mascord

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 designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world. **The Light** is more than just a guide; it is a beacon of hope and renewal, leading you through the enduring narratives of Advent and Christmas that have touched the hearts of the faithful across generations. This book is an invaluable companion for your spiritual path. **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. **To reserve a copy, phone or email the Parish Office with your name, phone and number of copies. Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.**

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

15 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

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.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **(R.)**
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 22 SEPTEMBER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Wis 2:12, 17-20

PSALM: Ps 53:3-6, 8 *(R.) The Lord upholds my life.*

2ND READING: James 3:16 – 4:3

GOSPEL: Mk 9:30-37

GOSPEL FOCUS

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.