



SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 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 – 9/10 November 2024

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	5/11	5:00pm
Wednesday	6/11	8:00am
Thursday	7/11	8:00am
Friday	8/11	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:

3 November: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

10 November: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

REFLECTION

SEEKERS OF TRUTH

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The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." Mark 12:32–33

This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves.

We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world.

Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is

different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it.

In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good.

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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 Petschler; Fr David Catterall; Gwen Coady; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Judith Kevin; Dianne Coorey; Frank Bawden; Peter Ford; Geoff Long; Fr Len Helm MSC; Mary Newn; Herbert Shorter; 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.

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 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.

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 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** - 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 – 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 3

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

1st – Alf Svenson (#22)

2nd – Ann Barron (#12)

3rd – Josh Jardim (#1)

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

The next Quarterly Meeting for St Mary's will be held in St Mary's Meeting Room after Mass this Sunday, 3 November. All are welcome.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

* Wednesday, 6 November - Meeting at 2:30pm in Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room.

* Friday, 29 November - CWL morning tea for attendees of the CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION.

ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those who attended St Matthew's Book Fair and supported our fundraiser. Over \$2,000 was raised over the weekend. Thank you.

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. **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. **Copies are now available to purchase from the Parish Office during Parish Office hours. Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.**

2024 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT – NOVEMBER

Starting this weekend, **2/3 November**, and continuing each weekend throughout November, all parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the annual Mass attendance count. This important initiative aims to provide a complete picture of Mass attendance to aid in local parish and broader Diocesan planning. All sites holding public weekend Masses are required to participate in this Mass count.

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.

SVDP ROSARY



The next SVDP rosary will be offered for Nancy Voss (mother of Dana Breen) and Mary Newn on Monday, 11 November at 9:00am. Everyone is welcome.

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CALENDARS

It's time to order your SVDP Christmas cards and Columban calendars. There is a list at the back of each Church where you can put your name and what you would like to purchase by Monday, 11 November. Alternatively, you can phone Thea for any orders on 0450 015 547. Thank you.

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



\$25 entry. Ss 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)

MESSAGE FROM SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL - FAMILY PARISH MASS

Dear Parishioners,
This is a save the date for our final Ss Peter and Paul Family Parish Mass on **Sunday 17 November at 6:00pm**. The Ss Peter and Paul Choir will lead the singing for this beautiful Family Parish Mass. A big thank you to Marianne, Angela, and Gary, who have coordinated the choir and music for each Family Parish Mass this year. Their efforts really make a difference, providing a meaningful experience for our students and helping them engage more fully in the Mass. After Mass, parishioners, staff and Ss Peter and Paul School families will

be invited to gather on the basketball court for a BBQ. This is a wonderful opportunity for connection between our families, the school community, and the parish. We look forward to seeing you there.

CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION

Friday, 29 November

CatholicCare will be visiting Ss Peter and Paul Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on Aged Care, covering topics such as: How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide. Presentation to commence after the 9:30am Mass in the Hall or Meeting Room (depending on numbers). Please RSVP to Louise at kiama@dow.org.au or 4232 2081.

COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE FORMATION PATHWAY

NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OPEN

* **Campbelltown** – Tuesday 12 November, 7:00 – 9:30pm
* **Wollongong** – Zoom, Wednesday, 13 November 7:00 – 9:30pm
"Principles and Foundations of Come and See, Go and Make" (Module 107). Exploring the three foundations and ten principles of the vision for parishes, understanding a "values" approach to renewal, and making decisions through our values.
Register today at dow.sh/nov2024

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

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

Friday 8 November 2024,
Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St,
Wollongong

A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, Cursillo, Couples for Christ, Disciples of Jesus, and parishioners who would like to join us in charismatic praise for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and a cuppa. 7:00pm - Praise and Worship; 7:30pm - Holy Mass. For more information, please contact Gabriella De Battista on 0414 205 404.

CROSS + GENERATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. *Refreshments will be provided at each session.*

AVAILABLE SESSIONS:

* **Corpus Christi, Oak Flats**

Friday, 8 November: 11am-1.30pm

Friday, 22 November: 11am-1.30pm

Friday, 6 December: 11am-1.30pm

* **Holy Spirit College, Bellambi**

Thursday, 7 November: 10am-11am

Thursday, 21 November: 10am-11am

Thursday, 5 December: 10am-11am

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare, on 0417 018 152 or email:

janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Conclusion of the Assembly and the Final Document

The XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops has now concluded and the Final Document from the Synod is now available. For more information, visit the Synod website:

<https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

3 NOVEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take
refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my
foes. **(R.)**
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves
me.
He has given great victories to his
king
and shown love for his
anointed. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all

your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 10 NOVEMBER

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: 1 Kg 17:10-16

PSALM: Ps 145:7-10 (R.) *Praise the Lord, my soul.*

2ND READING: Heb 9:24-28

GOSPEL: Mk 12:38-44

REFLECTION continued....

Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives.

Lord of all Truth, in You and You alone will we discover the truths that set us free. Give me the grace and courage I need to always seek out the truth You teach. As I discover and understand all that You teach, help me to express my discoveries with joy and enthusiasm so that others will also be drawn to You. Jesus, I trust in You.