



SUNDAY, 1 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 – 7/8 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

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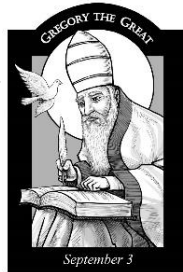
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	3/9	5:00pm	St Gregory the Great
Wednesday	4/9	8:00am	
Thursday	5/9	8:00am	
Friday	6/9	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:

1 September: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

8 September: Group 2 – Irene Cook

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

To Hope and Act with Creation

Today is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation. In his message to all peoples Pope Francis draws on the Epistle to the Romans in which St. Paul reflects on the suffering of all creation and reminds us that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, that is waiting for us.

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look after her? Creation is groaning because of the unsustainable actions that harm her. Along with our Sister, Mother Earth, creatures of all kinds, including humans, cry out because of the consequences of our destructive actions causing climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, and human suffering as well as Creation's suffering.

Creation is standing on tiptoe waiting for the children of God to be revealed (Romans 8:19)

Creation and all of us are called to worship the Creator, working together for a future filled with active hope. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope be born. St. Paul reminds us that both Creation and humanity are conceived from the beginning in Christ and, therefore, are entrusted to each other. The children of God are those who stretch up their hands towards the Creator, recognising themselves as humble creatures, to

praise and respect God, and at the same time to love, respect, care, and learn from God's gift of Creation.. More than a common home, Creation is also a cosmic family that calls us to act responsibly. 19).

First fruits of hope (Rom 8:23-25)

Hope is given to us by God as a protection and guard against futility. Only through hope we may realise the gift of freedom in fullness. Freedom and responsibility enable us to make the world a better place. Only when we work together with Creation can the first fruits of hope emerge.

A phrase attributed to Saint Augustine says: "Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are." As we witness the cries and sufferings of Earth and all creatures, let holy anger move us toward the courage to be hopeful and active for justice.

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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; Gwen Coady; Jennifer O'Donnell; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Jennifer Johnstone; Betty O'Halloran; Elizabeth Donoghue; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Gian Carlo Goytizolo; Nelson and Joshua Chan; Joey O'Neill; Michael Sewell; Donald Sheehy; 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 kiama@dow.org.au

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

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 3 – 4 & 18 September.

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** – 20 September

* **First Reconciliation** – *Enrolments closed.*

* **Confirmation** – *Completed for 2024.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 7

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

1st – Mary Lovegrove (#13)

2nd – June Uphill (#28)

3rd – Tony Jardim (#27)

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 WANTED

Ss Peter and Paul Church has several old sacred vessels and candlesticks in need of cleaning/restoring. If you can help please contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be administered during the 9:30am Mass on Friday, 13 September at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

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.**

“COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE”

FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Introduction to “Come And See, Go And Make” (CSGM), and Facilitating CSGM Worksheet Activities (Double event). Exploring the vision for parishes,

why it matters, and how we can have hope for the future and understanding the parish approach to the Worksheet Activities. **Campbelltown** – Monday 2 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm **Wollongong** (and Zoom) – Wednesday 4 September, 7:00 - 9:30pm. All welcome! **REGISTER TO ATTEND:**

<https://form.jotform.com/242136774128862>

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

* Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, 4 September, 2:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

* Monthly Mass and Morning Tea, Friday, 6 September. The CWL 9:30am Mass will be offered for "Fathers". Following the Mass a parish morning tea will be served in the Meeting Room.



Kiama members of Catholic Women's League cordially invite you to attend their **SPRING LUNCHEON**, with guest speaker Melissa Hurley, Disability Trust Music Makers. Men are very welcome to attend. There will also be a Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes.

WHEN: Monday, 23 September, 12:00 noon for 12:30pm

WHERE: Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club, 68 Crooked River Road, Gerroa

COST: \$45 per person

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Acc Name: Catholic Women's League
Kiama.

BSB: 062 562;

Acc #: 0090 1790

Reference: *Your name (or organisation if paying for a group)*

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To avoid disappointment book early!

RSVP: by 6 September to Anne Hassett, hassett1a@gmail.com (4232 2570) or Gai Delavere, gai.delavere@outlook.com (0401 468 209) with the following information – Name/Organisation, Number Attending and Special Dietary Requirements. We look forward to seeing you there!

POSITION VACANT

Part-time Parish Secretary, Parish of St Paul's Albion Park

16 hours per week – Tuesday to Friday, start and finish times negotiable. The position requires skills in administration.

bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to:

frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au.

Applications close 5:00pm Tuesday, 3 September.

INSTITUTED MINISTRIES FORMATION

Sr Monica Barlow is running formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at: Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama, Saturday mornings, 7 and 14 September from 10:30am – 12:30pm. **Attendance at the second session is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session.**

Register for the first of these formation sessions using the following links:

Eagle Vale: dow.sh/imf24eaglevale

Kiama: dow.sh/imf24kiama

WALK FOR LIFE SYDNEY

2:00–4:00pm, Saturday 21 September

Hyde Park, Sydney (Near the Archibald Memorial Fountain)

Join the movement of Australians making abortion unthinkable in our country! All are welcome to this family-friendly



gathering to be a voice for the unborn and call for the protection of every life from the moment of conception. Further Information and Registration (for free):

<https://www.lovesydney.org.au/>

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Monday, 7 October at 9:30am

The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 7 October at 9:30am at the **Parish of Saint Michael, 325**



Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 900kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep fleas well-muzzled. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Friday, 4 October, with Mass at 9:30am – animals are welcome at that Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION CONTINUED

We know that bold and urgent action is necessary to avert catastrophic global warming; we also know that ecological conversion is a slow process – it takes time for us to change our minds and heart, our ways of living. We acknowledge Pope Francis' concern that we have not done enough and pray that we may find a better balance between the urgency of crisis and the slower rhythms of long-lasting change.

Act with Creation

As part of our commitment to action the Parish Council has agreed to participate in the **National Multifaith Week of Climate Action** in partnership with ARRCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change)

Hope and Act with Creation

Coronation Park, Tuesday 17 September, 4:00 - 4:45pm.

At this event we will be launching banners which will be publicly displayed outside churches and in other religious institutions. These banners support the uptake of renewable energy and call for action from the government and individuals to halt the proliferation of fossil fuels. As well as launching the banners, we will have reflections, prayers, music and handouts to lift your spirits, as we come together to show our concern for our common home.

The Reflection is based on Caritas/Catholic Earthcare and the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference Resources.

Lord, we give you thanks and praise for fathers, young and old, and we wish all dads a very happy Father's Day.



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan

and accepts no bribes against the innocent.

Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the

Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 8 SEPTEMBER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2

1ST READING: Is 35:4-7

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

2ND READING: James 2:1-5

GOSPEL: Mk 7:31-37