



SUNDAY, 19 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 – 25/26 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 21/10 5.00pm

Wednesday 22/10 8.00am

Thursday 23/10 8.00am

Friday 24/10 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:

19 October: Group 2 – Ross Smith

26 October: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION AND NEWS

THE PRAYER OF PATIENCE

When we truly pray, we do not move God to ourselves, but ourselves to God.

A small boat nears the shore, a man throws a rope and anchor toward the sandy beach. He then, when the anchor has bitten into the sand, pulls on the rope and draws the boat up onto the beach. The shore did not move out to the boat -- the boat is drawn up onto the beach.

God answers all prayer!

He does not answer our selfish, materialistic begging.

He does not move into our sinful situation.

He moves us out of our sinful situation unto Himself.

He sometimes moves slowly.

Sometimes we don't lack faith but patience.

Wait patiently for Him and He shall give you your heart's desire.

* If the request is not right, He will answer "NO."

* If the time is not right, He will answer "SLOW."

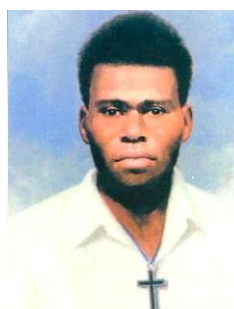
* When you are not right, He says "GROW."

* When the time and you are right, God will say "GO."

That's when miracles happen.

FIRST PAPUA NEW GUINEA SAINT

The Pope has cleared the path to canonization for Blessed Peter To Rot, a layman martyred for the faith in present-day Papua New Guinea (PNG).



Born on 5 March 1912, Blessed Peter was educated in the Christian faith and became a catechist, and his life was characterized by charity, humility, and dedication to the poor and orphans.

During the Japanese occupation of PNG during the Second World War, Blessed Peter continued to prepare couples for marriage as missionaries were imprisoned. When his pastoral activity was forbidden, he carried out his apostolate in secret, fully aware that he was risking his life. He staunchly defended the sanctity of marriage and opposed the practice of polygamy, confronting even his older brother, who had taken a second wife. Blessed Peter's brother reported him to the police, and he was sentenced to two months in prison, where he died of poisoning in July 1945.

Pope St John Paul II beatified Blessed Peter To Rot on 17 January 1995, in Port Moresby.

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:

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:

Tom Musgrave; Anne Sullivan; Sr Martina Sarkis ssj; 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: 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 9:

- 1st - Vonnie Gee (#14);
- 2nd - Maureen Moore (#44);
- 3rd - Mel Condon (#34)

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.**

ST MARY'S GERRINGONG

* The next Monthly Morning Tea at St Mary's will be held on Sunday, 26 October, following Mass.

* The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, 2 November, following Mass.

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.
- 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.

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**

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.

RALLY TO END SEX-SELECTIVE ABORTIONS

Wednesday, 22 October

A public rally titled "Rally to End Sex-Selective Abortions" will be held on Wednesday, 22 October at 5:30pm on the steps of the NSW Parliament, Macquarie Street, Sydney. The event coincides with John Ruddick MLC's introduction of a bill in Parliament concerning the prohibition of abortions based on the gender of the baby. More information and registration details are available at:

<https://www.drjoannahowe.com.au/rally-sydney-johnruddicksbill>

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Saturday, 8 November

The annual All Souls Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at Lakeside Memorial Park at 10:30am in the grassed area by the Crypts. Please RSVP by Monday, 3 November at <https://events.humanitix.com/all-souls-day-2025-lakeside>

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 18/19 OCTOBER



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

19 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.'

Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset.

With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. v.2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your
shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and
coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of
our heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she

keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'"

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 26 OCTOBER

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1**

1ST READING: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

PSALM: Ps 33:2-3, 17-19, 23 (R.) *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

2ND READING: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

GOSPEL: Lk 18:9-14



Different View

Convincing God

Does this teaching about the need for continual prayer mean that God needs to be convinced of our cause? Does a one-off prayer not get heard? Is God swayed by the force of numbers? Can the prayers of ten people carry more weight than the prayers of one? All these questions miss the point of the parable. It is not God who needs our prayers, but we who have to recognise, through prayer, our need for God's mercy and gracious love. The constancy of prayer is not to convince God but to remind ourselves of our dependence upon God.