



SUNDAY, 4 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 – 10/11 October 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 6/10 5.00pm

Wednesday 7/10 8:00am *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Thursday 8/10 8:00am

Friday 9/10 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:

4 October: Group 4 – Tammy Golding

11 October: Group 5 – Peter McGuinness

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER

(Ezekiel 47:9,12)



The ecumenical Season of Creation began with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September and concludes this **Sunday, 4 October**, on the **Feast of Francis of Assisi**, who is known for his deep love for nature and animals. The **Mass for the Care of Creation** is a special Catholic liturgical service added to the Roman Missal by Pope Leo XIV in June 2025 to pray for environmental stewardship and ecological conversion. This weekend prayers from the Mass for the Care of Creation will be included in our liturgies.

As we transition from the Season of Creation and its theme of Living Water, we are invited to carry its spirit with us. The Season may be coming to a close, but our ecological conversion continues. It is often

in everyday moments that our faith takes deeper root: in wonder before a forest, gratitude for water that sustains us, or a renewed awareness that faith and creation are profoundly connected. Yet the waters also carry a cry. Polluted rivers, threatened ecosystems, and vulnerable communities remind us that what God created to sustain life needs our care.

The Symbol above, shows water flowing from the temple as a sign of God's caring and healing of us. It inspires Christians who receive this water to work together for the renewal of creation and become sources of life for others, allowing God's love to flow through them into the world. It urges us to dive into the "tears" of creation (Romans 8:22-23), by allowing our hearts to be touched by the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Indeed, the Season of Creation is an appropriate time for solidarity with the vulnerable and the poor, chiefly those who suffer from environmental degradation.

On the Feast of St Francis, which is the day before the Pre-COP climate summit begins in Fiji, the Fiji Council of Churches will hold a prayer service and have encouraged people across Australia to mark this

important moment through prayer, holding our Pacific neighbours in our hearts. Australia has a unique responsibility as we are one of the largest exporters of fossil fuels, while also being a close neighbour and partner of Pacific nations. In our services this weekend, we will pray in solidarity with our Pacific neighbours.

God of Creation, source of every river, every ocean, every breath and every life, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of your world. Yet we come with hearts that are also burdened. Our oceans are warming. Our coastlines are changing. Communities face displacement, uncertainty and loss. Those who have contributed least to the climate crisis often carry its greatest burdens. Open our ears to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Open the hearts of leaders and negotiators gathering for Pre-COP31. Turn our prayer into courage, our courage into action, and our action into justice. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Water, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

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:

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

Anniversaries:

Geoff Cole; Lucy Howell; Katherine McGuinness; Jennifer Johnstone; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Kevin Sullivan; Colleen Norman; Ann Dawes; 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 kiama@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: 14 & 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 9:

1st – Jane Stokes (#41);

2nd – Clare Anderson (#26);

3rd – Michael Douglas (#32)

Week 10:

1st – Mary Spillane (#6);

2nd – Mary Clarke (#9);

3rd – Jeff Spillane (#3)

Homestead of Hope runs the Silver Circle, which has 47 numbers based on Tuesdays Oz Lotto. The last number plus the first two supplementary numbers are the winning numbers for the Silver Circle draw. Each Silver Circle runs for 10 weeks. Tickets are \$20 each. We run about 4 times per year. If you would like to purchase a ticket please phone Sue (0408 979 005) or Thea (0450 015 547).
Homestead of Hope

SVDP ROSARY

With SVDP Kiama Conference

The next SVDP Rosary will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church at 4:30pm on Monday, 12 October. If you would like SVDP to include a loved one in the

rosary, please text 0416 928 247. All are welcome to attend.

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.

- **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.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who generously supported the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Through the special collection our parish community has helped support the retirement and health of clergy and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians.

Our parish has contributed **\$1,570.00** to the Appeal.

Tax-deductible donations are still being gratefully received at dow.org.au/giving or call (02) 4222 2400.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE

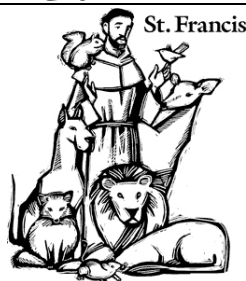
This Season of Creation, our Laudato Si Circle is supporting the push to gather signatures in support of the Fossil Fuel Treaty, as the world's leaders prepare to gather for the Pre-COP Summit in Fiji. By doing so, we will be standing with our Pacific neighbours as they call for a global transition from fossil fuels. This Sunday, 4 October, the Feast of St Francis, our faith community will join with Pacific people in a moment of prayer and spiritual solidarity. Our Laudato Si Circle and supporters will be providing information on how to sign up to the FFT

and information on activities happening, after Mass on 4 October. Looking forward to your support as we stand together for the sake of Creation.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



To celebrate the feast day of St Francis of Assisi there will be a Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, 4 October at 11:30am behind the Presbytery in Kiama. Animals of all types welcome, and their human family as well!

ST MATTHEW'S LIAISON VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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 take on this role, or just want to know more, please contact Louise at the Parish Office - 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

PRIME TIME

Monthly Community Lunch Event
14 October, 10:45am to 1:00pm
Kiama Anglican Church

This month's Prime Time, run by Kiama Anglican Churches, will be about exploring all things postal! Hear about a brief history of the Postal Service and reminisce about how it was in your time. Join us and celebrate in fellowship, fun

and food! Bring along anything postal - postcards, letters, stamps, photos etc. Special Guest Feature: Probus Men's Choir. RSVP Monday 12 October to 4232 2066.

SAVE THE DATE

Next year will mark the 175th anniversary of our Jamberoo, Gerringong and Kiama Parish. We plan to celebrate this milestone of continuous community on 27 November 2027. More info to come.

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!

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI JUBILEE

Three Presentations - October 2026

As part of the **Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi**, the Parish of St Michael, Thirroul, is hosting three presentations exploring the life, spirituality and legacy of Saint Francis on 8, 15 & 22 October, 7:30pm-9:00pm. Presented by Franciscan Friars - **Andrew Granc OFM, Paul Rout OFM and Ken Cafe OFM** - the evenings will offer an opportunity to reflect more deeply on the Franciscan tradition and its relevance for our lives today. The presentations will be held live at **St Michael's Parish Hall, Thirroul**, but you can also participate via Zoom. **For full details, including presentation topics, dates and Zoom information, please go dow.sh/sfjform**

SURVEY OF CATHOLIC COUPLES

The Australian Catholic Bishops want to hear about the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will help inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life.

Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via <https://thepmrc.org/survey>.

All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link. Your contributions would be highly valued.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

4 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.

It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.
(R.)

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS FOR 11 OCTOBER

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

1ST READING: Is 25:6-10

PSALM: Ps 22 (R.) *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

2ND READING: Phil 4:12-14

GOSPEL: Mt 22:1-14