



SUNDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

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 September 2025

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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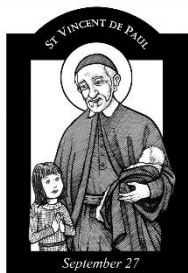
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	23/9	5.00pm	St Pius of Pietrelcina
Wednesday	24/9	8:00am	
Thursday	25/9	8:00am	
Friday	26/9	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.

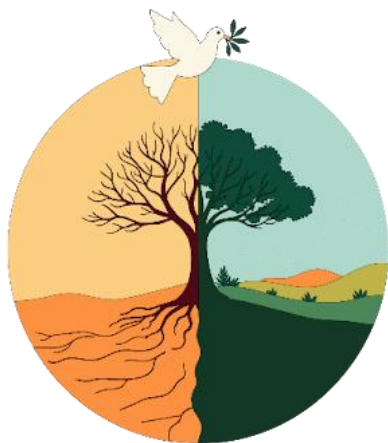
BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

21 September: Group 2 – Ross Smith

28 September: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

SEASON OF CREATION



The 2025 Symbol is inspired by Isaiah 32:14-18. Titled "Garden of Peace," it depicts a white dove flying over a tree. The left side of the tree is barren, with roots digging into dry soil, surrounded by an arid, desolate landscape.

In contrast, the right side of the tree is lush and green, standing amidst a flourishing landscape. The dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak, flies toward the right—symbolizing peace as a transition from a war-torn,

overexploited land to one that is fertile, thriving, and hospitable. Through this year's Season of Creation, we reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace. This Sunday, 21 September, is the Third Sunday of the Season of Creation. It coincides with the Feast of St Matthew, who was the disciple Jesus called from an urban finance career serving the wealthy Empire to partaking in a movement of the rural poor for justice. The implicit truth is that when there is an abuse of justice, peace is not possible.

In his address on the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that: 'As yet, we seem incapable of recognizing that the destruction of nature does not affect everyone in the same way. When justice and peace are trampled underfoot, those who are most hurt are the poor, the marginalized and the excluded. The suffering of indigenous communities is emblematic in this

regard. That is not all. Nature itself is reduced at times to a bargaining chip, a commodity to be bartered for economic or political gain.'

A CALL TO ACTION FROM POPE LEO XIV

**"The Effect of Justice Will Be
Peace"**

God calls us to be peacemakers (Matthew 5:9). We are called to live in peace, worship the Creator, and work for a just and sustainable community that aligns with God's eternal plans. As co-workers with the Creator, we must embody peace with all of Creation. "My people shall abide in a peaceful habitation" (v18). God's peace is unconditional, rooted in justice and righteousness for all people and Creation. Peace cannot exist for only a few.

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:

Joy Fardy; Joy Raines; Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Virgil O'Halloran; Lucy Howell; Valetta McDonald; Reno Said; Gloria Rawlin; Suzanne Cole; Jennifer Johnstone; Nancy Voss; Warren Beecham; Leo, May & Anthony Russell; Pat McAuley; Ann Tinney; Kevin Quinn; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Ian Campbell; Tim Cooney; Charlie Kirk; Iryna Zarutsky; Cecil Lindley; Dorothea Quinn; 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 their non-Catholic partners.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiama@dow.org.au

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** - 11:00am to 12:00pm, 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.**



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 us you can do so in the following ways:

- * **Second Collection at Mass.**
- * **Donation Point Tap devices** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that 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.

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.

** 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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

Term 4: 22 October; 6 & 20 November; 4 & 18 December.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** - Finished for 2025.
- * **First Reconciliation** - Finished for 2025.
- * **First Holy Communion** - see notice below.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend in our Parish, children and their parents will be making their prayer of commitment for the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. **Prayer cards for the children are available at the back of the Church.** Please take one, or more, and pray for that child during the preparation program. We keep all these children and their families in our prayers at this time. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Ss Peter and Paul Church on the feast of Christ the King at 11:00am on Saturday, 22 November.



PRAYER OF SUPPORT FROM THE PARISH COMMUNITY

We want to accompany these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

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 5:

- 1st - Mary Farrugia (#7);
- 2nd - Anonymous (#33);
- 3rd - Helen McInerney (#30)

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855.

KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

Date: Saturday 18 October.

Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm start.

Place: Point Ministry Centre, Kiama Anglican Church.

Cost: \$35 pp.

Bookings with Louise at the Parish office. Cash on booking or pay by EFT to BSB 082 662 Acc# 249030854. Please state DINNER and your SURNAME when paying by EFT. Please come and meet the new KHS Scripture Teacher, enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship within our local Christian community. Inquiries to Gai Delavere 0401 468 209.

FORMATION FOR INSTITUTED MINISTRIES OF ACOLYTE AND LECTOR

Formation For Instituted Ministries of Acolyte and Lector will take place at the Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong on 30 November from 9:30am to 1:00pm including the celebration of Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10:30am. To register: dow.sh/im25.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

All are invited to join with us for our next meeting to be held from 4:30 -5:15pm on Thursday 25 September in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. We will pray and act in the spirit of the Season of Creation 2025 "Peace with Creation" for our suffering planet; (LD2) and effective climate action by Governments in the lead up to COP 30 in Belem, Brazil. For information call Denis Quinn: 0429 064 496.

PRO-LIFE SPEAKER

Join people across churches and all walks of life for an event in Shellharbour with the formidable Dr Joanna Howe as a part of our "Save Our Girls" Speaking Tour. Girls are selectively aborted at an alarmingly higher rate in NSW. Hear why John Ruddick NSW MLC is introducing a bill to end this and how you can help. Shellharbour Community Church,

7:00pm on Saturday 27 September. Please join us to hear from Dr Jo with opportunity for Q & A as well as supper at the end. To register:

<https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/speakingtour>

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, 4 October, 4:00pm



The Blessing of Animals will be held at St Peter and Paul Church on Saturday 4 October at 4:00pm. The blessing will take place on the basketball courts behind the Presbytery, in front of the Catechist Centre. All animals under 800kg and their carers/handlers are welcome, though please keep the larger pythons on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Saturday, 4 October, and there will be a special Mass at 6:00pm.

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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*In support of the retirement and health of clergy
and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians*



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE VISIT DOW.ORG.AU/GIVING

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our diocese during the month of September. A special collection will take place on the weekends of 20/21 & 27/28 September. To find out more or make a tax deductible donation please visit www.dow.org.au/giving, scan the QR code or call (02) 4222 2400 to make a donation over the phone.

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and the sound and holistic formation of our Seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + Bishop Brian Mascord

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy

and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over

so that we can sell our corn,

and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales,

we can buy up the poor for money,

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,

'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be
blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look
down,
to look down upon heaven and
earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the
poor
to set him in the company of
princes,
yes, with the princes of his
people. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to

himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS – 28 SEPTEMBER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1

1ST READING: Amos 6:1, 4-7

PSALM: Ps 145:6-10 (R.) *Praise the Lord, my soul!*

2ND READING: 1 Tim 6:11-16

GOSPEL: Lk 16:19-31