



# SUNDAY, 21 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 – 27/28 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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### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	23/7	5:00pm
Wednesday	24/7	8:00am
Thursday	25/7	8:00am <i>St James</i>
Friday	26/7	9:30am <i>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne</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 – 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:**

**21 July: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor**

**27 July: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist**

## **REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ**

I know very few people these days who work from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The eight-hour day seems to be a thing of the past. Where priests regularly encounter these new work patterns is when we see young people who are preparing for marriage in the Church. Sometimes to arrange a meeting we have to resort to a 6.30am or 10.00pm meeting. Some young people are working sixty hours a week. They take work home and work on the weekends. We know from surveys that they eat out most of the time, they party hard when they get the chance, and that Sunday is spent on the home front, going to the gym or sleeping. Then on Monday they start the process again.

Two things drive this obsessive work practice: competition in the job market, and the financial bonuses offered to the employees. The problem is that this practice cannot be a long-term strategy. At the other end of the scale we all know people, only in their 30s and 40s, who are burnt out and feel used by a ruthless commercial market-place.

This culture of exhaustion is not confined to the young corporate raiders. Most people

in our country have never worked as hard, with so many claims on our time and energies.

Excessive demands on one's time, no matter how great the needs and rewards, were issues for Jesus and the Apostles as well. The best translation of the Greek text for today's gospel says that after the apostles returned from their missionary journeys 'there were many coming and going and they had no leisure, even to eat'.

Jesus' call to 'come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while' is not just about good work practises and ethical employment policy. It is about humanising our work, making sense of what we do and seeing our work as means to an end, not an end in itself.

The social teaching of the Church, especially in Pope John Paul's statements about labour and the rights of workers, repeatedly stresses three aspects to work:

– it gives us dignity. Governments and employers must not allow a work culture to develop where we lose our sense of personal importance, where we are treated like just another cog in the wheel;

– work enables us to improve the standard of living for us and our families;

– through working we develop our talents and gifts which builds up society as a whole.

Rest from work is a key factor in the success of all three aspects being achieved in any community. A culture of exhaustion militates against them. The bottom line in all this is appropriate boundaries.

Mark tells us today that though Jesus was moved to compassion by the needs of the crowd, he also knew that their needs were not the only ones that had to be met. Jesus teaches his disciples and us that the balance between work and rest is an obligation of faith. This applies equally to work inside and outside the family home.

So this Sunday's Gospel carries a critical message for the modern world. Rest, recreation and leisure are not indulgences about which we should feel guilty. They are rights defended by Christ and protect our human dignity.

I hope today you have a well-earned break.

# 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:

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

### Anniversaries:

Elsie Weston; Ray Bartley; Warren Beecham; Alma Ellison; Darley Davey; Eileen Milne; Clare Patton; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Recently Deceased:

Barbara Murphy; Lynnette Prestage; Graham Ottey; Fr Pat Kenna; Mary Newn; Catherine Goddard; Paula Lester; Peter Stuckey; 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

\* Graham Ottey – 11:00am, Friday, 26 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 [kiamo@dow.org.au](mailto:kiamo@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 can be found on the Parish website. For details visit [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program](http://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** – 2 August
- \* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September
- \* **Confirmation** – Completed for 2024.

## GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting for St Mary's Gerringong will be held after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 4 August in St Mary's Meeting Room. All welcome.

## 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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Our Conference members would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to our recent Winter Appeal. We know

we live in a very generous parish community, one which cares about how their neighbour is managing and we offer great thanks to anyone who donated money, from small to very large sums, to help raise the **\$18,345** we now have to fund our work over the coming months. Additionally, once again we have a fully stocked cupboard which has now been complemented with pies donated from the KBCET pie drive. You have made a huge difference to helping us help our clients to meet the challenges they will continue to face in the months to come.





There were two small wooden boards left in St Matthew's Hall following Peter Stuckey's funeral. Please call Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548 to arrange collection. Thank you.

## **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>

## **FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS**

CatholicCare and Catholic Education will be holding free technology training at St John the Evangelist High School 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](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## **2024 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 St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. 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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by no later than Monday, 29 July 2024.

## **SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP**

We invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop on **Thursday 8 August at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 12:10pm.** To assist us with catering, kindly RSVP with the number of attendees by emailing [liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:liturgy@dow.org.au). For those who are unable to join the diocesan celebration, you may wish to join the Eucharistic livestream Mass from Mary MacKillop Place at 10:3am via Link: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/lppm-amzmOb0>



## **URGENT MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRIAN ON THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, It has been brought to my attention a crisis affecting our diocese that I feel compelled to share with you all. Currently, over 350 children and young people in NSW are in urgent need of foster care, with nearly 100 of them residing in our diocese. These vulnerable young people are placed in high-cost emergency accommodations, such as hotels and caravan parks, without the stability and nurturing relationships they deserve. It is imperative that we come together to offer these children a loving

and secure environment by opening our homes and hearts. Whether through weekend respite care or full-time fostering, we can make a significant impact on their lives.

I urge you to watch and share a video I have created outlining the challenges faced by the foster care system in our diocese at [dow.sh/bmfc24](https://dow.sh/bmfc24) and consider reaching out to CatholicCare Wollongong at 4227 1122 to inquire about becoming a foster carer. Your support can provide these children with the love and stability they need to thrive. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and may we all strive to be the loving, faithful families these children deserve.

## **COMPASS: CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND**

**13 – 15 September**

**Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility, Oakdale**

Join with families of all ages and stages to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size). Camping and Bunk Room Options: You may like to pitch a tent, stay in a caravan, camper or swag. There are also male and female dormitory rooms with bunk beds. These will be allocated during registration on a first-come-first-served basis and will require strict supervision of children by parents/guardians. Come and join in the fun with other awesome people from around the Diocese.

To register: <https://dow.sh/cfwsept24>

## **GROWING GOOD MEN**

**Father And Teenage Son Weekend Experience, 25–27 October**  
**Cataract Activity Centre, Appin**

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

Register online: <https://dow.sh/ggm24>

# 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

21 JULY 2024

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

*The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.*

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v.2

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness

no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and  
your staff,

with these you give me  
comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for  
me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13-18

*Christ, our peace, has made us one.*

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the  
Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-34

*They were as sheep without a shepherd.*

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## READINGS – 28 JULY

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
Year B/2

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: 2 Kg 4:42-44

PSALM: Ps 144:10-11, 15-18 (R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Eph 4:1-6

GOSPEL: Jn 6:1-15

