



# SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST 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 – 8/9 August 2026

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   | 4/8 | 5.00pm | St John Vianney                 |
| Wednesday | 5/8 | 8:00am |                                 |
| Thursday  | 6/8 | 8:00am | The Transfiguration of the Lord |
| Friday    | 7/8 | 9:30am |                                 |

#### RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

**Every Saturday:** 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (except Easter Saturday).

**WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS:** by arrangement.

**BAPTISMS:** Kiama – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

#### COUNTER'S ROSTER:

**2 August:** Group 4 – Mike Doherty

**9 August:** Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

## REFLECTION – FOOD IN DUE SEASON

By Scott Hahn



In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare—given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table.

This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23).

Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did—satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42–44).

Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper—He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26).

Jesus instructed His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him. And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36).

And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets—corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14).

In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

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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:**

*Bede Cummins; Graham Murphy; Ann Dawes; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### **Anniversaries:**

*Joey O'Neill; Ray Bartley; Jack & May Vinson; Mary Newn; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### **Recently Deceased:**

*David Johnson; Fr Rick McCann; June Costello; Dorothea Wright; Wladyslaw Malysiak; Mary Suggan; Paul Quinn; Guy Lee; Terence Barrett; Peter Donnelly; 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](mailto: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 3 2026: 5 & 19 August;  
2 & 16 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 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

Information about the 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

### ENROLMENT DATES

\* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

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

\* **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

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.

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

### Week 1:

1<sup>st</sup> – Colleen Easton (#17);

2<sup>nd</sup> – Bernadette Condon (#39);

3<sup>rd</sup> – Steve McGuinness (#43)

## **MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP**

### **\* Assumption 2026**

Regarding the celebration of the Assumption, Bishop Brian Mascord advises the following:

*"Saturday, 15 August is the Holy Day of Obligation, therefore the Vigil Mass on Friday is for the Assumption. Morning Mass on Saturday 15 August is for the Assumption. These masses would fulfill the requirement for the Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 15 August would be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time and not the Feast of Assumption."*

### **\* Portiuncula Indulgence**

The Portiuncula Indulgence is observed throughout the Church annually on 2 August, which is a Sunday this year. A plenary indulgence may be obtained on this day, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful who devoutly visit their parish church.

## **ASSUMPTION MASSES**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, 15 August** is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at **9:00am at both Ss Peter and Paul Kiama and St Mary's Gerringong.**

## **GERRINGONG NEWS**

\* The next **Quarterly Meeting** will be held this Sunday, 2 August after the 9:30am Mass. All welcome.

## **COUNTERS NEEDED**

We are in need of more counters to count the weekend collections. Our pool of volunteers is very small and we are seeking extra volunteers to help spread the workload. Typically, counting is done on a Sunday evening in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room and takes around 1 hour, however it is also possible to do it on a Monday at a more suitable time if this suits a team better. With the current 4 teams, each team counts once a month, but with more teams there would be a bigger break for everyone. If you are interested or like more information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

## **MUSICIANS NEEDED FOR 8:00AM MASS AT KIAMA**

The 8:00am Sunday Mass in Kiama needs musicians to play the piano or organ, or any instrument, or to sing. We are desperate to recruit new members. Please contact Leonie Dewhurst on 4232 1201 if you can help.

## **FREE!!!**

Upright piano, good condition. Must organise removal. Call Gai on 0401 468 209.

## **COFFEE CAKE & CONVERSATION**

You are invited to our Parishioner's morning tea on Friday, 7 August in Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room following the Catholic Women's League 9:30am Mass.



## **WINTER WARMER WELCOME SOCIAL EVENING**

**Thursday, 6 August. 5:30pm arrival for 6:00pm start.**

Our Kiama Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) group would like to host a social evening in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall for all past and current RCIA catechumens and candidates, as well as any parishioners who would like to meet and welcome the newest members of our community. A homemade three-course meal will be provided, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another in a relaxed and friendly setting. This is simply an evening of fellowship and connection. Bring a friend, neighbour, family members or children – everyone is welcome. Why not take a night off from cooking! Arrive anytime from 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. **If you would like to come along please RSVP to Angela Quinn on 0418 403 691.** We'd love to see you there. Whether you've been part of our parish for many years or are just getting to know our community, this is a wonderful chance to share a meal, make new friendships and extend a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish family.



