



SUNDAY, 7 JANUARY 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 – 13/14 January 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Saturday 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

Monday	8/1	9.00am	<i>The Baptism</i>
Tuesday	9/1	5.00pm	<i>of the Lord</i>
Wednesday	10/1	8.00am	
Thursday	11/1	8.00am	
Friday	12/1	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:

7 January: Group 2 – Irene Cook

14 January: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE

POPE FRANCIS' FOCUS ...

The journey of the Magi, Pope Francis suggests, should prompt us to ask ourselves: 'How is the journey of my faith going?'

As the Pope says, the Magi were infused with a spiritual restlessness born of their desire for something transcendent. It is a dynamic which is useful for reflecting on our own situation in this present age. Are we stuck in what the Pope characterises as a spiritual 'parking lot'? 'Do our words and our liturgies ignite in people's hearts a desire to move towards God' he asks, or does our worship look and sound like something that 'speaks only of itself and to itself?'

The Magi offer us, the Pope says, four useful ways of thinking about where we are and where we should go. Firstly, they 'set out,' making sure our faith is forward-looking and active. Secondly, they had the courage to 'defy Herod,' providing a model of courage that

stands up to powers that would oppress and harm the poorest. Thirdly, they took 'another way,' forging new paths, trusting in God's creative power. And fourthly, they 'worshipped the Child', making sure that our focus was on the God towards whom we journey in hope.



Have you thought? Epiphany

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus to humankind. The wise men are the representatives of humanity bearing witness to this revelation. However, the Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus as not only the Messiah of Israel but the Saviour of the whole world. Interestingly, in this gospel that emphasises the 'Jewishness' of Jesus, the witnesses to the birth are gentiles from a foreign land. Their inclusion is a powerful declaration that the revelation of Jesus is for all people. Regardless of the liturgical year, this reading is always used on the feast of the Epiphany to celebrate this pivotal moment.

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:

Br Michael Burton; Linda Brown; Val Mountford; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Deceased members of the Delaney and Grogan families; Frank Mete; Bill Martin; Peg Anderson; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Dulcie O'Keefe; Eileen Manley; Mary Hart; Fr John Landy; Br Bernard Hatfield; Jessie Conroy; Monty Sultana; 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

* Dulcie O'Keefe - Monday, 8 January at 12noon, Parsons Funeral Home, 125 Manning Street, Kiama (previously Stan Crapp Funeral Home). A live-stream link for Dulcie's funeral can be found at <https://funeralannouncement.com.au/dulcie-nella-okeefe/>

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

HOLY HOUR KIAMA

Every Saturday Morning

From 8.00am to 9.00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome!



ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3.00 – 4.00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP



Parish Hall, Kiama, Wednesdays, 9.00am – 11.30am.

Term 1 2024 – 31 January; 14 & 28 February; 13 & 27 March; 10 April.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

SVDP HELP CENTRE

The Help Centre is now closed and will reopen Monday, 22 January 4.00 - 5.00pm. Anyone seeking assistance during the holiday period is requested to phone Vinnies Boutique on 4232 2656 whereby a conference member will be contacted to assist.

SACRAMENTS 2024



Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program will be published on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2024.

www.kiamacatholicchurch.org.au

Ss Peter & Paul Sacramental Team

MASS ON MONDAY. 8 JANUARY

Mass will be held at 9.00am at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Monday, 8 January, for the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord.

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

Thank you very much for your support.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM

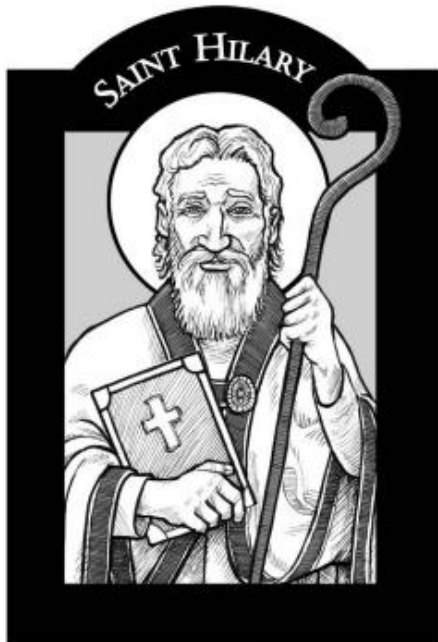
PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page full-colour book containing short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, perfect for individual devotional reading, in addition to the longer Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings.

