



SUNDAY, 23 JUNE 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 – 29/30 June 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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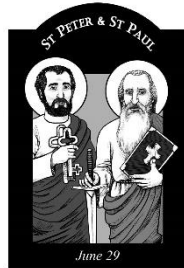
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	25/6	5:00pm
Wednesday	26/6	8:00am
Thursday	27/6	8:00am
Friday	28/6	9:30am <i>St Irenaeus</i>



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:

23 June: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

30 June: Group 2 – Irene Cook

REFLECTION

GOD IS SPEAKING

Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Mark 4:38-39

Do you desire to hear God speak to you? The most common way this happens is through prayerful meditation on the Gospels. Over the centuries, the saints have prayerfully pondered the Gospels and have offered various insights on the stories and our Lord's actions. Their insights are not primarily an intellectual exercise. Rather, they are first an exercise of prayer and meditation, revealing that the Scriptures have various layers of depth and meaning.

One Church Father, Saint Bede, explains from his prayerful pondering of today's Gospel passage that the

boat in which Jesus crossed the sea represents the Cross by which safe passage is obtained to arrive at the shores of Heaven. The other boats that followed represent those who have faith in the Cross of Christ and follow. Though they suffer the waves of temptation and hardship, they press on, relying upon the saving power of the Cross. Jesus being asleep represents His sleep of death, and His wakening represents His resurrection. The pleas of the disciples represent our need to turn to Jesus during the storms and temptations of life. The rebuke of the waves and the ensuing calm reveal the grace won by His death and resurrection, which is able to silence the demons and disordered passions. The fear that the disciples encountered points to our own fear that results from a lack of faith and trust in God.

God is able to speak these and many other truths to us through His actions and words contained in the Scriptures. There is no limit to the depth and

meaning we can receive through His holy Word. Therefore, though it is useful to reflect upon the saints' various interpretations of the Gospels, it is also very important to reflect upon these passages ourselves, so as to allow our Lord to reveal to us the message we need to hear.

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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; Geoff Long; Bob Barabach; Joe O'Neill; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Jack Vinson; Tony Condron; Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; Donato Di Salvio; Kye Yates; Greg Swords; Alf and Ellen Nimmo; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Timothy Griffiths; 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



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 2 - 26 June.

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 is now published 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:

* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Reconciliation** – 2 August

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 8

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

1st – Irene Cook (#9)

2nd – Sheelagh Abela (#47)

3rd – Vonnie Gee (#17)

CONFIRMATION 2024



Our very important night is near. This Thursday, 27 June at 7:00pm, our Parish will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for our young parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers. Bishop Brian has delegated our Parish Priest, Fr Chris, to officiate and confer this Sacrament on the candidates. We look forward to this very special occasion in our Parish. Please take some time to read through the children's Saint's Projects that are displayed in Ss Peter and Paul Church. The children have certainly tried their very best with these. Thanks and blessings for journeying with our young parishioners during the Confirmation program. *Colleen Easton, Confirmation Coordinator*

2024/2025 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

For those who are currently giving by envelopes, your new sets for 2024/2025 are now available at the back of each church. If you would like to sign up to Planned Giving, change to direct debit, or you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Conference will be holding their annual Winter Appeal this weekend. Cash donations can be made after each Mass. If you prefer, you can use the envelopes provided on that weekend. You can also assist those in need with donations of non-perishable food items which can be left in the containers at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS - MASS OF ST FRANCIS

Bishop Brian has asked for a new setting of the Mass be learned throughout the Diocese. The Kiama Parish will hold a session for parishioners and choir to familiarise themselves with the new tunes. All are welcome!

Date: Tuesday, 2 July

Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Where: Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama

JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREAT

Praying with the Aramaic Jesus:

Friday 28 June to Sunday 30 June

*A weekend retreat with Sr Magdalen
Mather osb*

In the framework of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, this weekend retreat will meet the Jesus who was Jewish, spoke Aramaic and was formed in a Middle Eastern culture. Through this lens we will meditate together and contemplate some well-known words and teachings of Jesus, providing a wealth of rich meaning to nourish our prayer and spiritual life. Pensioner discount or other reductions according to need are available.