## **SVDP WINTER APPEAL**

### **FOOD AND TOILETRY DONATIONS**



Donations of food and toiletries to SVDP Kiama are welcomed and may be left in the designated baskets in our churches. The baskets will be in place for the rest of winter.

## **CATECHIST CORNER**

### **Have you considered becoming a Catechist?**

It's not as difficult as you may think. All you need is a love of your faith, willing to do some training, and enjoy being with young children.



The children in our public schools need teachers to help them learn the truths of our Catholic faith and know the love of Jesus in their lives to help guide them in all that they do. We are always in need and there are currently classes without teachers, so children are missing out. There is a 5-week training course commencing 3 August to prepare you to become a Catechist in our Parish. The course is run via zoom or in person in Wollongong each Monday, 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Even if you are initially unsure about becoming a Catechist, the course will help you discern whether or not you can commit. At least, it will deepen the knowledge of your faith as it covers many and varied topics relating to our faith. Please contact Gai on 0401 468 209 for more information.

## **DIOCESAN NEWS**

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe at [dow.sh/stayingconnected](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

## **MASS FOR ST MARY MACKILLOP**



A Mass for the Solemnity of St Mary MacKillop will be celebrated at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 12:10pm on Saturday, 8 August.

All are welcome to attend.

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

2 AUGUST 2026

## FIRST READING

[Isaiah 55:1-3](#)

*Hasten and eat.*

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;  
though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat,  
and, at no cost, wine and milk.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have  
good things to eat  
and rich food to enjoy.  
Pay attention, come to me;  
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting  
covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16](#)

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of  
compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his  
creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due  
time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

[Romans 8:35. 37-39](#)

*No creature can separate us from the  
love of God, which is in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the  
love of Christ, even if we are troubled  
or worried, or being persecuted, or  
lacking food or clothes, or being  
threatened or even attacked. These are  
the trials through which we triumph, by  
the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death  
nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing  
that exists, nothing still to come, not  
any power, or height or depth, nor any  
created thing, can ever come between  
us and the love of God made visible in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

[Matthew 4:4](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the  
mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

*They all ate and were satisfied.*

When Jesus received the news of John  
the Baptist's death he withdrew by  
boat to a lonely place where they could  
be by themselves. But the people  
heard of this and, leaving the towns,  
went after him on foot. So as he  
stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;  
and he took pity on them and healed  
their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went  
to him and said, 'This is a lonely place,  
and the time has slipped by; so send  
the people away, and they can go to  
the villages to buy themselves some  
food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need  
for them to go: give them something  
to eat yourselves.' But they answered,

'All we have with us is five loaves and  
two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he  
said. He gave orders that the people  
were to sit down on the grass; then he  
took the five loaves and the two fish,  
raised his eyes to heaven and said the  
blessing. And breaking the loaves he  
handed them to his disciples who gave  
them to the crowds. They all ate as  
much as they wanted, and they  
collected the scraps remaining, twelve  
baskets full. Those who ate numbered  
about five thousand men, to say  
nothing of women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## READINGS FOR 9 AUGUST

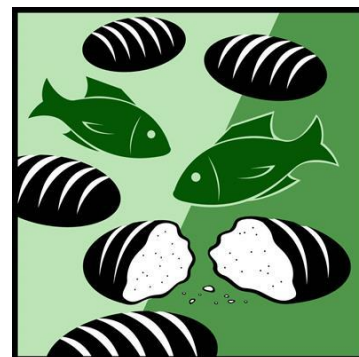
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
Year A/1

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13

PSALM: Ps 84:9-14 (R.) *Lord, show us  
your mercy and love, and grant us your  
salvation.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Rom 9:1-5

GOSPEL: Mt 14:122-33



## Scriptural Context

### Food for all

*This miraculous feeding is the first of two  
such accounts in the gospel of Matthew.  
(It also appears twice in Mark and once  
in both Luke and John.) In this account,  
there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These  
baskets represent the twelve tribes of  
Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one  
who provides nourishment and satisfaction  
for the entire Jewish population. The  
imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-  
39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and  
satisfies the gentile people. Between them,  
the two accounts present Jesus as the one  
who provides spiritual food for all.*