



# SUNDAY, 16 MARCH 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 – 22/23 March 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**

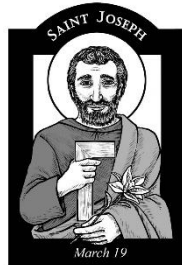
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**Presbytery:** 94 Manning Street, Kiama    **Parish Office:** 96 Manning Street (PO Box 299), Kiama  
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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	18/3	5.00pm	
Wednesday	19/3	8:00am	St Joseph
Thursday	20/3	8:00am	
Friday	21/3	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 – 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:**

**16 March:** Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

**23 March:** Group 4 – Mike Doherty

## PROJECT COMPASSION



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Second Sunday of Lent

15th and 16th of March 2025

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

*"Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore."* – said Toefuata'iga.

This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?



*Photo credit: Caritas Australia*

#### **Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

# 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:

Gerry Gilchrist; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

### Anniversaries:

Milton Mitchell; Kevin Dorahy; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

### Recently Deceased:

Fr Antony Brennan; Margaret Killmore; Beverley Wilson; Catherine O'Keeffe (sister of Margaret Di Salvio); Carmelina Cassar; Marjorie Downes; Kevin O'Sullivan; Greg Twemlow; 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 [kiamo@dow.org.au](mailto:kiamo@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 to 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.**



## 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 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.*

## PARISH PLAYGROUP



Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama  
Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.

**Term 1 – 19 March, 2 April.**

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

## 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 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 Confirmation Program are now available on the Parish website. Visit [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program)

Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be advertised once dates have been set.

Enrolments close on the following dates:

\* **Confirmation** – Friday, 21 March

\* **First Reconciliation** – Still to be organised

\* **First Holy Communion** – Still to be organised

## CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2025

A reminder to all parents that Confirmation enrolments close on **Friday, 21 March**. Please enrol online at [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation)

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

### Palm Sunday – 12/13 April

\* **Kiama:** Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm;

Sunday: 8.00am & 5.00pm

\* **Gerringong:** 9.30am

\* **Jamberoo:** 9.30am

### Holy Thursday – 17 April

Kiama: 7.00pm

### Good Friday – 18 April

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10.00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

#### PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

### Easter Vigil – 19 April

Kiama: 7.00pm *(please bring a torch or electric candle)*

### Easter Sunday – 20 April

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am

#### NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Gerringong:** 9.30am

**Jamberoo:** 9.30am

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.



Anyone interested in playing piano or organ for Mass in Kiama (especially 8:00am Mass) please contact Leonie Dewhurst, 0429 465 822. The greatest need will be over the next 6 months as our regular musicians have other commitments. Help will be provided in hymn selection and music.

### **CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT . . . ?**

You are warmly invited to come to the Church for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer / reflection will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to all the parish and beyond.

**When:** Thursdays - 20 & 27 March; 3 & 10 April

**Time:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

**Where:** Ss Peter and Paul Church (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), Kiama.

*Please 'Come and see . . .'*

For more information phone 0409 562 830 or Email [smabela@bigpond.com](mailto:smabela@bigpond.com)

### **HOPE FOR THE ILLAWARRA INTER CHURCH EVANGELISATION EVENT**

*I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Wollongong, especially those in the Illawarra Region, to attend this Ecumenical Event, inviting others so as to hear the Gospel proclaimed anew. In embracing our Jubilee Year of Hope, consider attending Hope for the Illawarra on March 28-29 in Wollongong." Bishop Brian Mascord*

**MAIN EVENTS:** Friday 28 March - An Evening for Youth (7:00pm); Saturday 29 March - A Morning Event for Children (11:00am); A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7:00pm). For more information phone 4222 2407, email [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au) or visit <https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1>,

### **YOUNG ADULTS - SANCTUS SUMMIT**

**Wednesday 19 March, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra**  
New monthly adoration for young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating

each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm-7:30pm (followed by dinner) for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus' plan for your life. (Luke 6:39-45). If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITATION**

If any parishioners are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council in 2025, we warmly invite you to leave your name and number with the Parish Office at [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au) or 4232 2081.

**Please join us for a 'Thank You' morning tea for all Parish Ministries at 11:00am on Sunday, 30 March, in Ss Peter and Paul Hall. Everyone welcome. We look forward to celebrating together!**

### **CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS**

**14 March 2025**

**Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong**

**Celebrant: Fr James Arblaster**

A warm invitation is extended to all members of the public, all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, and members of Cursillo, Couples for Christ and Disciples of Jesus, to join us in charismatic praise to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome.

**7:00pm - Praise and Worship**

**7:30pm - Holy Mass**

**Info:** Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

### **JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER**

*You are my Hope*

**Saturday, 22 March 2025**

**St Francis Xavier Cathedral,**

**8:00am – 8:00pm**

A day of extended Eucharistic adoration and reflection at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong ([36 Harbour Street](#)). The day will commence with Lauds, leading into Mass, followed by extended Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for reconciliation. There will be a time of adoration and talks by Fr

Bernard on St Francis Xavier and St Thérèse of Lisieux, exploring Hope through mission and contemplation. The day will conclude with Sung Vespers and Solemn Benediction.

Visit: [jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au](http://jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au)

### **THE JOURNEY**

**Your Diocesan Weekly Podcast**

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) and we will send it to you each week.

### **CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS**

2025 Catholic Business Connections membership is now open, and you are invited to join us for a luncheon on

**Date:** Wednesday 26 March

**Time:** 11:45am-2:00pm

**Venue:** Rydges Campbelltown

**Speaker:** Hugh Mackay AO – Social psychologist, researcher and best-selling author of 24 books, including 9 novels.

**Topic:** The Way We Are

**Dress:** Professional Attire

**RSVP:** Tuesday, 18 March

To join CBC or for further information go to [dow.sh/CBCMarch2025](http://dow.sh/CBCMarch2025).

## **LIVING THE GOSPEL**

### **'Listen to him!'**

*God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.*

# **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C**

## **16 MARCH 2025**

### **FIRST READING**

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

*God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.*

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.' **(R.)**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,

hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.*

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 9:28-36

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### **READINGS – 23 MARCH**

**Third Sunday of Lent –  
Year C/1**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15

**PSALM:** Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11 *(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

**GOSPEL:** Lk 13:1-9