



# SUNDAY, 29 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 – 5/96 October 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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### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	1/10	5:00pm	St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Wednesday	2/10	8:00am	The Holy Guardian Angels
Thursday	3/10	8:00am	
Friday	4/10	9:30am	St Francis of Assisi

### **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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

### **COUNTER'S ROSTER:**

**29 September: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor**

**6 October: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist**

## **REFLECTION**

### **BIODIVERSITY SUNDAY**

*The iconic Macquarie Marshes are teeming with life. Unique, rare and endangered water birds find abundant nesting spots and fertile foraging grounds in the intricate patchwork of ecosystems that make up this complex, interconnected landscape. They form a critical breeding place for migratory birds from Alaska and Siberia.*

The Nature Conservation Council

The Marshes are under threat from gold mining.

In his 2022 message Pope Francis urged world leaders to protect 50% of lands and oceans for the survival of biodiversity and humanity.

*'If we listen to the voice of creation' he said, 'we can hear a kind of dissonance. On the one hand we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved creator; on the other an anguished plea lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home.'*

The sweet song invites us to practise an 'ecological spirituality' (LS 216), in which we celebrate God's presence and our 'splendid, universal communion' with all creation.

*There they go, a skyful at random,  
trying the blue acres, miming the risen;  
Shearwater, brolga, avocet, tern, rosella –  
bugling, whistling, calling.*

Peter Steele sj

The anguished plea of dissonance is that of the earth who weeps and implores us to put an end to our abuse and to her destruction - countless species are dying out and their hymns of praise silenced.

Francis called for a multi-lateral agreement between Governments to halt the destruction of ecosystems and the extinction of species; he begged the leaders of extractive industries to stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, polluting rivers and seas and poisoning food and people.

By way of *acting with creation* we might join Landcare or support an advocacy

organization such as The Australian Conservation Foundation or the Environmental Defenders Office.

Thus we might help in a small way to *Restore Sacred Balance.*



## **Have you thought? Jealousy**

*The disciples are portrayed as being jealous of someone healing in the name of Jesus. It is almost an intellectual property argument – you can't use Jesus' name to heal, only we can 'cause we're with Jesus. Their attitude sounds quite childish but it is an attitude we encounter all the time – and are perhaps guilty of ourselves at times. In our world that encourages competitive behavior at every turn, Jesus' attitude is a challenging one – if good is being done, why care who gets the credit for it? Perhaps politicians would get more done if they weren't concerned about getting credit for what they do.*

# 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:

*Francis Le; Ann Dawes; John Petschler; Gwen Coady; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Lucy Howell; Peg Anderson; Katherine McGuinness; Family & Friends of Marg Mappas; Virgil O'Halloran; Eric Spindler; Gloria Rawlin; May & Michael Flynn; Jennifer Johnstone; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Herbert Shorter; Fr Gabriel (from UK); Catherine di Girolamo; Angela Martello; Mary Newn; Kenneth Condon; Valetta McDonald; Nancy Voss; Gian Carlo Goytizolo; 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](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

## 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.

## 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 4 – 23 October; 6 & 20 November; 4 & 18 December.**

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

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Daylight Savings begins next Sunday, 6 October. **The Sunday evening Mass time will change to 6.00pm from 6 October.** Don't forget to wind your clocks forward an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

### Week 10

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

1<sup>st</sup> – Tom Nilan (#32)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dianne Sainsbury (#20)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tony Jardine (#27) Homestead of Hope thank all our participants for their contributions.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

This weekend in our Parish, children and their parents will be making their prayer of commitment for the preparation for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. **Prayer cards for the children are available at the back of the Church.** Please take one, or more, and pray for that child during the preparation program. We keep all these children and their families in our prayers at this time. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Ss Peter and Paul Church on the feast of Christ the King at the 6.00pm Masses on Saturday, 23 November and Sunday, 24 November.

