



SUNDAY, 11 AUGUST 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 – 17/18 August 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm
St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	13/8	5:00pm	
Wednesday	14/8	8:00am	<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>
		6:00pm	<i>Vigil Mass for the Assumption</i>
Thursday	15/8	9:30am	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed</i>
		5:00pm (Gerringong)	<i>Virgin Mary</i>
Friday	16/8	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:

11 August: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

18 August: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE

Pope Francis suggests that 'the bread of life' – Jesus – should never be treated as 'a side dish'. True faith in Jesus means recognising that he is the nourisher of our very being.

'We need bread to live', the Pope says. In identifying himself as 'the bread of life', therefore, Jesus wants us to see that he is essential. Through him we find meaning for our lives and nourishment for our souls.

We see in today's Gospel passage that Jesus wants his followers to understand that he is not merely a provider of bread.

The Pope encourages us to embrace our sense of amazement at this mystery. 'No one in this world', the Pope points out, 'as much as they might love another person, can make themselves become food for them.' Jesus is telling us something truly amazing: The bread he gives is his very self!

Interestingly, Jesus chooses to affirm this in response to squabbling within the crowd. They were arguing about Jesus, focused on where he came from. 'Perhaps we too might be scandalised', the Pope suggests, 'it might make us more comfortable to have a God who stays in heaven without getting involved in our life'.

But Jesus' followers are called to help, not hinder his eternal self-giving. As the Pope says, 'God became man to enter into the concrete reality of this world.' We pray that through the Church, in the Eucharist, and in the life of every Christian, Jesus continues to feed the world.



FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT CEREMONY

This weekend at the evening Masses in Kiama, children who are preparing for First Reconciliation will make their prayer of commitment, along with their parents. The prayer of support from the Parish can be found below. Prayer cards for each child participating in the preparation program can be found on the noticeboard at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church. Could Parishioners please take a card and pray for that child during their preparation period. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER OF SUPPORT FROM THE PARISH COMMUNITY:

We want to accompany these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance. May we show our support and pray for these children as they take another step in their faith journey. Amen.

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:

John Petschler; Donna Russell; Karen Davenport; Bob Barabach; Joe O'Neill; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Donoghue; David Yates; Fr Ronald Donoghue; Elsie Weston; Ray Bartley; Warren Beecham; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Bernard Wakim; Barbara Murphy; Lynnette Prestage; Graham Ottey; 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

* Donald Sheehy – 12:00pm, Friday, 16 August, 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

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

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 – 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.



PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 3 – 7 & 21 August, 4 & 18 September.

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

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program can be found on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

* **First Reconciliation** – *Enrolments closed.*

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

* **Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 3

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's Silver Circle:

1st – Irene Cook (#9)

2nd – Sue Svenson (#23)

3rd – Cathy Jardin (#29)

NEW RANGE OF INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our new range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

SVDP ROSARY

The Rosary will be offered for the repose of the soul of Val Mountford on Monday, 12 August at 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.



ASSUMPTION MASSES

14/15 August

Masses for the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, will be as follows:

* **Wednesday, 14 August:** Kiama 6:00pm Vigil Mass

* **Thursday, 15 August:** Kiama 9:30am

* **Thursday, 15 August:** Gerringong 5:00pm

NB: The 8:00am Mass on Wednesday, 14 August will still go ahead, but the 8:00am Mass on Thursday, 15 August will be cancelled.

SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL FAMILY MASS

Sunday 18 August at 5:00pm.

All staff, families and friends of our school community are invited. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful singing of our school choir during the Mass.

JOIN US AND BECOME A CATECHIST!

You are invited and encouraged to continue Jesus' work as missionary disciples and bearers of God's love in our communities by becoming an SRE Catechist in our Parish. Catechists are oftentimes the only person in a child's life to talk with them about God and His unconditional love for them and to pray with them. **There is an opportunity to complete Catechist training on Zoom commencing Monday, 19 August. If you have been wondering about being an SRE Catechist and are still at the enquiry stage, then this is the perfect opportunity to find out more about why we teach and what we teach. It is a chance to "Come and See" what the ministry is about, prior to making a decision about participating in the Ministry.** For more information, please call Gai on 0401 468 209.



