



SUNDAY, 27 APRIL 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 – 3/4 May 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	29/4	5.00pm	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>
Wednesday	30/4	8:00am	
Thursday	1/5	8:00am	
Friday	2/5	9:30am	<i>St Athanasius</i>

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:

27 April: Group 1 – Gavan Hocter

4 May: Group 2 – Ross Smith

REFLECTION

THE DIVINE MERCY

Today is the Feast of all Feasts! It is the Feast of Mercy! This Feast originated from the private revelations given to Sr Maria Faustina Kowolska, a Polish cloistered nun who died in 1938. In the year 2000, she was canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II, and the Feast of Mercy was instituted as a universal Feast of the Church. To better understand this Feast, let's read some of the private revelations Jesus gave to Saint Faustina:

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (*Diary* #300).

"This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of my tender mercies" (*Diary* #420).

"On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire

that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not

have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy" (*Diary* #699) ...

Reflect, today, upon God's infinite and unfathomable Mercy. The Divine Mercy is especially for those who struggle with sin. Jesus says, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy" (*Diary* #723). The Divine Mercy is the very tenderness and compassion of God. Run to Him, trust in Him, open your soul to Him and allow Him to pour forth an ocean of Mercy on this holy day.

Most Merciful Lord, I desire to receive the superabundance of Your Mercy poured forth from Heaven today. Please open my heart so that I will turn to You in my need. I am a sinner, dear Lord, but for that reason I am in most need of You in my life. Help me to trust in You with all my might. Jesus, I do 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:

Nicole Phelan; John Fardy; Doreen Delaney; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Stevan Zdravac; Brian Tyrie; Warren Beecham; May & Leo Russell; Mark Anderson; Alison Smith; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis; Fr Michael Fallon MSC; Dm Peter Presdee; Thomas "Lloyd" Downes; Graham Clifford; Bob Barabach; Eddie Lovegrove; Maria Yates; Marilyn Mulhall; 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.

FUNERALS

* **Thomas "Lloyd" Downes** – 11:00am, Wednesday, 30 April, St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong

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.**

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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 –

**30 April; 14 & 28 May;
11 & 25 June.**

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

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

You can help support our Parish through a one-off donation using the banking details below, by using the Donation Point Tap devices at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea, or via regular Planned Giving. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for information about online giving, including wills and bequests.

* 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 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!

THANK YOU!



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT
COMPASSION

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. At this stage almost \$2,500 has been raised by your parish. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass or to the Parish Office during Parish Office hours.** Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us! You can still donate online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling: 1800 024 413.

GERRINGONG NEWS

* **Monthly Morning Tea** - St Mary's monthly morning tea will be held after Mass this Sunday, 27 April.

* **Quarterly Meeting** – Sunday, 4 May straight after the 9:30am Mass.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

A Great Message of Hope



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 this Sunday, 27 April, 1:30pm – 3:20pm**. 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.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Fri 23 May- Sat 24 May for all or part of the walk for life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.

Day 1: From Kiama to Gerringong, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord and overnight adoration.

Day 2: Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner.

For more information go to dow.sh/WFL or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au 4222 2407. **This is a free event, but registration is essential.**

PALMS AUSTRALIA – VOLUNTEER ABROAD

Use your knowledge to build self-reliance for those with little opportunity. Join Palms for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, from those who've done it before. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! For more information about Palms volunteering opportunities visit

<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

Venue: Online event - register at <https://palms.org.au/event/may-info/>

Date: Thursday, 22 May

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

PILGRIMAGE SUPPORT REQUEST

Dear Ss Peter and Paul parishioners, Our names are Anna and Claire Hill, and we have been a part of the Diocese of Wollongong all of our lives. We have recently been given the honour to walk the 100km Chartres Pilgrimage in France in June 2025, along with our friends Maggie and Darcy Laffy. This is a Catholic pilgrimage in honour of Our Blessed Mother and is attended by up to 22,000 youth from all over the world who represent their various countries. This opportunity to represent our church and our country will affect us financially and we would be very grateful for any donation toward this pilgrimage. In gratitude we promise to offer up our efforts and our prayers for all of our sponsor's intentions and for our Parish. If you would like to donate, please message us on 0493 086 775.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS

Due to the death of Pope Francis, the canonisation of Carlo Acutis has been postponed until further notice. Carlo Acutis was a teenager from Italy who had a devotion to the Eucharist, which became a core theme of his life prior to his death from leukaemia at the age of 15 in 2006. For more about Carlo watch *The Boy from Milan* (Released 2 April) and hundreds of other great Catholic documentaries for FREE.

- Go to www.formed.org
- Click 'Formed for Individuals' button.
- Enter your email address. Submit.
- Type 'Wollongong' into the box.
- Then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St). Click Next.
- Enter your name and email address. Respond to your confirmation email.
- Sign in and then follow the prompts.
- Watch The Movie – The Boy from Milan
- or any of the Hundreds of Catholic Programs.

FEEDBACK ON BISHOP'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 the online activity at dow.sh/csgmactivity. The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives. **Take part today.**

AN EVENING OF LITURGICAL SONG AND PRAISE

**A public concert with Tony Alonso
7.00pm – 8.30pm, Friday 23 May 2025
The Gregorian Centre,
St Gregory's College.
100 Badgally Road, Gregory Hills.**

All welcome to experience an evening of beautiful and engaging contemporary Catholic liturgical music. Introducing fresh repertoire and bringing new life to some Catholic classics, internationally renowned composer, theologian and Grammy-nominated Tony Alonso will share his passion for full, conscious and active participation of the liturgical assembly through singing, one of the most expressive of all human activities. The concert will invite you to wonder at the music we make in worship, encouraging joyful acknowledgement of the richness of God's gift of song. Cost: \$25, including canapes (from 6.30pm). More information and tickets available at <https://www.maristformation.org/liturgical-music-resources>.

LEVEL 3 CATECHIST DIPLOMA COURSE

All interested parishioners and catechists are encouraged to attend the Level 3 course. Taught by a variety of excellent presenters, the Level 3 course takes us on a journey through the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The six-week course will be held in Rosemeadow on Fridays and Wollongong on Mondays, commencing Friday 2 May and Monday 5 May, respectfully. Each session will start at 9:30am and conclude at 2:30pm. Morning tea is provided but please BYO lunch. For more information and to register, please go to <https://dow.sh/CCD-Level>. For course outline [2025-Level-3-Catechist-Course.pdf](https://dow.sh/CCD-Level)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR C

27 APRIL 2025

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 4 MAY

**Third Sunday of Easter -
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

PSALM: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 *(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

2ND READING: Rev 5:11-14

GOSPEL: Jn 21:1-19