



SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 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 – 22/23 November 2025

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 6:00pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday 18/11 5.00pm

Wednesday 19/11 8:00am

Thursday 20/11 8:00am

Friday 21/11 9:30am



Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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:

16 November: Group 2 – Ross Smith

23 November: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION EXCERPT BY FR MICHAEL TATE

THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Have you ever prayed for a parking spot? Which reminds me of the Irishman who went around the block twice looking for a spot, and in his frustration lifted his eyes towards Heaven and prayed 'Almighty God, if you find me a spot I'll go to Mass every Sunday and give up the Guinness.' Just then, a parking spot opened up and he dashed in to the space, raised his eyes to heaven and said 'Almighty God, disregard the previous conversation, I just found a spot by myself.'

Our prayers can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have. For some it is of a Divine Parking Attendant in the sky. For others a sort of weather God who with sufficient entreaty can stop the rain during the second day of the Test Match.

But if you were in Syria and your town was being strafed and bombed by government and rebel forces, with innocent people being wantonly killed, then your prayer would be very different. Your image of God would be of a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from crimes against humanity, and

if it came to it, a Strengtheners in time of torture and impending death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers for what he knew would be times of persecution in the immediate and ongoing futures for the Christian community. Imagine hearing these readings in a Catholic church in Syria, as the congregation fearfully gathers in the wake of murderous violence by some Muslim extremists against Christians, or in a church in a village in China with the Catholic community trying to keep its ties with the Pope, fearful of denunciation and betrayal by family and friends, as predicted by Jesus in today's gospel.

There would be a yearning and heartfelt hope which would be a real prayer by those Syrian and Chinese disciples. They would be looking for vindication of their perseverance in persecution. They would cling to Our Lord's assurance: 'Your endurance will win you your lives.' They would listen to the prophet Malachi: 'The day is coming now... evildoers will be like stubble... But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.'

What a wonderful image of God, putting our rather pathetic parking spot attendant and weather God images to shame. 'The sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.' This is the image for God which would mean something very heartening in the midst of the seemingly endless darkness of persecution. God will do what the sun does, flooding the world with light and warmth, making our fragile planet habitable for human beings.

It is our faith that out of the inky blackness of the cold tomb carved out of a hill near Calvary, the Son of righteousness did rise, shining out with healing in His rays. That is what the early church believed during those early centuries of persecution. They believed that Son when he had said: 'Your endurance will win you your lives.'

That is our faith, that is the faith of the church. What was in the future tense for Malachi, is a present reality for those in parts of Nigeria, of Indonesia, of China, of Syria and elsewhere. This is what sustains them. There will be vindication. Justice will be done.

Because the Son of Righteousness rose with healing in His rays.

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:

Fr John Pickering ofm; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; Clare Anderson; Joy Fardy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Bev Steinhour; Margaret Fisher; Fr Joseph Aikaramatan; Nicole Phelan; 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.**



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.

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:

19 November; 3 & 17 December.

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

SACRAMENTS 2026

Information and enrolment forms for the 2026 Sacramental Programme will be available on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1.

For more information visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



Due to the number of children enrolled in the First Holy Communion program this year, the Sacrament will be celebrated at a special Mass at 11:00am next weekend, Saturday, 22 November in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members is placed on the altar at each Mass, with the Mass being offered for the repose of their souls. All names will be kept on the list for the whole month, and the list will be updated with new names each weekend. If you would like your loved ones' names on this list please pick up a November Mass Offering envelope from the back of the church, or write their names on a plain envelope, and return it via the collections at any Mass or drop it in the letterbox in the Parish Office door. **The sick and recently deceased will continue to be printed in the bulletin each weekend, but anniversaries will be omitted during November.**

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES DEPARTED

Lord, be good to them and show them all your love.

Be kind to them and grant peace above.
Be merciful to them and wipe their sins away.

Be generous to them with all my heart I pray.

Be gracious to them for good that they have done.

Be gentle with them for sufferings undergone.

Lord, may we meet again when heaven's crown is won.

SS PETER AND PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

- **Term 4 Friday Mass attendance:** The classes attending the 9:30am Friday morning Mass in Kiama are as follows:
 - 21 November – Kindergarten;
 - 5 December – Years 5 and 6
- **The final Family Parish Mass** for the year will be held on **Sunday, 16 November, at 6:00pm**. To mark this special occasion, we invite all families to join us **after Mass outside the school hall for a community BBQ**. This is a valuable opportunity for our community to come together, share a meal, and celebrate as a community. We look forward to welcoming our students, families, staff, and parishioners.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

All parishioners are invited to join our conference members in offering the rosary on **Monday, 24 November at 4:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church** - *to remember Pope Francis, all priests and all religious who have died this year*. Please join us to give thanks for these holy people who have made a great impact on our lives.

