



SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY 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 – 20/21 January 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Saturday 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	16/1	5.00pm	
Wednesday	17/1	8.00am	St Anthony
Thursday	18/1	8.00am	
Friday	19/1	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:

14 January: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

21 January: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

The readings from the First Book of Samuel and the Gospel of John all involve call and response. The first reading plays out what many people think the call of God is like – a booming voice telling us what to do. John's Gospel is more subtle. The earliest apostles are called in two ways and neither of them involves loud voices with grand requests. Andrew follows Jesus because of what John the Baptist says. Simon Peter comes to Jesus through word-of-mouth, his brother Andrew's recommendation.

What these readings collectively indicate is the various ways in which people are drawn into the life and service of God. Sometimes, because we want certainty, we hope and long for a more dramatic indication of God's will. Some people get it. Mostly, however, the experience of Andrew and Simon Peter is the more common one. We follow our desires, play our hunches and pursue what intrigues us. As time goes on, our experience indicates the path that will lead to the most hopeful, faithful and loving choice. What is especially encouraging about the

Gospel is that Andrew goes after whatever it is that Jesus has. He lives with, or experiences, Jesus' company for a day and then becomes his recruiting officer.

In so many ways, of course, things are different for us now. Rather than us seeking out where Jesus lives, we are given opportunities to experience his life, and invite him to come and make a home with us. But whatever the differences in the process, the end result is the same. Just as Samuel, Andrew and Peter could have no idea where their response to God's call would lead them, so we cannot either. All we know is that it will cost us something, maybe everything.

Responding to God's call in Christ is not for the faint hearted and we shouldn't pretend it is. It involves loving our enemies, working for peace, forgiving those who have wronged us, and making the world a just place for all God's children. If these charges make no claim on us in our daily lives, then, chances are, we are listening to voices that endlessly give us the runaround, rather than being hooked up to the source of life which

makes sense and gives meaning to all our connections in this world and the next.

Have YOU thought?
Why disciples?

Why did Jesus call a group of people to follow him closely and share in his ministry? Certainly, it was not uncommon at the time that a charismatic leader might attract a group of followers and 'hangers-on' but Jesus appears to have deliberately called some people to travel with him and share in what he was about. So much of what Jesus spoke about was living in right relationships: with God; and with one another. Rather than simply being a 'back-up group' for Jesus, the disciples provided a lived example of trying to live in right relationships. They didn't always get it right, but they were on the way.

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:

Bernard Wakeham; Br Michael Burton; Linda Brown; Val Mountford; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Deceased members of the Delaney and Grogan families; Frank Mete; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Lester Smith; Kate Stirling; Andreas Papazoglou; Br Charles Evans; Andrew Brennan; Philip Smith; Dulcie O'Keefe; Eileen Manley; Mary Hart; 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

* **Andrew Brennan** – Monday, 15 January, 10:30am at St Matthew's Jamberoo.

* **Eileen Manley** – Friday, 19 January, 11:00am at Ss Peter and Paul Kiama.

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

HOLY HOUR KIAMA

Every Saturday Morning

From 8.00am to 9.00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome!

ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3.00 – 4.00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Parish Hall, Kiama, Wednesdays, 9.00am – 11.30am.

Term 1 2024 – 31 January; 14 & 28 February; 13 & 27 March; 10 April.

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

SVDP HELP CENTRE

The Help Centre is now closed and will reopen Monday, 22 January 4.00 - 5.00pm. Anyone seeking assistance during the holiday period is requested to phone Vinnies Boutique on 4232 2656 whereby a conference member will be contacted to assist.

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

Thank you very much for your support.

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program will be published on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2024.

