



SUNDAY, 23 MARCH 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 – 29/30 March 2025

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	25/3	5.00pm	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>
Wednesday	26/3	8:00am	
Thursday	27/3	8:00am	
Friday	28/3	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:

23 March: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

30 March: Group 1 – Gavan Hocter

PROJECT COMPASSION



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Growing up, Lam often felt isolated due to limited job opportunities and difficulty moving around his community. While his friends started jobs after high school, Lam stayed home with his parents, unsure if he could ever achieve his dream of becoming a graphic designer.

Everything changed when Lam joined the I-SHINE program, supported by Caritas Australia. Through this initiative Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. Along the way, he built confidence, made friends and gained a sense of connection.

Today, Lam runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income. Lam hopes his story will encourage other young people with disabilities to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Lam's journey shows how your support of Project Compassion empowers individuals to break barriers and transform their lives.

Will you walk alongside people like Lam this Lent?



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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:

All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Antonino Favorito; George Farrugia; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Gerry Gilchrist; Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan rsj; Peter O'Reilly; Sr Natalia; Yvonne Ryan; Shane Walker; 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

* **Gerry Gilchrist** – 11:00am, Tuesday, 25 March, St Matthew's Jamberoo

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

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 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 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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 1 – 2 April.

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's churches, or via regular 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners:

Week 4:

1st – Cathy Jardin (#29); 2nd – Tony Jardin (#27); 3rd – June Uphill (#28)

Week 5:

1st – Steve Carr (#21); 2nd – Josh Jardim (#1); 3rd – Irene Cook (#8)

Week 6:

1st – Peter Ryan (#37); 2nd – Gerda Doherty (#17); 3rd – Barry Gilmore (#13)

SACRAMENTS 2025

Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 Confirmation Program are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be advertised once dates have been set.

Enrolments close on the following dates:

* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Reconciliation** – Still to be organised

* **First Holy Communion** – Still to be organised

CONFIRMATION 2025

A reminder to all parents that the **Parent Information Night for Confirmation will be held at 7:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church on Wednesday, 26 March.**

This is a compulsory meeting, and one parent or carer must be in attendance. Children do not need to attend but are welcome if you are unable to arrange for someone to look after them. Important information about the sacrament will be discussed at the meeting and kits issued. Please contact Colleen Easton on 0450 121 717 if you have any issues with attending.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday – 12/13 April

* **Kiama:** Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm;

Sunday: 8.00am & 5.00pm

* **Gerringong:** 9.30am

* **Jamberoo:** 9.30am

Holy Thursday – 17 April

Kiama: 7.00pm

Good Friday – 18 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10.00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 19 April

Kiama: 7.00pm (*please bring a torch or electric candle*)

Easter Sunday – 20 April

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Gerringong: 9.30am

Jamberoo: 9.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK **MASS**

Friday, 28 March

The 9:30am Mass in Kiama on Friday, 28 March will include Anointing of the Sick.

GERRINGONG MORNING TEA

St Mary's monthly morning tea will be held after Mass this Sunday, 23 March.

GERRINGONG LENTEN GOUP

Ann Barron is running a Lenten Group in the Meeting Room at St Mary's each Monday afternoon during Lent, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Inquiries to Ann on 0407 220 560.

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT . . . ?

You are warmly invited to come to the Church for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer / reflection will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to all the parish and beyond.

When: Thursdays 27 March; 3 & 10 April

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Where: Ss Peter and Paul Church (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), Kiama.

Please 'Come and see . . .'

For more information phone 0409 562 830 or Email smabela@bigpond.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jesus' use of Scripture to overcome temptation is a reminder that we all possess unique gifts and knowledge. Our Parish ministries use these talents to make a positive impact in our communities, serving others with love and compassion. Please join us for a 'Thank You' morning tea for all Parish Ministries on Sunday, 30 March at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome. We look forward to celebrating together!

At the Parish Pastoral Council, by following Jesus' example in Luke 4:1-13, we can deepen our commitment to service, creating a more inclusive and supportive Parish. If any parishioners are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council in 2025, we warmly invite you to contact the office at kiama@dow.org.au or call (02) 4232 208.

HELP NEEDED

Catechists are needed this year for 2 classes in our local schools. Year 3 at Minnamurra PS Tuesday at 12:00pm



is ***without a teacher now*** and Year 2 at Gerringong PS Friday 9:00am will have ***no teacher from term 2***. That means these children are missing out on Religious Education. Please consider joining our Parish Catechist Group, so that all children may come to know the love of Jesus in their lives. ***It's really not as difficult or as daunting as you may think.*** If you would like to find out what is involved call Gai on 0401 468 209.

REMEMBERING JEAN MCBRIDE

Jean has just recently celebrated her 101st Birthday! Amazing!! She has settled in her new home in Brisbane and is happy and well. She celebrated her birthday with an afternoon tea at her nursing home with family, friends and staff and then dinner out with family. Bet she had a Moscato or two!! She still looks the same. Let's pray for God's continued blessings on Jean.

KBECET

You will find a newsletter at the back of the Churches from the new Kiama High School scripture teacher Ryan Sherring with lots of interesting information about the KHS Scripture Ministry and the great start to the year he has had. Included are specific requests for prayers. I encourage you to please take one home. Because this Ministry is supported solely by donations, if you wish to make a contribution, there are envelopes at the back of the Churches (please place in second collection) or for direct deposit BSB: 082 662 Acc#: 248966986. For more information about this Ministry: Gai Ph 0401 468 209.

JUBILEE EVENT: 24 HRS FOR THE LORD

Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Unanderra, commencing 7:00am, Friday 28 March

The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra - one of the Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Wollongong - is participating in the "24 Hours for the Lord", a worldwide initiative encouraged by Pope Francis, on

28-29 March. It will begin with 7:00am Mass and Rosary on Friday 28 March, with Eucharistic Adoration until the 7:30am Mass on Saturday 29 March. Children's resources available to help them to pray between 3:00pm and 5:00pm, and Stations of the Cross on Friday at 5:30pm followed by Reconciliation until 9:00pm. You can see more information and commit to one or more one-hour time slots at jubilee24hoursfortheLord or simply come along for any part of the day.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Friday 23 May to Saturday 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: Starts with Mass and morning tea at Kiama, walk from Kiama to Gerringong for Benediction and Confession, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord at Gerroa, and overnight Adoration at St Mary's.

Day 2: Mass and breakfast at Gerringong, walk from Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner. For more information go to dow.sh/WFL, or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or 4222 2407.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

23 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,

all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth

so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 30 MARCH

**Fourth Sunday of Lent –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

PSALM: Ps 33:2-7 *(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

2ND READING: 2 Cor 5:17-21

GOSPEL: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32