CONTACT: Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email:

cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

A KATANDRA WOMEN'S A CAPPELLA

FUND-RAISING EVENTS, 29 JUNE

* **South Coast Sings** - Kiama Pavilion. Music Workshops: 9:30am – 4:30pm
Public Concert: 3:30pm. South Coast Sings ~ goes Latin! is a chance for singers of all ages and vocal experience to enjoy workshops exploring Latin Songs and Dance, Music Theatre and Latin Jazz styles. Sing Out! Members of the public are warmly invited to attend the South Coast Sings Goes Latin Concert. Doors open at 3:15pm (Concert Tickets also

available at the door). **Workshops and Concert** : \$65pp and \$30 for Students. **Afternoon Concert only:** \$20 and \$15 concession. Children under 12 free. Tickets available online on [TRYBOOKING.COM/CQBPK](https://trybooking.com/CQBPK). All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Children's Medical Research Institute.

* **The Big Swing!** – Join us from 7:00pm -11:00pm, Kiama Pavilion for a BIG night out! Dance the evening away to the fabulous music of the '16 piece' BEACHSIDE BIG BAND with vocalists Lionel and Hayley. There will be a large dance floor with plenty of room to move. You can book a table for 12 or come and make new friends. All proceeds from THE BIG SWING will be donated to the SALT MINISTRY in Nowra. Tickets are \$50 pp. BYO Drinks and Nibbles. Glasses provided. Tickets available online on [TRYBOOKING.COM/CQQT](https://trybooking.com/CQQT)

REQUIEM MASS FOR TOM CULLEN



The Parish will celebrate the life of Tom Cullen on **Saturday, 6 July at 10:30am in Ss Peter and Paul Church** with Sacred Mass, Morning Tea and Interment of Tom's ashes. Everyone is welcome.

INSTITUTED LECTOR AND ACOLYTE FORMATION

On 6 and 13 July, Sr Monica Barlow will run 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 the Xavier Centre Conference Room in Wollongong from 10:30am – 12:30pm on Saturday mornings, 6 and 13 July. Attendance at the second session on 13 July is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session. A link for registering for these formation sessions will be in the Parish Bulletin next week 29/30 June.

SYDNEY ISTDAND CAMP

Forgiven and Free: Wednesday 17 July – Friday 19 July, Carmel House, Varroville

iSTAND Events are for students in year 9 -12 (age 14-18 yrs) and are a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow young people in a welcoming environment while learning more about yourself, others and God. This iSTAND Weekend will include activities such as games, group activities, prayer, reflection, testimonies and talks.

COST: \$160 inclusive of all food and activities.

Registration:

<https://form.jotform.com/240807884793875>

MENALIVE MAX NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Varroville, 19 - 21 July

Many men have benefited from the challenges, encouragement and faithful brotherhood that comes from menALIVE. Here's a chance for men from all round Australia to come together- be renewed in faith for action, for good - and it is happening in our Diocese- so don't miss this. It's time to book your spot and stoke the desire to become fully alive as the men we have been created to be. For more information and to book go to <https://menalive.org.au/events/max-weekend-2024> or email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or phone 0408 236 191.

SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday, 25 August** at 2:00pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2024> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday, 29 July.

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

23 JUNE 2024

FIRST READING

Job 38:1. 8-11

Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors

when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,

when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands;

when I marked the bounds it was not to cross

and made it fast with a bolted gate? Come thus far, I said, and no farther:

here your proud waves shall break.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters. These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led them to the haven they desired. Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

All things are made new.

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;

God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and

said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 30 JUNE

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2

1ST READING: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

PSALM: Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 (R.) *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

2ND READING: 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

GOSPEL: Mk 5:21-24, 35-43

REFLECTION CONTINUED ...

Reflect, today, upon this Gospel scene. Try to find time to slowly read today's Gospel from beginning to end. Read a sentence and then close your eyes and try to imagine it. See Jesus entering the boat. Ponder the boat being an image of the Cross. See the sea as the many evils within this world. Consider the fear the disciples encountered during the storm. See yourself in that boat, waking our Lord. Listen to Him silence the waves and restore peace. Hear Him say to you about your own struggles in life: "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" As you prayerfully meditate upon this and other Gospel passages, know that God will speak to you and reveal to you the meaning that He wishes to communicate to you today.

My sleeping Lord, as I endure the many storms of life, may I always have faith in the saving power of Your Cross and Resurrection. May I always call upon You to calm the storms and hear You speak to me the many truths I need to hear. Jesus, I trust in You.

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