



SUNDAY, 12 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 – 18/19 October 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 14/10 5.00pm

Wednesday 15/10 8.00am *St Teresa of Jesus*

Thursday 16/10 8.00am

Friday 17/10 9.30am *St Ignatius of Antioch*

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:

12 October: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

19 October: Group 2 – Ross Smith

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

There was once a parish priest who, with the passing of the years, had become a very difficult pastor. The president of the parish council decided to write to the Bishop and ask for the priest's removal. The Bishop reluctantly agreed, but insisted that the parish council arrange for a good farewell for the departing priest, one with a strong spiritual motif. The council agreed. They planned an elegant farewell that would begin with the singing of a hymn.

At the farewell the president began, 'For many years Father has been telling us that Jesus sent him into our parish. More recently, Father has been saying that Jesus requires him to stay in our parish. And, though he hasn't said it, I guess it follows now that Jesus has decided that it's time for Father to move on from our parish. I'd like you all to stand and join me in singing what is now my favourite hymn, "We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts!"'

Have you noticed how the words 'please' and 'thank you' are less frequently used these days? Many people seem to act

and speak as though anything done for them is entirely their due; no recognition, no please and no thank you. This should not come as a great surprise; there's been a rapid shift to seeing many social institutions as commodities rather than services and we always want value for money from commodities. My fear is that we are increasingly treating people as commodities as well. By contrast, however, Christians are identified by asking for what we need and being grateful for every blessing.

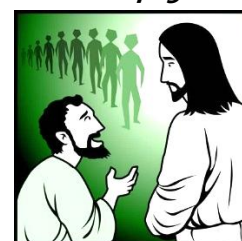
The Gospel of Luke was written about 60 years after the death of Jesus, most probably for the Gentile community at Antioch in Syria. It has four major themes: compassion, healing, prayer, and the outsider. Luke loves telling stories about the Gentiles, not only because they are outsiders, but also because they often show up the faith of the Jews. The story of the ten lepers has Luke at his best.

Lepers were until this century treated as outcasts. Also, in Jesus' day, they were considered sinful and ritually impure. If one touched a leper one incurred that

same fate. The leper who comes back to Jesus, however, was also a Samaritan! This guy can't win a trick! He is a leper, a Gentile and a Samaritan. He would have been rejected and despised by everyone, even the other Jewish lepers.

The story of the ten lepers is not just about asking for what we need and being grateful when we get it, as important as that is. In this rich and multi-layered story, Jesus does three things: he reaches out to the untouchables of his day; he heals them and enables them to be welcomed back into the community; he draws attention to the fact that the poorest of the lepers, a Samaritan, is the only one who can recognise the source of the healing and has the humility to return and praise God for it.

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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:

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

Anniversaries:

Ruby Johnson; Des & Gwen Coady; Peg Anderson; Katherine McGuinness; Virgil O'Halloran; Lucy Howell; Valetta McDonald; Reno Said; Gloria Rawlin; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Tom Musgrave; Anne Sullivan; Sr Martina Sarkis ssj; Ian Campbell; Tim Cooney; Charlie Kirk; Iryna Zarutka; 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: 22 October; 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 8:

- 1st - Jeff Spillane (#3);
- 2nd - Colleen Rae (#24);
- 3rd - Mary Lovegrove (#19)

FR CHRIS ON LEAVE

Fr Chris is away on annual leave and will return on Thursday, 30 October.

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.**

2025 MASS COUNT

Over the 4 weekends of October we will be holding the annual Mass Count.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

• The Rosary will be prayed before Mass each Friday during October, at 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church.



• 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.

• 7 October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary a special day to pray the Rosary

• 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.



Happy Birthday to Noelene Walsh, who turns 90 years young on Wednesday. Many happy returns for the day Noelene!

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!

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**

CROSS+GEN – FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

We are very pleased to share with you, that our Cross+Gen technology program has been recognised with a *prestigious Award for Innovation and Contribution from the Australian Institute for Intergenerational Practice (AIIP)* at their annual conference in February. Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen

program, CatholicCare, will again partner with Corpus Christi and CEDoW to assist with technology issues that you may be struggling with. The dates are as follows, and afternoon tea will be provided:

- Friday 24 October 11:00am-1:00pm
- Friday 7 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 21 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 5 December 11am-1pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect seniors and students for some information sharing in a fun, relaxed setting at Corpus Christi High School Oak Flats. Please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREATS

• **Borrowing Tomorrow: A Cry From The Earth** - Cottage Weekend Retreat, 24-26 October. Presented by Sr Antonia Curtis and Dr John Lee. Cost: \$150 plus accommodation cost.

• **Oblate Weekend** - Cottage Weekend Retreat, 7-9 November. Presented by Sr Mechtilde Crawford.

• **Contemplative Creativity** - Cottage Weekend Retreat, 14-16 November. Presented by Sr Julian Grigor.

• **Taking Time for Christ** - Day Retreat, 6 December. Presented by Sr Magdalen Mather and Sr Julian Grigor.

For more information and registration phone 4236 0011 Extension 114, email cottageretreats@jambarooabbey.org.au or visit our website at:

<https://www.jambarooabbey.org.au/retr/eats/abbey-retreat-programs/>

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18/19 OCTOBER



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

12 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his
salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and
love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry.
'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung

from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 19 OCTOBER

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1

1ST READING: Ex 17:8-13

PSALM: Ps 120 (R.) *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

2ND READING: 2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

GOSPEL: Lk 18:1-8

REFLECTION Continued ...

As well as the virtue of gratitude, then, Jesus also announces that the Christian community is the place where there is no such thing as an unclean or untouchable person. Jesus touches the lepers and then goes about his business. In doing so he rejects centuries of ritual taboos. We are called to do the same today. We are challenged to get our hands dirty with the most unclean groups of our society, confront the assumptions that marginalise and oppress them, and defend their rights to dignity and participation. Not surprisingly Christians who do this often report the same experience as Jesus: they are staggered at the gratitude and faith of the people society has rejected.

May this Eucharist then be a celebration of the fact there is nothing in our life or in our world that Christ won't touch and heal. All we have to do is say 'please' and 'thank you'. May it also give us strength to go out and do likewise in the name of Him who has healed us, finding the humility to keep singing that great old hymn, 'We give thanks to Jesus with all our hearts'.