YOUR SPIRITUAL GUIDES:

- **Katherine Stone MGL** providing beautiful spiritual direction.
- **Monsignor Graham Schmitzer** inviting you to reflect on the readings through the breathtaking artworks of the Masters.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Experience **visio divina** — an ancient Christian prayer allowing your heart and imagination to engage with sacred images in silence.
 - **A Conversation About 'Confession'** by Monsignor Graham Schmitzer — a short reflection on the beauty of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
 - **Daily reflections** crafted by 20 extraordinary contributors worldwide, promising inspiration and challenge.
- Stocks will be limited so please contact the Parish Office to reserve a copy.**



St Hilary was born at Poitiers in c. 315 of a wealthy pagan family. He married and had a daughter and after many years of study, he converted to Christianity. In 353, Hilary was chosen bishop of Poitiers, and for the remainder of his days he became an outspoken defender of the faith against Arianism. He opposed Emperor Constantius' attempt to take control over church matters, which led to him being exiled to Phrygia. During this period, Hilary wrote works explaining the faith, and although severe in tone, his writings were responsible for converting many people. He returned to Gaul after four years in exile and continued his fight against Arianism. Hilary introduced Eastern theology to the Western Church, and was proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1851.



Help the three wise men to get to Bethlehem



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



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kneeled
myrrh
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warned
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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

7 JANUARY 2024



FIRST READING

Is 60:1-6

*The glory of the Lord
shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem,
for your light has come,
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.
The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards
you,
your sons from far away
and your daughters being tenderly
carried.
At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;
since the riches of the sea will flow to
you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;
camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of the Lord.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

**(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will
adore you.**

1. O God, give your judgement to the
king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in
justice
and your poor in right judgement.
(R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's
bounds. **(R.)**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea
coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba

shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall
prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

4. For he shall save the poor when
they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Ephesians

*The revelation means that pagans now
share the same inheritance, that they
are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have
been entrusted by God with the grace
he meant for you, and that it was by a
revelation that I was given the
knowledge of the mystery. This
mystery that has now been revealed
through the Spirit to his holy apostles
and prophets was unknown to any
men in past generations; it means that
pagans now share the same
inheritance, that they are parts of the
same body, and that the same promise
has been made to them, in Christ Jesus,
through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to
worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at
Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign
of King Herod, some wise men came to
Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the
infant king of the Jews?' they asked.
'We saw his star as it rose and have
come to do him homage.' When King

Herod heard this he was perturbed,
and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He
called together all the chief priests and
the scribes of the people, and enquired
of them where the Christ was to be
born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they
told him, 'for this is what the prophet
wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of
Judah,

you are by no means least among the
leaders of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men
to see him privately. He asked them the
exact date on which the star had
appeared, and sent them on to
Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about
the child,' he said 'and when you have
found him, let me know, so that I too
may go and do him homage.' Having
listened to what the king had to say,
they set out. And there in front of them
was the star they had seen rising; it
went forward and halted over the place
where the child was. The sight of the
star filled them with delight, and going
into the house they saw the child with
his mother Mary, and falling to their
knees they did him homage. Then,
opening their treasures, they offered
him gifts of gold and frankincense and
myrrh. But they were warned in a
dream not to go back to Herod, and
returned to their own country by a
different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 14 JANUARY

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19

PSALM: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 (R.) *Here am
I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

GOSPEL: Jn 1:35-42