



SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER 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 – 28/29 September 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

Parish Priest: Father Chris Roberts

Presbytery: 94 Manning Street, Kiama **Parish Office:** 96 Manning Street (PO Box 299), Kiama

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

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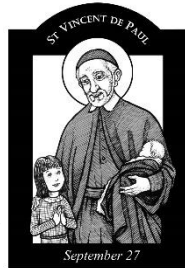
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	24/9	5:00pm	
Wednesday	25/9	8:00am	
Thursday	26/9	8:00am	
Friday	27/9	9:30am	St Vincent de Paul



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:

22 September: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

29 September: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish this weekend and there will be a leaving collection at the end of Mass. To make a tax-deductible donation use the envelopes provided, phone 4222 2446 or visit www.dow.org.au/giving.

A short film will be shown this weekend, and it can also be viewed at the link above.

"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

DIOCESAN CLERGY CARE IN ACTION 2024



Accommodation for 11 retired clergy

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live on their own	in retirement villages	in aged care facilities



4 retired clergy receive domestic assistance



11 additional diocesan clergy will retire in the next 5 years



Clergy Care Coordinator Sue Daniels assists 40+ diocesan clergy with

- Health care coordination
- Holistic health and wellbeing support and education
- Transportation assistance
- Short-term health care crisis advocacy
- Long-term ageing support



Priests, like parents, never retire from their calling

- 7 retired clergy provide sacramental ministry in parishes when the parish priest is on holidays or unwell
- 1 retired clergy continues as a spiritual director

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Our diocese currently has **6 seminarians** studying for the priesthood. Your gift will assist with the following:



Onboarding



Seminary fees



Accommodation



Travel



Food & utilities



Stipend & computer



Health cover & personal care



Mentoring & supervision



World Youth Day attendance



Ordination

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:

Francis Le; Ann Dawes; John Petschler; Gwen Coady; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Katherine McGuinness; Family & Friends of Marg Mappas; Virgil O'Halloran; Eric Spindler; Gloria Rawlin; May & Michael Flynn; Jennifer Johnstone; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Gabriel (from UK); Catherine di Girolamo; Angela Martello; Mary Newn; Kenneth Condon; Valetta McDonald; Nancy Voss; Gian Carlo Goytizolo; 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 non-Catholics.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiamo@dow.org.au

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.

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 4 – 23 October; 6 & 20 November; 4 & 18 December.

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. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

* **First Holy Communion** – *Enrolments closed.*

* **First Reconciliation and Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 9

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's Silver Circle:

1st – Jeff Spillane (#3)

2nd – Barry Gilmore (#31)

3rd – Ken Rae (#36)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



A reminder to parents who have children enrolled in First Holy Communion – the Parent Information Nights will be held on Tuesday 24 and Thursday 26 September at 7pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. Attendance at one evening by at least one parent/guardian is compulsory. Children do not need to attend. Kits will be issued at the meetings.

NEW RANGE OF INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our new range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

HELP CLEANING SACRED VESSELS

Ss Peter and Paul Church is looking for someone to clean sacred vessels and candlesticks. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on the weekend of **26/27 October**. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

ADVENT PROGRAM 2024

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with **The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections** — a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your



spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world. **The Light** is more than just a guide; it is a beacon of hope and renewal, leading you through the enduring narratives of Advent and Christmas that have touched the hearts of the faithful across generations. This book is an invaluable companion for your spiritual path. **The Light** also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Hunt, Van Dyck, Breenbergh, Giordano, Luini, Raphael and more, with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. **To reserve a copy, phone or email the Parish Office with your name, phone and number of copies. Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.**

KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

You are invited to the 2024 KBECET annual dinner 6:00pm, 19 October at Kiama Anglican Church to celebrate the Kiama High School SRE Ministry. Tickets are \$30 and payment can be made online by scanning the QR code on the poster displayed at each Church or contact your Church representative Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209. Come and celebrate and be encouraged by the work of our local SRE teacher, Wicky Ochieng, and our Shine and Strength teams at Kiama High School. Join us as we pray and enjoy good food, good company and fellowship across our Churches of Kiama municipality.

ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL

ONE Music Festival is a wholistic family event aiming to bring different generations and denominations together to celebrate and experience Jesus in community. Children, youth groups and adults are all welcome. It will be running on Saturday, 16 November at the Kiama Pavilion and showgrounds from 2:00pm – 9:00pm. Expect to see different bands, food trucks among other fun surprises. You can come for the whole event or part of it, your choice. Tickets are available now at onemusicfestival.com.

VOLUNTEERS: We need roughly 30-50 volunteers to help us run the day smoothly. More information on volunteer registration can be found on the website onemusicfestival.com



MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

\$25 entry. St Peter and Paul Parish Hall Kiama, Tuesday, 5 November from 1:00pm. Lunch will be chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. BYO alcohol. Win a prize for the best hat worn on the day. Please bring 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. Contact Angie (0404 856 379) or Robyn (0437 277 908)

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

CatholicCare and Catholic Education are once again holding free technology training at Corpus Christi high school in October. Older parishioners can bring their phone, laptop or tablet and students from Corpus Christi will assist with tasks such as downloading apps, sending messages, google maps and much more.

The sessions are as follows:

- Friday 25 October 11am-1pm
- Friday 8 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 22 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 6 December 11am-1pm

Please contact Jane Hollier on Phone: 0471 018 152

Email: janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au or visit Cross+Gen Holy Spirit October 2024

POSITION VACANT

Part-time Parish Office

Administration, St Michael's Nowra

Nowra parish is seeking the services of a part-time Parish Office Administration for 12 hrs per week – Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am to 12:30pm. The position requires skills in administration, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish office administration needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position from Frances at frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 5:00pm Wednesday, 25 September.

MOUNTAIN SUNDAY

Each of us has experienced the beauty and grandeur of mountains. Rising early to seek a vantage point to glimpse the first golden light flash on Mount Everest; watching the clouds building in the mid-afternoon behind Mount Albert Edward before tumbling into the valleys below. Our faith is infused with stories of epiphanies in the mountains; Horeb where the Lord revealed himself to Moses in the burning bush and where Elijah encountered God, not in wind, earthquake or fire but in a gentle whisper. Jesus went into the mountains to pray; and took Peter, James and John to the top of Mount Tabor where they awoke to find him 'his face transformed shining like the sun' and in conversation with Moses and Elijah.

Mountains are also of great significance in the story of climate change. Summits are places of extreme environment where the effects of global warming have been among the first observed. As the planet warms the grass and tussock lands of the summits recede and are invaded by the woodlands and forests below with consequent loss and change of species. Continuing warming at current rates is likely to lead to the complete loss of alpine habitats and the species dependent on them. Thus the compelling need for 'ecological conversion', For the sake of all species, human and other 'we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interest and gains but also of future benefits (LS 216).

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part

and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death

since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayers; listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**
2. For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **(R.)**
3. But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

James 3:16 – 4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way

through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 29 SEPTEMBER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2

1ST READING: Num 11:25-29

PSALM: Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14 *(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

2ND READING: James 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