Kiama members of Catholic Women's League cordially invite you to attend their **SPRING LUNCHEON**, with guest speaker Melissa Hurley, Disability Trust Music Makers. Men are very welcome to attend. There will also be a Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes.

WHEN: Monday, 23 September, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm

WHERE: Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club, 68 Crooked River Road, Gerroa

COST: \$45 per person

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Account Name: Catholic Women's League Kiama.

BSB: 062 562;

Acc #: 0090 1790

Reference: *Your name (or organisation if paying for a group)*

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To avoid disappointment book early!

RSVP: by 6 September to Anne Hassett, hassett1a@gmail.com (4232 2570) or Gai Delavere, gai.delavere@outlook.com (0401 468 209) with the following information – Name/Organisation, Number Attending and Special Dietary Requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR



St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on Sunday, 27 October. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

You are invited to join with us for our next meeting to be held at 4:00 – 4:45 pm on Thursday, 15 August in the Parish Meeting Room Kiama. We will reflect on this year's theme for the Season of Creation, Hope and Act with Creation and plan for the ARRCC Week of Action 14 - 24 September. For information contact Denis Quinn on 0429 064 496.



The family and close friends of Tom Cullen are very grateful to all the parishioners who attended his recent funeral. Special thanks to Fr Chris and Fr John Knight, the choir members under the guidance of Gary and Angela Quinn, Thomas Nilan, Jeanette Easton, Paul Fogarty and to the kind parishioners who assisted with the morning tea.

"COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE" FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Introduction to "Come And See, Go And Make" (CSGM), and Facilitating CSGM Worksheet Activities (Double-event)

Exploring the vision for parishes, why it matters, and how we can have hope for the future and understanding the parish approach to the Worksheet Activities.

Campbelltown – Monday 2 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm

Wollongong (and Zoom) – Wednesday 4 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm

All welcome! REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://form.jotform.com/242136774128862>

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare and Catholic Education will be holding free technology training at St John the Evangelist High School, Nowra, in September. Seniors can bring their phone, laptop or tablet and students from St John's Catholic High School will assist with tasks such as downloading apps, sending messages, google maps and much more. The sessions will be held over 4 weeks on a Monday, but please take note of the time variance.

- Monday 2 September: 9.30-11.10am
 - Monday 9 September: 12.00-1.45pm
 - Monday 16 September: 9.30-11.10am
 - Monday 23 September: 12.00-1.45pm
- In addition to this, CatholicCare will be holding an information session on Aged Care and how to get into the My Aged Care system, along with keeping your mind fit, on Monday 2 September after the first session, from 12pm-1.30pm. Be sure to ask about this when registering. Please call Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

INSTITUTED MINISTRIES FORMATION

Sr Monica Barlow is running formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at:

* **Eagle Vale:** Mary Immaculate Parish, 61 Emerald Drive – Monday evenings, 12 and 26 August from 7:30pm- 9:30pm

* **Kiama:** Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, 96 Manning Street, Saturday mornings, 7 and 14 September from 10:30am – 12:30pm.

Attendance at the second session is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session.

Register for the first of these formation sessions using the following links:

Eagle Vale: dow.sh/imf24eaglevale

Kiama: dow.sh/imf24kiama

POSITION VACANT

Recruitment Coordinator – 1 day pw
Palms Australia seeks a passionate and committed Recruitment Coordinator to join the friendly team at our office in Petersham. Initially one day per week, \$64,731 p.a. pro rata. For the full Job Description, contact Palms on 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

11 AUGUST 2024

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God,

and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me.

Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life.

I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert

and they are dead;

but this is the bread that comes down from heaven,

so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give

is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 11 AUGUST

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Prov 9:1-6

PSALM: Ps 33:2-3, 10-15 (R.) *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

2ND READING: Eph 5:15-20

GOSPEL: Jn 6:51-58

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.



John 6:51