



SUNDAY, 7 JULY 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 – 13/14 July 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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Presbytery: 94 Manning Street, Kiama **Parish Office:** 96 Manning Street (PO Box 299), Kiama

Parish Secretary: Louise Cobby **Office Hours:** 9am - 1pm (Tues to Thurs); 9am - 4pm (Fri)

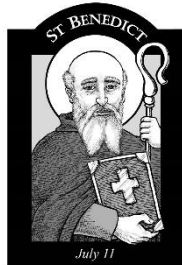
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	9/7	5:00pm	
Wednesday	10/7	8:00am	
Thursday	11/7	8:00am	St Benedict
Friday	12/7	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:

7 July: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

14 July: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

A LIGHT THAT BURNS BRIGHT

The theme for NAIDOC Week, which starts this Sunday, is *Keep the Fire Burning! Blak, Loud and Proud!* Now in its 49th year, NAIDOC Week has the aim of celebrating and recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is also an opportunity for all Australians to learn about the cultures and histories of First Nations' peoples.

The theme of light and fire was also prominent when the Forgiveness Cross on Memory Mountain was officially launched at Easter last year. 'Let there be light!' was the cry of Kieran Multa, Ikuntji Elder, on the evening of Good Friday in Central Australia when the Cross was illuminated.

The Indigenous-led vision to construct a 20-metre Cross on the summit of Memory Mountain reflects the faith, culture and creativity of the local

Aboriginal people. Memory Mountain is located near Haasts Bluff in the Northern Territory.

In 2009, local elders shared their vision with landscape photographer Ken Duncan to build a cross on the mountain. Inspired by their concept, Duncan established the Walk a While Foundation in 2010. He had no idea at that time, the vision would include a 20-metre steel cross that would be seen for hundreds of kilometres at night when lit.

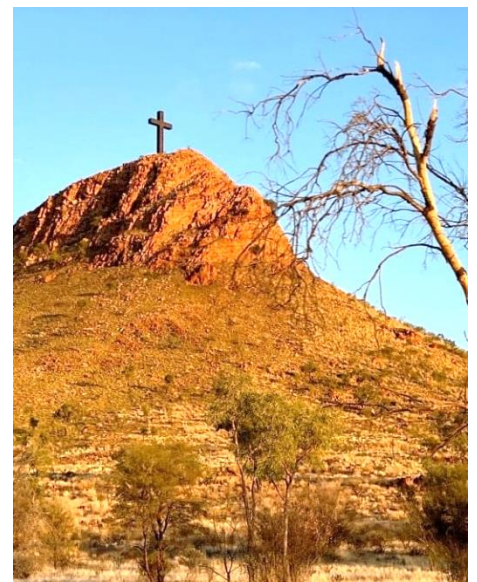
The journey to bring this project to fruition brought many challenges before construction was completed in late 2022. "The Aboriginal people have had to fight hard against bureaucracy and all sorts of challenges. They've had to stand up to people and say, 'No, this is our cross,'" said Duncan.

The Cross hopes to attract visitors from around Australia and the world to 'foster connection, understanding, relationship reconciliation and

economic benefit' with local indigenous people.

"It makes me feel really proud to have black and white come together. It doesn't matter what nationality you are; an image of God is one," said Keiran Multa, an Ikuntji Elder.

NAIDOC Week runs until Sunday, 14 July.



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:

Darley Davey; Eileen Milne; Clare Patton; Jack Vinson; Tony Condron; Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; Donato Di Salvio; Kye Yates; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Catherine Goddard; Paula Lester; Peter Stuckey; 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.

FUNERALS

- * Peter Stuckey – 11:00am, Monday, 8 July, St Matthew's Jamberoo
- * Paula Lester – 10:00am, Tuesday, 9 July, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
- * Catherine Goddard – 10:00am, Wednesday, 10 July, St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong

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 – 24 July, 7 & 221 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 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 10

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

- 1st – June Uphill (#29)
- 2nd – Sue Svenson (#23)
- 3rd – Denise Adams (#34)

Our thanks to all our supporters of Homestead of Hope.

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.

LIVESTREAM LINK FOR TOM CULLEN'S REQUIEM MASS



For those who were not able to attend Tom's funeral on Saturday and who wish to watch the Mass, the link to the saved livestream will be available online for 9 months at:

<https://jummedia.com.au/live/thomas-cullen/>

SVDP ROSARY

St V de P's next two rosary intentions will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church on the following dates:

- Monday, 8 July, 9:00am - Bishop Peter Ingham
- Monday, 12 August 12, 5:00pm - Val Mountford

All welcome.





Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend at all Masses in Kiama we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

For more information about ACN visit <https://aidtochurch.org/>

KBECET PIE DRIVE



Thank you to everyone who kindly supported the pie drive fundraiser for KBECET and Vinnies. Through your generosity, 33 pies will be donated to Vinnies for people in need over these winter months. **Your orders can be collected on Monday, 8 July from Kiama Anglican Church Meeting Hall 2.30pm-5:00pm.** For alternative arrangements please call me. Thank you and blessings. Gai Delavere. 0401 468 209

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST CHURCH SCHOOL, JAMBEROO

July marks the anniversary of the first Church School in the Wollongong diocese. The land on which St Matthew's stands was given in 1838, and by 1839 a wooden building was constructed to serve a dual function as a church and school. Forty years before St Matthew's Church was opened in 1879, there was a generation who gathered on the same patch of land to break bread, to pray and to lead their children into the light of faith in Jesus Christ. Many of the people who came to Mass at Jamberoo had migrated from Ireland, however the congregation was a mixture of people of Anglo-Celtic ancestry with others from Continental Europe.

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE DAY TRIP

Date: Tuesday 13 August, **Cost:** \$115.
Includes: Light morning tea en-route, guided museum tour at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney, light lunch served at Mary MacKillop Place and return coach transport. Departing from Kiama Bowling Club at 7.10am and Blue Haven Bus Stop Terralong Street at 7.15am. Bookings essential. Please contact Kiama Scenic Tours. Freecall 1800 611 735. Office Hours 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups, youth organisations, Alpha Graduates, Cursillo Members and the Disciples of Jesus, to join us in charismatic prayer for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for healing prayer after Mass and a cup of tea/coffee. **Celebrant:** Fr Mark De Battista. "COME AND SEE". Friday 12 July (2nd Friday of every month), Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong. 7:00pm Praise and Worship, 7:30pm Holy Mass. **Info:** Gabriella De Battista - 0414 205 404

CREATOR'S MARK ART PRIZE

The Inaugural *Creator's Mark Art Prize and Exhibition* is a weekend long Charity Art Show and Community Event, celebrating creativity and showcasing local artists and artworks based on this year's theme; "*Rhythms of Grace*". It will be held from 27-29 September in the Gerringong Town Hall. We invite submissions in paint, pencil and mixed media (on canvas and in sculpture), that explore and celebrate the natural wonder and beauty of the Illawarra and its connection to the rhythms and spirituality of its people. We offer generous prizes in three categories: **Open (18 + years):** First Prize: \$3000, Second Prize: \$2000, Third Prize: \$1000
Youth (12-17 years): \$750
People's Choice Award: \$500 Levers Gift Voucher
Under 12 Developing Artist Category: \$100

Entries for artists are now open and close 31 August. For more details visit

<https://sites.google.com/view/creatorsmark2024/start-here>

NATIONAL NAIDOC WEEK

Embracing Acceptance and Reconciliation



National NAIDOC Week celebrations are held annually across Australia in the first week of July, from Sunday to Sunday. It is dedicated to celebrating and recognising the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In 2024, NAIDOC Week takes place from 7-14 July, featuring the theme "*Keep the Fire Burning: Blak, Loud and Proud.*" **Coinciding with NAIDOC Week, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday on 7 July.** This day brings Catholics from all corners of Australia together to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples. The celebration aligns perfectly with the message of NAIDOC Week, emphasizing the importance of acceptance and reconciliation. The Australian Catholic Bishops, in their 2023-2024 Social Justice Statement: *Listen Learn Love*, encourage Australians to embrace this culture of encounter through a renewed engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The bishops advocate for a love that seeks out Indigenous peoples, listens to their wisdom, and walks with them to a place where all are freed from injustice and oppression. NAIDOC Week 2024 is a call to all Australians to listen, learn, and engage in meaningful dialogue, fostering a society where the contributions of Indigenous peoples are fully valued and respected.

THE JOURNEY - YOUR DIOCESAN WEEKLY PODCAST

On The Journey This Week: Fr Brian Steele MGL says that unless we see God in Jesus, he cannot work the miracle of taking us to himself. Mother Hilda says God's always in the cycle of our life. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

7 JULY 2024

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is

enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 14 JULY

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Amos 7:2-15

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

2ND READING: Eph 1:3-14

GOSPEL: Mk 6:7-13



SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Lack of faith

The final sentence of today's gospel tells us that Jesus was amazed at the lack of faith displayed by his home town. It is a feature of the Gospel of Mark that the accomplishment of miracles is associated with the faith of those involved. The section of the gospel that surrounds this passage deals with the lack of faith and understanding displayed by the disciples. The home town experience is a lesson to the disciples that in the absence of faith, the ministry of Jesus and those who follow him will falter. Only those who truly believe can participate in this ministry and share in the miraculous works of Jesus.