



SUNDAY, 2 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 – 8/9 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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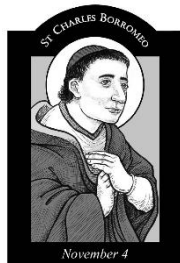
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	4/11	5.00pm	St Charles Borromeo
Wednesday	5/11	8:00am	
Thursday	6/11	8:00am	
Friday	7/11	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:

2 November: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

9 November: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

All Souls Day has its roots in the sixth century Benedictine tradition of praying to the dead. It was a way of recognising the human bonds which go beyond death. By the tenth century this feast was about praying for the dead, that they might know the merciful love of God.

It is appropriate today for us to think about what a soul is. In an increasingly secular society it's interesting to note that the word 'soul' persists in ordinary conversation. Many non-religious people use this most religious of terms to describe another person. We often hear how others are lonely, distressed, or lost souls. It can be said that someone has a 'beautiful soul' or that a piece of music, a painting or other work of art 'stirred my soul'. We describe mellow jazz as 'soulful' and still alert others to distress by an SOS, 'save our souls'. These uses of the word reinforce St Thomas Aquinas' teaching that the soul makes us human, and sets us apart from other animals.

Nearly all the great religions of the world believe in a soul, or its equivalent – something that survives the annihilation

of the body in death. I have come to the opinion that whatever else might characterise the soul, memory is an integral part of it.

I have done several funerals of people who have suffered from Alzheimer's disease. These are rarely very sad occasions because the family invariably says that they 'lost' their loved one months or years before. Why? Because increasingly their loved one couldn't remember anyone or anything. We hold to caring for the body from the womb to the tomb, because we believe that human dignity must always be respected. There are now theories about how even the memories of the circumstances of our conception and birth have a bearing on the way we live our lives. It is also apparent that even when people seem to have lost their memory, or are unconscious, that there is some recognition of some things at a very deep level.

Soul as memory means that when I meet God face to face, I will remember who I am and how I lived, and God will

remember me. It's also a comfort for us to think that we will be reunited with those we have loved who have died before us, because we remember each other.

And what is best about a 'remembering soul' is that it is purified. In the old catechism we used to say that heaven was the place where we are perfectly happy with God for eternity. If we think of purgatory as a stage rather than a place, then it's possible to reclaim it as a moment when we see the fullness of God's sacrificial love for us, and recall our sometimes destructive behaviour toward ourselves, others and the world. Purgatory can be a moment where our memory is purified so we can be eternally happy with God in heaven.

So let's remember at this Eucharist all those 'departed souls' we have known and loved over the years, that they might pray for us that we never forget God's saving love and live lives worthy of it.



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:

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

Recently Deceased:

Nicole Phelan; Tom Musgrave; Anne Sullivan; Sr Martina Sarkis ssj; 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: 6 & 20 November; 4 & 18 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** will be celebrated on Saturday, 22 November at 11:00am at 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.**

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting at St Mary's will be held this Sunday, 2 November, following Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations to Colleen Easton who, after completing the Formation course with Sr Monica Barlow rsj, will be instituted as an Acolyte by Bishop Brian at the Saturday Vigil Mass on 8 November. We welcome Bishop Brian to the Parish.

COFFEE CAKE & CONVERSATION

You are invited to our Parishioners and Visitors' Morning Tea on Friday, 7 October in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room after the CWL Mass at 9:30am.

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:
 - 7 November – Years 1 and 2
 - 14 November – Years 3 and 4
 - 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.

KBECET – HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are required to help present the SHINE and STRENGTH programmes for year 8 girls and boys at Kiama High School. These are self-development programmes run for one period each week for terms 1-3 and based around the core principals of worth, strength and purpose. They are aimed at equipping young people with the knowledge and skills to discover who they are and the person they want to become. If you have a desire to help young people, this maybe for you. **Volunteers are also needed to help with the brekky club on Wednesdays** from 7:00am to 9:00am on a roster basis. A Working with Children Check is essential. For more information please contact Gai on 0401 468 209.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS



All parishioners are invited to join our conference members in offering two special rosaries during the month of the Holy Souls.

* **Monday, 3 November at 8:30am in Ss Peter and Paul Church** - to remember all parishioners who have died this year. Please join us for refreshments afterwards in the Parish Meeting Room. Our conference would appreciate parishioners passing on this information to people they know who have lost loved ones this year.

* **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.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Kiama

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH



**Ss Peter and Paul Hall,
Tuesday, 4 November – 12:30pm**



Lunch will be chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea & coffee. BYO alcohol. Win a prize for the best outfit worn on the day. **Please bring your ticket on the day and plenty of gold coins.** Buy a horse in our sweeps and watch the race on the big screen. Lucky door prizes. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – Drawn on the day. Bookings are essential space is limited to 100. Tickets cost \$30. **Contact Angie: 0404 856 379 or Robyn: 0437 277 908**

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.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

You are invited to our next meeting to be held from 4:30 to 5:30pm on Thursday, 6 November in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room, Kiama. Our theme is *Raising Hope*. We will discuss the presentations of Pope Leo XIV and speakers at the Raising Hope Conference, 1-3 October, the challenges that remain, and how faith communities can lead most effectively in the coming decade. **Enquiries:** Denis Quinn, 0429 064 496.

LITURGY MEETING

For interested parishioners wishing to join the Parish Liturgy Team in preparing Advent and Christmas liturgies, there will be a Liturgy Meeting on Thursday, 13 November at 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room, Kiama. You will be most welcome.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC MISSION

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula. **The total amount raised was \$3195.00.** Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit www.catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at www.catholicmission.org.au/mission.

Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

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!

ALL SOULS' DAY - YEAR C

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 3:1-9

He accepted them as a holocaust.

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die,

their going looked like a disaster,

their leaving us, like annihilation;

but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,

their hope was rich with immortality;

slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test

and proved them worthy to be with him;

he has tested them like gold in a furnace,

and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation,
they will shine out;

as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,

and the Lord will be their king for ever.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,

those who are faithful will live with him in love;

for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v.1 or v.4

(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

Romans 5:17-21

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater.

If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous. When law came, it was to multiply the opportunities of falling, but however great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater; and so, just as sin reigned wherever there was death, so grace will reign to bring eternal life, thanks to the righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 25:34

Come, you whom my Father has blessed, says the Lord;

inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the learned and have revealed them to children.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 8/9 NOVEMBER

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – Year C/1

1ST READING: Ezek 47:1-2

PSALM: Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 **(R.)** *The waters of the river gladden the city of God.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

GOSPEL: Jn 2:13-22