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au
Ss Peter & Paul Sacramental Team

NEW PARISH WEB ADDRESS

Our Parish website has recently been updated and we have a new web address: www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au. If you have a ministry that you'd like advertised on the website, please email the Parish

Office with the information and it will be added to our Ministries page.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM

PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page full-colour book containing short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, perfect for individual devotional reading, in addition to the longer Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. **Stocks will be limited so please contact the Parish Office to reserve a copy. Cost: \$5.**

LITURGY MEETING

Do you enjoy attending the most holy time in our Liturgical Year - The Easter Triduum? The Liturgy group would love some new folk to swell the dwindling team of supporters and helpers to organise the beautiful Easter ceremonies in each of our Churches. You do not need to have a great knowledge of liturgical practice, but you will learn so much as you become involved. Any way you can help or any ideas you may have will be very much appreciated. Please contact Fran on 0428 317 014, the Parish Office or any of the team members (Angela Quinn, Kim Day, Gai Delavere, Helen Hunter, Jeanette Easton, Marion Haigh) if you are interested in joining us. Our first meeting is 8 February at 5:00pm, Kiama Meeting Room - you will be so warmly welcomed!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Gerringong Quarterly Meeting – Sunday, 5 February, following the 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

MESSAGE FROM FR STOYLES

To the community and visitors of St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong: Thank you for your Christmas gift. It was unexpected and greatly appreciated. I look forward to joining you again on some Sunday in the future. Best wishes. *Fr Gerard*

Congratulations

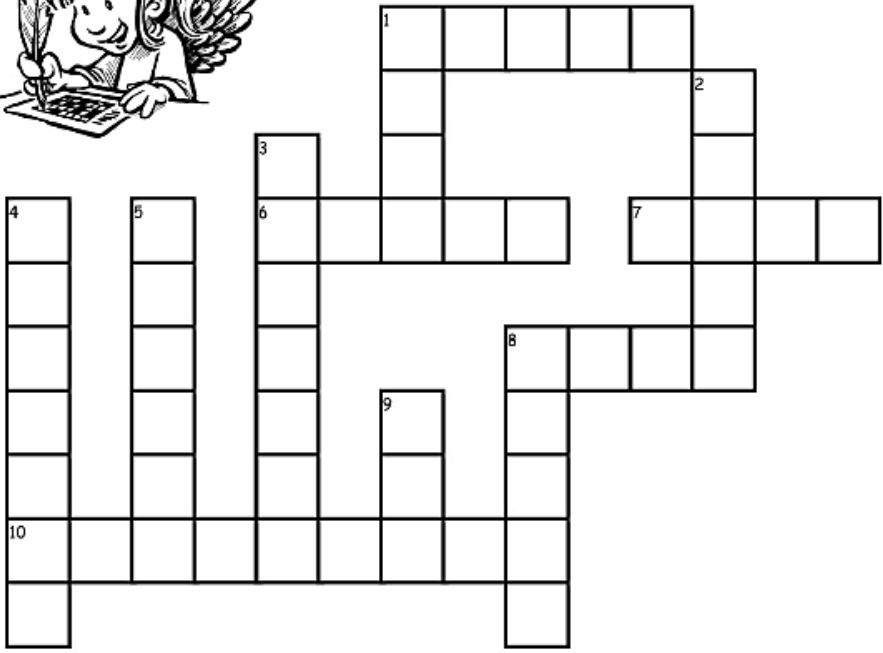
Congratulations to Barry and Margaret Fisher, who recently celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary. May you enjoy many more blessed years with each other!!!



St Sebastian was a Roman martyr from the late third century. He was a victim of the Christian persecution by Emperor Diocletian and there is little factual information about his life other than this. According to legends, Sebastian was a soldier who was made a captain of the pretorian guard by Diocletian, who did not know he was a Christian. He ministered to Christian prisoners, but was eventually found out by the Emperor, who then ordered him to be shot to death with arrows. Sebastian recovered from his wounds and confronted Diocletian, but was set upon and bludgeoned to death with clubs. This tale of Sebastian's life gave rise to him being, amongst others things, the patron of archers and arrowsmiths.