## PRAYER OF SUPPORT FROM THE PARISH COMMUNITY

**We want to accompany these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.**

**May we show our support and pray for these children as they take another step in their faith journey. Amen.**



## **FR CHRIS – UPCOMING RETREAT AND ANNUAL LEAVE**

Fr Chris will be away at a Clergy retreat from 29 September to 4 October, then on annual leave from 6 to 31 October. **During this time, weekday Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Fridays will be normal Masses.** Supply priests for weekend Masses will be Fr John Crothers, Fr Terry Herbert, Fr Bryan Jones and Fr David

## **OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

\* The Rosary will be recited **each Friday in October, starting at 9:00am before the 9:30am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church.**

\* **Intentions:** Praying for world peace as **Our Lady requested at Fatima**, especially for peace in the Ukraine and the Middle East and for our own intentions

\* Rosary beads are available at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church

\* The Holy Rosary is recited in the Holy Hour Devotions held each Saturday starting at 8:00am at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**

Happy Birthday to Sylvia Barnes who turns 90 years young on 3 October. Thank you Sylvia for providing us with the gift of your music over many years in our Parish. May God shower you with His many blessings. With love from your Parish Family.

## **ADVENT PROGRAM 2024**

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with **The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections** — a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections. **The Light** also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Hunt, Van Dyck, Breenbergh, Giordano, Luini, Raphael and more, with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. **To reserve a copy, phone or email the Parish Office with your name, phone and number of copies.**

Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.

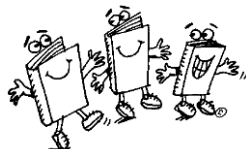
## **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

\* **Next CWL Meeting**, Wednesday 2 October, 2:30pm in Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room.

\* **CWL Mass**, Friday 4 October, 9:30am at Ss Peter & Paul

\* Following the 9:30am Mass, the **CWL PARISH MORNING TEA** will be served in the Meeting Room.

## **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.**

## **KBECET ANNUAL DINNER**

You are invited to the 2024 KBECET annual dinner 6:00pm, 19 October at Kiama Anglican Church to celebrate the Kiama High School SRE Ministry. Tickets are \$30 and payment can be made online by scanning the QR code on the poster displayed at each Church or contact your Church representative Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209. Come and celebrate and be encouraged by the work of our local SRE teacher, Wicky Ochieng, and our Shine and Strength teams at Kiama High School. Join us as we pray and enjoy good food, good company and fellowship across our Churches of Kiama municipality.



## **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON**

\$25 entry. Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall Kiama, Tuesday, 5 November from 1:00pm. Lunch will be chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. BYO alcohol. Win a prize for the best hat worn on the day. Please bring 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.** Contact Angie (0404 856 379) or Robyn (0437 277 908)

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT**

Over the past four months the work of the PPC has been focused on a number of key areas:

- Examining aspects of the *Handbook for Parish Councils* at each meeting, seeking a deepening understanding of the role and operations of a PPC and ways of ensuring communication with parishioners  
([faithinourfuture.wordpress.com](http://faithinourfuture.wordpress.com))

- Ongoing updating of the *Parish Ministry Manual*

- Reviewing and uploading to the website our practical Parish response to *Laudato Si*

- Reflection and discussion of Bishop Brian's invitation to embark on a journey of parish renewal through the *Come and See, Go and Make* resources provided by the Diocese. Copies should be available at the back of each church. The next Formation Pathway opportunity will be *Introduction to Parish Renewal* in Wollongong or online on Wednesday 2 October (registration: [dow.sh/oct2024](http://dow.sh/oct2024))

- Continuing discussion and collection of parishioners' experiences of our parish for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2027. We are still seeking your stories! We would appreciate individual and/or family memories, and any information you might have about the many groups which have flourished in our parish over the years. If you would care to share your reflections, stories, and photos if you have any, please contact Julieanne Douglas on 0418 491 125 or [julieannedouglas@hotmail.com](mailto:julieannedouglas@hotmail.com).

- Photographs have been taken of current PPC members for inclusion on the parish website.

- A number of PPC members will be concluding their term early next year, so please consider nominating yourself or another parishioner for Council membership. You are most welcome to attend our next meeting on Tuesday 12 November at 7:00pm in the Kiama Meeting Room. If you would like to make a nomination, or require any information, please leave your details with Louise in the office.

**The PPC members thank you for your prayerful and ongoing support.**

# 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

### FIRST READING

Numbers 11:25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

**(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**
4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See John 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### READINGS – 6 OCTOBER

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –  
Year B/2

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Gen 2:18-24

PSALM: Ps 127 (R.) *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: Heb 2:9-11

GOSPEL: Mk 10:2-16