* **CHRISTMAS APPEAL** - the SVDP Kiama Conference will hold a **leaving collection at the end of Masses on the weekend of 29/30 November for the SVDP Christmas Appeal**. Donations of non-perishable food (E.g. cereal, coffee, beans, biscuits, pasta sauce, peanut butter, tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned fish) would also be gratefully welcomed and can be left in the designated baskets in the churches.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Kiama

INVITATION TO ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Bishop Brian warmly invites parishioners of Ss Peter and Paul Parish to the ordination to the priesthood of Rev FX Sinh Truong Le, Rev Darren McDowell and Rev Joseph Vuong Nguyen to the priesthood at **10:00am on Saturday 13 December 2025 at All Saints Catholic Church Shellharbour**. RSVP closes on Friday 29 November. Go to the following link and click on the RSVP button to register: www.dow.org.au/ordination-to-the-priesthood/. **If you don't have access to the internet and would like to attend the ordination, please phone or visit Louise at the Parish Office and she will complete the RSVP for you through the Office.**

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

Christmas cards - \$10. Calendar - \$15. To order please enter your details on the form at the back of the church, or phone Thea on 0450 015 547.

DIOCESAN ADVENT PROGRAM – THE PROMISE

Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with this beautifully presented 88-page book of daily reflections, designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November 2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Each page offers profound insights through Scripture-based meditations and contemplative prayers that invite you to recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and to live in joyful anticipation of his coming. **Copies are now available from the Parish Office during Office hours for \$5 each. Get in early so you don't miss out! Any remaining books will be sent out to each church on the weekend of Christ the King – 22/23 November.**

ANNUAL BIBLE SOCIETY EVENT

**Wednesday, 26 November, 10:00am,
Kiama Baptist Church**

Guest Speaker: Max Jegathan, speaking on the intersection between faith, culture, economics, finance, technology and moral reasoning. All are welcome. Morning Tea included.

Enquiries: Barb Mathie – 0411 212 874.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2025

* **Jamberoo – Tuesday, 9 December, Reid Park**. BBQ from 6:00pm. Carols from 6:30pm. Glow sticks on sale. Hosted by Jamberoo Combined Churches.

* **Kiama – Wednesday, 10 December, Hindmarsh Park, 6:30pm**. BYO picnic blanket or camp chair. Sausage sizzle available. Glow sticks for sale. Hosted by Kiama Combined Churches.

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!

NOVEMBER TAIZE EVENING

Berry Uniting Church, 77 Albert St Berry, Friday 21 November at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome.

MINISTRY FORMATION

Formation For Instituted Ministries of Acolyte and Lector, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong, 30 November, 9:30am to 1:00pm. Includes celebration of the Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10:30am. **Register at:** dow.sh/im25.

STOUTHEARTED MEN'S PROGRAM

Coming in 2026

Stouthearted is a new Jesus centred men's program designed to meet a desperate need in men. It's an 8-week program that draws from well-known experts, shares powerful teachings and models real world conversations. Stouthearted fosters learning, discussion, prayer, reflection, healing and builds essential practical strategies. In addition to the main sessions, there are short daily reflections that include video input, bible study, and self-reflection. The Stouthearted program will be running in **Wollongong in 2026, starting on Monday, 2 February** Register now: dow.sh/stouthearted

POSITION VACANT

The Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding are looking for a detail-oriented and hard working person, who cares about the safety of others, to join the team as a Safeguarding (Records and Case Management) Officer. **Applications close 5:00pm on Friday 21 November**. For more information, please visit the Diocesan Safeguarding website at www.dow.org.au/safeguarding.

YOUNG ADULT OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Join young adults (18+) from across the Diocese for a festive outdoor screening of The Muppet Christmas Carol at **St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park on Saturday 22 November, 6–10pm**. Enjoy a free BBQ dinner, ice-cream bar, popcorn stand, and a chance for Adoration and Reconciliation under the stars. Don't miss this fun and faith-filled end to the year – free entry! Register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/DOW/VocarisMovieNight>

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Malachi 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp

with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)

3. For the Lord comes,

he comes to rule the earth.

He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be,

but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;

your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will

be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 22/23

NOVEMBER

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year C/1

1ST READING: 2 Sam 5:1-3

PSALM: Ps 121:1-5 (R.) *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

2ND READING: Col 1:12-20

GOSPEL: Lk 23:35-43