CROSSWORD



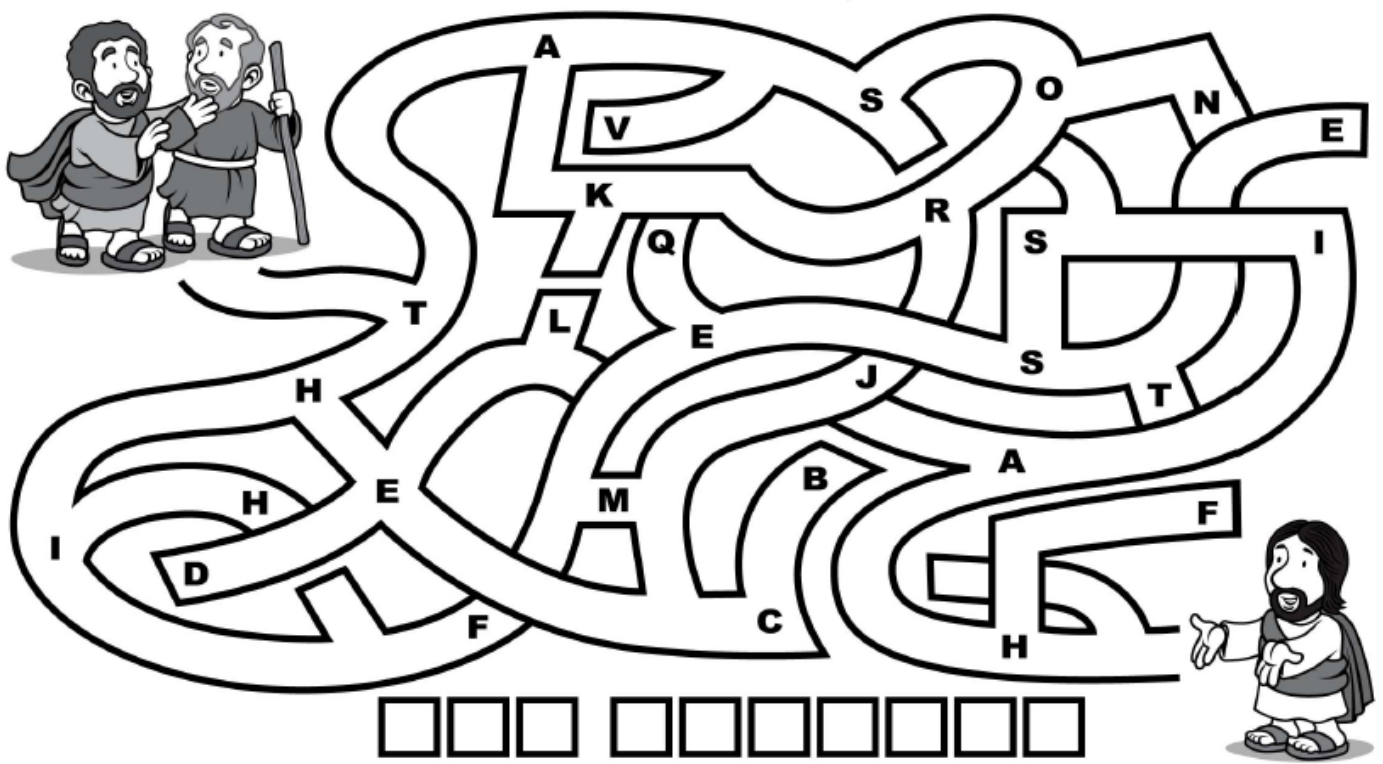
Across

- 1: John and his followers wanted to see where Jesus -----
- 6: this Hebrew word means 'teacher'
- 7: to remain
- 8: the number before five
- 10: the time of day between noon and evening

Down

- 1: a young sheep
- 2: Jesus told Simon he would be known by this name
- 3: Andrew was Simon Peter's -----
- 4: the Saviour, God's chosen one
- 5: this word means 'Messiah'
- 8: the opposite of lost
- 9: John had this many followers with him

As Andrew leads Simon to Jesus, enter each letter into the corresponding box below to reveal who they find.



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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

14 JANUARY 2024



FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:3-10.19

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am'. Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.'

So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.' Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R. vv. 8.9

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord.
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, which is in you since you have received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 21 JANUARY

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

PSALM: Ps 24:4-9 (R.) *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 7:29-31

GOSPEL: Mk 1:14-20

