



SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER 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 – 1/2 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	28/10	5.00pm	<i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>
Wednesday	29/10	8:00am	
Thursday	30/10	8:00am	
Friday	31/10	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:

26 October: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

2 November: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

A well-known multi-millionaire once had a near fatal heart attack. After he recovered he was invited to appear on a national television chat show to reflect on the experience. At one stage the interviewer asked him, 'Did you have a near-death experience after your heart attack?' The multi-millionaire pulled himself up to his full height and exclaimed, 'I was clinically dead. I went to the other side, and I am here to tell you there's nothing there!' In his case, of course, there might not be anything there, but his response reminds me of the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

One of the pitfalls of personal success is the arrogance that sometimes comes with it. The Pharisee was, no doubt, a very good-living, devout man, but he made himself feel important by putting others down. He even did this in his prayer, reminding God of just how good he was in comparison to others. It's a wonder he went to the Temple at all because he does not seem to need God. Like the multi-millionaire, he trusts too much in his own righteousness.

On the other hand, it is a wonder that the tax collector turned up at the Temple too, but for very different reasons. Tax collectors were despised in Palestine. They were Jewish functionaries used by the Roman occupying army to extort the ferocious Imperial taxes from the local community. No wonder he stays close to the back door of the Temple. He might have to beat a hasty retreat. But here he is in prayer recognising the brokenness of his life and his need for God. This tax collector becomes the model of right behaviour for Luke's community.

There is nothing wrong with being devout and successful. Conversely, there are plenty of dangers in doing a job that demands constant moral compromises, like being a tax collector for the Romans. What Jesus notices is what the life situations of both these men do to them. Hence the social outcast's humility shows up the haughty Pharisee.

For far too long we have thought humility meant putting ourselves down, pretending we were nobodies, worthy of nothing. This is not Christian humility.

Being humble does not mean we hide or minimise our God-given gifts, talents or resources. It means we honour others by sharing them, enabling them to benefit from the goodness of God. Humility comes from the Latin word, *humus*, meaning 'close to the earth'. The tax collector lived close to the earth and so he was open to conversion, to being lifted up by God. The Pharisee was so successful at being religious he was closed to it. He had altitude sickness from taking the high moral ground.

Most of us find ourselves in between these extremes.

May this weekly Eucharist ground us enough that we open ourselves to being converted again to put all our gifts and talents at the service of Christ's Kingdom. In doing so, we can go home justified that we are truly humble and that after we die we can see the abundant life that awaits us on the other side.

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:

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

Anniversaries:

Joseph Spiteri; Stan Morrissey; Valmai Parkinson; Ruby Johnson; Des & Gwen Coady; Peg Anderson; Katherine McGuinness; Virgil O'Halloran; Lucy Howell; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Nicole Phelan; Tom Musgrave; Anne Sullivan; Sr Martina Sarkis sjj; Ian Campbell; 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: 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.

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.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 10:

- 1st - Michele Micallef (#4);
- 2nd - Dennis Caruana (#20);
- 3rd - Steve McGuinness (#43)

Thank you to all our loyal supporters. Silver Circle will start again next year.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members will be 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 write their names on a plain envelope, (or collect a November Mass Offering envelope from the back of the church), 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.**

ST MARY'S GERRINGONG

- * The Monthly Morning Tea will be held this Sunday, 26 October, following Mass.
- * The next Quarterly Meeting will be held next Sunday, 2 November, following Mass.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

- During her appearances at Fatima in 1917, Our Lady asked the three children Lucy, Francesco and Jacinta to pray the Rosary reverently every day especially for world peace then extended this request to all the faithful.
- In praying for world peace let us pray for an end to the war in the Ukraine, the Middle East and all war torn countries.
- Let us also pray for our own intentions, for our families, our government and an end to abortion.
- **The Rosary is recited at the Adoration and Holy Hour Devotions held each Saturday beginning at 8:00am at Ss Peter and Paul Church.**
- Rosary beads are available from the back of the Ss Peter and Paul Church.

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**

SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL INVITATION

Dear Parishioners, our 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.

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.**

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!

MINISTRY FORMATION

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 visit: dow.sh/im25.

MILTON OVERNIGHT YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE

Young Adults and families from around the diocese are invited to join a special overnight pilgrimage at St Mary Star of the Sea, Milton as we approach the end of the Year of Jubilee. Experience festival vibes: camping on the hill, live music, overnight adoration, talks, a pilgrimage walk up to the Church, and Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord.

When: Saturday, 15 November, 12:00pm arrival to Sunday 16 November 12:00pm **Campers can also arrive on Friday 14 from 5:00pm** **Where:** St Mary Star of the Sea, Corks Lane Milton. **Cost:** Free! BYO food - Dinner available for purchase on Saturday night and cheap BBQ Brekky / Coffee Van, after 7am mass, Sunday Morning. **Guest Speakers:** Bishop Brian Mascord, Elise Duval & Fr Michael Dyer For more details, including schedule and registration: visit dow.sh/miltonp

Don't forget your pilgrim passports to get stamped as you record your journey. Gather your friends, bring your swags or tents and come as Pilgrims of Hope!

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

26 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story.

The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v.7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to

the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 1/2 NOVEMBER

**All Soul's Day –
Year C/1**

Please Note:

The readings for the Vigil Mass on Saturday, 1 November will be for All Souls' Day, not All Saints Day.

The Sunday Mass takes precedence.

Readings are selected from the Masses for the Dead and are yet to be chosen. The selected readings will be published in next weekend's bulletin and emailed to those on the bulletin list on Friday.

If you would like the bulletin emailed to you, please email the Parish Office.

