



SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 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 – 13/14 September 2025

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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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	9/9	5.00pm
Wednesday	10/9	8.00am
Thursday	11/9	8.00am
Friday	12/9	9.30am



Nativity
Of
The
Blessed
Virgin
Mary
8 Sep

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 September: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

14 September: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

SEASON OF CREATION

PEACE WITH CREATION

The ecumenical theme for the Season of Creation 2025 is '**Peace with Creation**' inspired by the biblical text, Isaiah 32 14-18. Isaiah depicted a desolated creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. The description of devastated cities and wastelands stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a catastrophic impact on the earth.

Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth.

'The citadel and the watchtower will become wasteland forever...

*Till the Spirit is poured on us from on high,
And the desert becomes a fertile field,
The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his
righteousness in the fertile field,*

*The fruit of righteousness will be peace,
My people will abide in a peaceful land, in
secure dwellings and peaceful, resting
places.'* Isaiah 32.14-18

Last Sunday Pope Leo XIV announced the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, '**Seeds of Peace and Hope**'. He recalled that Pope Francis

instituted the day 10 years ago at the time he sent his **Letter, 'Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home'** to all peoples.

In doing so he incorporated the day, 1 September, into the Season of Creation and renamed it '**Creation Day**', thereby bringing the Catholic Church into union with Orthodox and Protestant Churches who have celebrated the day at the invitation of the Orthodox Church, since 1989.

Creation Day is grounded in the ancient Orthodox liturgical tradition from the 5th Century; it is a day to praise God as Creator, commemorate the mystery of Creation in Christ, and inspire Christians to care for the created world. Pope Leo stated that **"for believers, environmental justice is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed"**.

To fully recognize the status of this new feast, he recently proclaimed a new '**Mass for the Care of Creation**' to enable Catholic communities to celebrate **Creation Day** in liturgical format for the first time.

These initiatives of Pope Leo provide us with renewed impetus as we look forward

in hope to a second decade of the Laudato Si movement. We unite with Christians worldwide in prayer and action to care for the Earth, recognizing the need for ecological conversation and striving for a just and peaceful relationship with creation.

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

God of all life,
We thank you for the gift of creation,
For the water that keeps us alive,
For our food and shelter,
All of which come from the generosity of Earth.
We thank you for the very air we breathe
Which we share with every creature.
May we take good care of Earth
As our common home takes care of us.
May we work for justice for those
Most hurt by damage to our environment.
May we enjoy the beauty of nature
And pray that it be treated with deeper respect.
Jesus asked us to learn from the lilies of the field
And the birds of the air.
We ask this in his name.
Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr, Caritas Australia

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:

Joy Raines; Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Suzanne Cole; Jennifer Johnstone; Nancy Voss; Warren Beecham; Leo, May & Anthony Russell; Pat McAuley; Ann Tinney; Kevin Quinn; Betty O'Halloran; Ken Condon; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Cecil Lindley; Dorothea Quinn; Trevor Newcombe; Amelia Alegria; Fr Chris Riley; 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

* **Cecil Lindley** – 11:00am, Monday, 8 September, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

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 3: 17 September.

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

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Enrolments close on the following dates:

* **Confirmation** – Finished for 2025.

* **First Reconciliation** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 3:

1st – Mike O'Dwyer (#2);

2nd – Sue Stuckey (#13);

3rd – Kim Day (#47)

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.

KBECET BOOK SALE FUNDRAISER



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at the KBECET Book Sale on the weekend at Ss Peter and Paul Church. We made an amazing \$8800.00 for the Kiama High School Scripture Ministry and associated welfare programmes. I am grateful for the generosity of so many people. We are truly blessed that all churches in our local area come together to support KBECET in many different ways. Thank you. Gai Delavere.

SAVE THE DATE!!!



Bible Society Coffee Morning
10:00am, Wednesday 26 November
Kiama Baptist Church

TAIZE SEASON OF CREATION

You are warmly invited to join us for Taize Prayer base on the Season of Creation on Friday, 12 September at 7:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. Further information - Marion Haigh, 0407 417 389.

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* **Aged Care at Home** - CatholicCare can assist you to access aged care support services at home ensuring you or your loved ones receive the right care and support.

* **Help at Home with Health, Mobility and Safety** - CatholicCare has a caring Clinical Aged Care Team ready to help you or your loved ones - quickly and professionally. Their team of Registered Nurses, Occupational Therapists, and Physiotherapists can come to you.

For more information call CatholicCare on 4211 6103 or go to www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

DEATH CAFE

Talking about death won't kill us!

Friday, 18 September

2.00pm

Gerrigong Library

Afternoon Tea provided

Book online at Kiama Library

www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au/death-cafe

STATE ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM

Kiama Electorate

Members of all Christian Churches are invited to hear from the major candidates for the Kiama by-election, a specific opportunity to ask questions that matter to Christians and hear where the candidates stand on issues such as education, religious freedom and sanctity of life. Monday, 8 September, 7:00pm, Calderwood Christian School, 234 Calderwood Rd, Calderwood. The forums will be live-streamed and recorded for those who cannot attend in person.

<https://meetyourcandidates.org.au>

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!

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



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THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*In support of the retirement and health of clergy
and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians*



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE VISIT DOW.ORG.AU/GIVING

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our diocese during the month of September. A special collection will take place on the weekends of 20/21 & 27/28 September. To find out more or make a tax deductible donation please visit www.dow.org.au/giving, scan the QR code or call (02) 4222 2400 to make a donation over the phone.

"Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and the sound and holistic formation of our Seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + Bishop Brian Mascord

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,

and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS – 14 SEPTEMBER

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
– Year C/1**

1ST READING: Num 21:4-9

PSALM: Ps 77:1-2, 34-38 *(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

2ND READING: Phil 2:6-11

GOSPEL: Jn 3:13-17

