



SUNDAY, 21 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 – 27/28 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	23/1	5:00pm	
Wednesday	24/1	8:00am	St Francis de Sales
Thursday	25/1	8:00am	The Conversion of St Paul
Friday	26/1	9:30am	Australia Day

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:

21 January: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

28 January: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Seeing today's Gospel is set by the water's edge, this story seems appropriate.

One day, three men were hiking and unexpectedly came upon a large raging river. They needed to get to the other side, but had no idea of how to do so. The first man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him big arms and strong legs, and he was able to swim across the river in about two hours, after almost drowning a couple of times.

Seeing this, the second man prayed to God, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources to cross this river.' In an instant God gave him a rowboat and he was able to row across the river in about an hour, after almost capsizing the boat a couple of times.

The third man had seen how this worked out for the other two, so he also prayed to God saying, 'Please God, give me the strength and the resources

... and the intelligence ... to cross this river.' In an instant God turned him into a woman. She looked at the map, went upstream a couple of hundred metres, then walked across the bridge!

The three men's prayers were all about gaining something: strength, resources and intelligence. Today's readings are about gaining things too. Unlike the instant answer to the hikers' prayers, Jonah, Paul and Mark know real gain usually comes less dramatically and quickly, and involves letting go of something as much as it involves taking it on. In the Christian life this is called conversion, and it's at the centre of our life of faith.

Christian conversion is not a once-in-a-lifetime moment. It can happen every day in a rich variety of ways. It involves a change in attitude as much as a change in lifestyle.

All three readings show a different facet of conversion. Jonah calls the Ninevites to social conversion. St Paul,

who reveals a very strong expectation that the end of time is near, calls the people of Corinth to a conversion of mind. And through relating the call of Simon, Andrew, James and John, St Mark tells us about personal conversion.

These days we regularly hear God's call in personal terms. It's sometimes called 'me and God' theology. Modern hymns reflect it best. We regularly sing about how Jesus died 'for me', or that 'here I am Lord' or that 'I will follow you'. Individually these lines are all true, the problem is that they tend to play down the more ancient and biblical social dimensions of our call to conversion. In the Bible even though God and Jesus call people to conversion through personal relationships, there is no hint that this is where it stops. Every call leads to the wider community, to the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and out to the entire world in the New Testament.

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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:

Bernard Wakim; Br Michael Burton; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

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

Recently Deceased:

Suzanne Cole-Johnstone; Nicole Jones; Lester Smith; Kate Stirling; Andreas Papazoglou; Br Charles Evans; Andrew Brennan; Philip Smith; Dulcie O'Keefe; Eileen Manley; 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

* Suzanne Cole-Johnstone – Monday, 22 January, 10:00am at Ss Peter and Paul.

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, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP



Ss Peter and Paul 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



**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

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 now have a new web address:

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au.

If you have a ministry that you would like advertised on the website, please email the Parish Office with the information and it will be added to our Ministries page.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 1 March 2024

Focus: Prayer for peace in Palestine

* Gerringong - Anglican Church, 103 Fern Street, 10:00am.

* Kiama – Anglican Church, 1 Terralong Street, time to be advised.

All welcome.

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.**

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

St Mary's Meeting Room, Sunday, 5 February, following the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

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!

GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK DURING LENT

Everyone is warmly invited to come along for one hour of prayers, reflection and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed each Thursday afternoon for the six Thursdays of Lent at Ss Peter & Paul Church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet will be provided each week for your personal use during the

quiet time. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to the parish.

'Come and see . . .'

Begins: Thursday, 15 February for six Thursdays of Lent

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama
'Come and see . . .'

SAVE THE DATE!!! HOMESTEAD OF HOPE FUNDRAISING LUNCH

Grab your husband, wife, partner, friends and neighbours and join us for a fun-filled lunchtime get-together with games and prizes. Bag a bargain from our 2nd hand table. Jewellery, plants, clothing, books, bags, knitted items, baked goods and lots of other bric-a-brac for sale. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, drawn on the day. All profits go to the valuable work Of Kiama Homestead of Hope in supporting the poor, marginalised, lonely and homeless in our community.

When: Friday, 22 March,

Time: from 11:30am.

Where: Kiama Bowling Club,
Shoalhaven Street,

Cost: \$25 per person – includes entry and lunch.

Tickets can be purchased from Angie Micallef, 0404 856 379. Lunch is an alternate drop of chicken or fish, so please contact Angie before 22 March if you have special dietary requirements.

SOUTHERN ILLAWARRA (SIOWN) INTEREST MEETING

Are you an older woman living in the Southern Illawarra area of Sydney that would like to enjoy a range of stimulating activities that stretch both your body and your brain? Do you feel we should live life to the full enjoying the rights and privileges we deserve and advocating for the rights of every older woman? Do you enjoy the company of others with lively discussion and companionship? Then this group is for you! If you live anywhere in or around the Southern Illawarra area, why not join our new group? Come along to find out more at our interest meeting! You will also hear from our wonderful Guest Speakers: Beverly Baker, Chair, OWN NSW & National President, and Sue Hayward from Southern Highlands Older Women's Network Group and learn all about the work and the benefits of the Older Women's Network NSW.

WHEN: Friday, 9 February, 2:00pm –

4:00pm, Ss Peter & Paul Hall. Cost is free.

Sign Up here:

<https://bit.ly/48IikVg> OR

<https://events.humanitix.com/siown-interest-meeting>

If you have any further questions, contact Wendy Saunders on 0412 614 684 or email info@ownns.org.au. Afternoon tea will be provided.

U3A KIAMA

U3A (University of the Third Age) Kiama has released the first part of their 2024 program, running from 5 February to 29 March. They have many courses on offer – Tai Chi, Mah Jong, Book Club, Poetry Appreciation, Marvellous Movies, Cribbage etc. They also hold free Monday talks at the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, 5 February to 18 March from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Registration for membership and courses takes place at the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre on 29 and 30 January from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. You can also register online or find more information on their website – www.kiam.u3anet.org.au.

QR CODES – WARNING

Wollongong Police District would like to let you know that there has been an increase in QR code scams. The fake QR code stickers are normally placed over existing QR codes or fake signs are placed near locations. The user is then sent to a fake site where the user is asked to enter sensitive information that is then either sold or used for fraud related offences. Please be careful when using QR codes and stay vigilant.

A NEW VISION FOR PARISHES

Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of **Come and See Go and Make - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong** for distribution amongst the faithful. Copies are still available at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church for those who missed out but you can also download a copy (see link at the end of this notice).

Another book with worksheet activities has also been released and is available at the back of each church. Further to this, a short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed at <http://dow.sh/CSGMvision>

Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at <http://dow.sh/CSGMresources>

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

21 JANUARY 2024



FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5. 10

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away.

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near:
believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 28 JANUARY

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Deut 18:15-20

PSALM: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (R.) *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 7:32-35

GOSPEL: Mk 1:21-28

REFLECTION Continued ...

Today's readings provide a litmus test for our conversion. If our faith has become a self-help club, where we talk about 'my' God, 'my' prayers, 'my' Church, 'my' Mass, we are in need of conversion. We don't need to leave God's personal love for us behind, we just need to see it as a necessary preparation for belonging to the people of God as we engage with the world at every level. We are challenged to reject the idea that it's me-and-God-against-the-world, and welcome in the idea that it's *us*-and-God-*in*-the-world.

May this Eucharist give us the strength, resources and intelligence we need to be converted personally and socially again this Sunday.

