



SUNDAY, 25 OCTOBER 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 – 31 October/1 November 2026

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 27/10 5.00pm

Wednesday 28/10 8:00am *Sts Simon & Jude*

Thursday 29/10 8:00am

Friday 30/10 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.

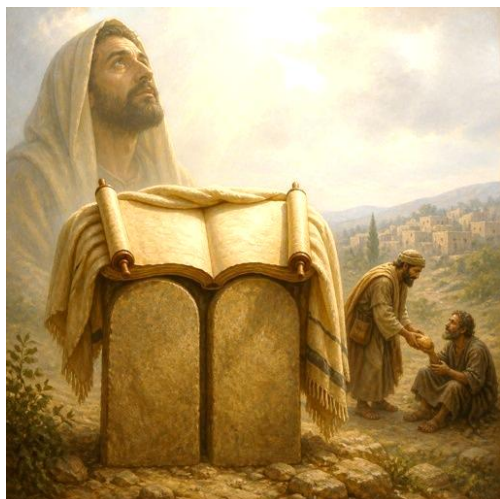
COUNTER'S ROSTER:

25 October: Group 2 – Ross Smith

1 November: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION – LOVE COMMANDS

By Scott Hahn



Jesus told His disciples that He came “not to abolish” the Old Testament Law “but to fulfill” it (Matthew 5:17). And in today’s Gospel, He reveals that love—of God and of neighbour—is the fulfillment of the whole of the law (see Romans 13:8–10).

Devout Israelites were expected to keep all 613 commands found in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be boiled down to just two verses of this Law (see Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:18).

In this distillation, He seems to summarize the two stone tablets on which God was said to have engraved the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 32:15–16): The first tablet set out three laws concerning the love of God, such as the command not to take His name in vain; the second contained seven commands regarding love of neighbour, such as those against stealing and adultery.

Love is the hinge that binds the two tablets of the Law. We can’t love God, whom we can’t see, if we don’t love our neighbour, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20–22). But this love we are called to is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. We must give ourselves totally to God—loving with our whole beings, with all our heart, soul, and mind. Our love for our neighbour must express itself in concrete actions, such as those set out in today’s First Reading.

“We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19). As we sing in today’s Psalm, He has been our deliverer, our strength when we could not possibly defend ourselves against the enemies of sin and death.

Grateful for our salvation, we show others the love that God has shown us. In this we become imitators of Jesus, as Paul relates in today’s Epistle—laying down our lives in ways large and small, seen and unseen, our daily living offered as a continual “sacrifice of praise” (see John 15:12–13; Hebrews 13:15).

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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:

Michael Doherty; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Grace Mallia; Gerry Gilchrist; Stan Morrissey; Des & Gwen Coady; Lawrie Hayden; Ruby Johnson; Geoff Cole; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Frank Pudarich; Bede Cummins; Kevin Sullivan; 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 kiamo@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 our Parish 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 4, 2026: 28 October;

11 & 25 November; 9 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 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

Enrolments have closed for the 2026 Sacramental Program. Information about the 2027 Sacramental Program will be available on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2027. www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

You are warmly invited to pray the Rosary each Friday morning in October starting at 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, before the 9:30am Mass. The Rosary will also be recited after Mass on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the month of October

• **Intention:** Praying for world peace in the Ukraine, Russia, Lebanon and all war-torn countries. Also, we will pray for our own special intentions and for the sick in our parish.

• Our Lady at Fatima in 1917 asked us to pray the Rosary daily. She wants her dear children to live in peace, to love her Son Jesus and to follow in His footsteps.

• Rosary beads are available from the back of the church at Kiama.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 2:

1st – Mary Lovegrove (#19);

2nd – Neville Micallef (#38);

3rd – Wendy Newn (#10)

SAVE THE DATE

RCIA's Spring's Farewell, Advent's Welcome

A Parish Dinner Celebrating Community and New Beginnings, Thursday 26 November at 6:00pm. Everyone welcome. More details to follow.

GERRINGONG NEWS

* Quarterly Meeting next Sunday, 1 November after the 9:30am Mass.

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED

With great joy, our Parish Community welcomes and congratulates the adults who were confirmed by Bishop Brian during the Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend. Please join us in praying for and celebrating: Machado Kele-Elphick, Faith Leary, Ryan Leary, Rennaye Peacock, Michael Rue and Erin Smillie. May the Holy Spirit guide them, strengthen their faith, and fill their hearts with peace as they continue their journey of discipleship. We pray that they always feel at home in our faith community and are inspired to share their unique gifts with the world.

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 the 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.**

KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

Come along and hear about the Kiama High School SRE Ministry, enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship within our local Christian community.

Date: Saturday 7th November

Time: 6pm for 6.30pm Start

Where: Point Ministry Centre, Kiama Anglican Church

Cost: \$35 pp

For bookings and cash payment please see Louise at the Parish Office or for EFT payments please contact Gai on 0401 468 209.

Final numbers required by 26 October.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

* **St Mary's Gerringong** - We are in need of a parishioner who lives in the Gerringong community to be a contact person for setting up for Baptisms.

* **St Matthew's Jamberoo** - We are in need of one or more parishioners who live in the Jamberoo community to be a church liaison volunteer. The role involves opening and closing St Matthew's for weddings, funerals, baptisms, retreats etc, and being a point of contact for those who have questions about the church.

If you would like to help, or just want to know more, please contact Louise at the Parish Office - 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

DIOCESAN ADVENT PROGRAM - "PRESENCE"

Presence is a beautifully presented, 84-page, full-colour book of daily reflections inviting you to slow down, become

attentive, and rediscover the presence of Christ in your everyday life. Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent (29 November 2026) and continuing through to the Baptism of the Lord (10 January 2027), *Presence* offers a prayerful companion for the entire Advent and Christmas journey. **Copies are now available from the Parish Office during Office hours for \$5 each. Get in early so you don't miss out! Any remaining books will be sent out to each church on the weekend of Christ the King - 21/22 November.**

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE MELBOURNE CUP TICKETS

Ss Peter & Paul Parish Hall

Tuesday 3 November from 12.30pm

Lunch - chicken and salad, bread rolls, dessert, tea, coffee, BYO alcohol. Prizes for best dressed on the day. Buy a ticket in the sweep and watch race on big screen. Lucky door prizes - Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 drawn on the day.

100 Tickets only so be early not to miss out. Cost \$35 each.

Contact Angie 0404 856 379, Robyn 0437 277 908, or Tammy 0432 696 532.

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!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - THANK YOU!!



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Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit **catholicmission.org.au/our-work**.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers.

**Name changed for privacy*

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

25 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take
refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.

(R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his
king
and shown his love for his anointed.

(R.)

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with

all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 1 NOVEMBER

All Saints – Year A/1

1ST READING: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14

PSALM: Ps 23:1-6 (R.) *Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

2ND READING: 1 Jn 3:1-3

GOSPEL: Mt 5:1-12



Scriptural Context

Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' follow up, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.