



# SUNDAY, 12 APRIL 2026 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 – 18/19 April 2026**

**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**

**SS PETER AND PAUL PRESBYTERY:** 94 Manning St, Kiama

**Parish Priest:** Father Chris Roberts    **Assistant Priest:** Father George Condookala

**SS PETER AND PAUL PARISH OFFICE:** 96 Manning St, (PO Box 299) Kiama NSW 2533

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

**Phone:** (02) 4232 2081    **Email:** [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)    **Web:** [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au)

**SS PETER AND PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL:** 98 Manning St, (PO Box 248) Kiama    **Web:** [www.ssppdow.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ssppdow.catholic.edu.au)

**Principal:** Peter Michael    **Admin Officer:** Liz Brown    **Ph:** (02) 4232 2442    **Fax:** (02) 4232 1064    **Email:** [info@ssppdow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@ssppdow.catholic.edu.au)



### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	14/4	5.00pm
Wednesday	15/4	8:00am
Thursday	16/4	8:00am
Friday	17/4	9:30am



**RECONCILIATION:** Ss Peter and Paul Kiama  
**Every Saturday:** 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday)  
**Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (except Easter Saturday).

**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:**

**12 April:** Group 4 – Mike Doherty

**19 April:** Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

## **REFLECTION – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

### **HIS MERCY ENDURES**

By Scott Hahn



We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles'

teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in

remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20–25).

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

**Used with permission.**

**Originally published by the St Paul Center for Biblical Theology.**

**For more reflections, studies, and resources, go to [stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)**

# 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:

*Jeff Gruska; Donna Gruska; Joy Rains; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan; Kathryn Flynn; Peter Fogarty; Les & May Russell; Anthony Russell; Warren Beecham; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Donna Barry; Craig McLeod; Leonard Fletcher; Clare Manahan; 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

\* **Donna Barry** – 11:00am, Thursday, 16 April, St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong.

## GERRINGONG MEMORIAL GARDEN

For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

## ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

\* **SS PETER AND PAUL KIAMA:** Every Saturday, 8:00am to 9:00am. Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

\* **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA GERRINGONG:** Every Monday, 11:00am to 12:00pm. An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



## 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** – located in Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (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.

## PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Ss Peter and Paul Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If anyone has any concerns or questions about these matters, please contact a member of our Parish Safeguarding Team:

Maggie Phelan - 0417 064 826

Carole Parsons - 0429 040 502

Julianne Douglas - 0418 491 125

## HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

**Term 2 2026: 22 April; 6 & 20 May; 3 & 17 June; 1 July.**

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 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.

## SACRAMENTS 2026



Information about the 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

### ENROLMENT DATES

- \* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- \* **First Reconciliation** – Online enrolments close Friday, 24 July.
- \* **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

### Week 9:

1<sup>st</sup> – Irene Cook (#8); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Barry Gilmore (#45); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mary Spillane (#6)

### Week 10:

1<sup>st</sup> – Michele Micallef (#39); 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Toulmin (#12); 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rhonda Back (#38)

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed for annual leave from 18 April to 11 May. It will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 12 May. If you wish to see Fr Chris or Fr George during this time, please phone 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service for their contact numbers.

**If you have any notices you would like published in the bulletin over the weekends of 18/19 April, 25/26 April or 2/3 May please email them to [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au) by no later than Tuesday, 14 April. Thank you.**

## RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

If you have any Project Compassion envelopes or boxes, please return your donations at any Mass or leave them at

the Parish Office during Parish Office hours.

## **DAILY MISSALS**

If anyone would like to order a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish Office - we can get them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$36 for a **Sunday Missal**. The following are annual publications which can be ordered at the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** - \$30 (still available to buy) and **God's Word** - price TBC (sold out for 2026, can order for 2027). Please note, prices are approximates. The final price will depend on the number ordered and postage costs.

## **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

You may have family or friends who are non-practicing Catholics who would like to rekindle their Catholic faith. Dana & Vince Breen are providing informal information sessions. All-comers are welcome no matter at what stage they find themselves on their journey home. For further information contact Louise at the Parish Office 4232 2081 or [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

*Thank you  
MAY GOD BLESS YOU*

I would like to thank everyone who generously volunteered to help with reading, commentating, prayers of the faithful, narrating and speaking parts in the Passion Gospel, offertory procession, acted as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and helped with all the other small but very important parts of our liturgical celebrations over Holy Week and Easter. It was lovely that we had volunteers from all our Church communities.

Your willingness to help made organisation so much easier but more importantly the generosity of your time and talent added greatly to our beautiful celebrations. May God bless you in abundance. Kind regards. *Gai Delavere*

## **ABBAY FUNDRAISER**

**Magnificent music, beautiful voices, raise funds for the Abbey**

St Jude's Chamber Choir will be having a concert at Jamberoo Abbey to raise funds for the Abbey's building

maintenance effort. Spend a lovely afternoon listening to magnificent music brought by the beautiful voices of St Jude's Chamber Choir resounding in the acoustics of the Abbey church. After the concert, we invite you to have an afternoon tea with us at the Abbey Guestry.

**When:** Sunday, 19 April, 2:00pm

The concert will be followed by an afternoon tea at the Abbey's Guestry

**Ticket price:** \$45

**Location:** Abbey Church, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo NSW 2533

**Register by going to this link**

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/stjudes-chamber-choir-concert/>

Thank you for your continuing support for our ministry. *The nuns of Jamberoo Abbey*

## **SIGN UP TO A FOSSIL FUEL TREATY**

This weekend and next weekend, parishioners will have an opportunity after Mass to take action and to sign a petition in support of a **global initiative to move towards ending fossil fuels and to enable a fair transition to clean energy**. The 3 core treaty goals are: non-proliferation (no new fossil fuel exploration or expansion; managed phase-out (coordinated decline of existing coal, oil & gas production); just transition (protect workers, communities & vulnerable nations in the energy shift). The petition will be used to seek a negotiating mandate within the United Nations. There will be copies of 'A Catholic Theological Reflection on the Proposal for a Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative' for those who would like to look in more depth at the support of the Catholic Church for this initiative. There will be a paper petition to sign on and also the option of using a QR code. **This is an initiative supported by our parish Laudato Si Circle by the Ocean.**

## **DIOCESAN YOUTH SPORTS FESTIVAL**

Young people from ages 15 to 35 are invited to come together for the very first Diocesan Youth Sports Festival- a huge day of sport, faith and community.

**When:** Saturday 18 April 2026

**Time:** 9.30am - 2:00pm

**Where:** Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

**Cost:** \$50 per team | \$10 per person

Grab your friends, cousins, youth group or young adult crew and form a team of 7+ to compete in a fast-paced round-

robin tournament. The twist? Teams vote on the main sport of the day, so register early and get training! Prefer something lower intensity?

A table tennis competition will run throughout the day with plenty of chances to jump in. Morning tea and a BBQ lunch are included, and the day will finish with Mass celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St Columbkille's Church in Corimal.

Register here: [dow.sh/youthsportsfest](http://dow.sh/youthsportsfest)

## **SING WITH THE WOLLONGONG DIOCESAN CHOIR**

Singers from across the Diocese are invited to join the Wollongong Diocesan Choir, which prepares music for special Diocesan Masses where parish communities from across the region gather to celebrate. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in the lead up to each celebration, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm, usually at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this ministry, you're warmly invited to get involved. To express your interest, visit: [dow.sh/choir](http://dow.sh/choir). All are welcome.

## **COMPASS CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS**

Registrations are now open for our next CCFC Weekend planned for **Friday 15 - Sunday 17 May**. Join with families from across the Diocese for a relaxed weekend of family fun, faith and food! For more information and to register go to: [dow.sh/familycamping26](http://dow.sh/familycamping26)

## **WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?**

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place.

Subscribe at [dow.sh/stayingconnected](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

## **THE JOURNEY**

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) and we will send it to you each week.

# **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - YEAR A**

**12 APRIL 2026**

## **FIRST READING**

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

## **SECOND READING**

1 Peter 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

## **GOSPEL**

John 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in

the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## **READINGS FOR 19 APRIL**

**Third Sunday of Easter – Year A/1**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Acts 2:14, 22-33

**PSALM:** 15:1-22, 5, 7-11 (R.) *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 1 Pet 1:17-21

**GOSPEL:** Lk 24:13-35