



SUNDAY, 14 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 – 20/21 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	16/9	5.00pm	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
Wednesday	17/9	8:00am	
Thursday	18/9	8:00am	
Friday	19/9	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:

14 September: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

21 September: Group 2 – Ross Smith

SEASON OF CREATION

The institution of the Feast of Creation breathes new spirit into the Season of Creation. It is the fruit of some 35 years of prayer and discernment by Christian faith communities, following the invitation of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople to join the Eastern Church in celebrating together a Feast of Creation'. It is an expression of unity among Christian churches 'to come together in prayer and action – to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth' A constant theme in discussions on the Feast of Creation was that the Western Church had not placed due emphasis on the doctrine of creation. Pope Benedict XIV stated: *'In recent decades the doctrine of Creation had almost disappeared from theology, it was almost imperceptible. We are now aware of the damage that has caused. The redeemer is the creator and if we do not proclaim God in his full grandeur – as Creator and as Redeemer-we also diminish the value of the redemption'.* A renewed understanding of God as Creator will deepen our collective commitment to the fate of God's beloved Creation, while also uplifting Christianity's relevance in addressing the challenges of the

'Anthropocene Era'. Those more senior among us will remember when the celebration of Mass concluded with a reading of the Prologue of the Gospel of St John – *'In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God, through Him all things came to be, and not one thing had its being but through Him....and the Word was made flesh and he lived among us and we saw his glory'.* In this way Creator and Redeemer were recognized in the person of Jesus Christ. In today's liturgy we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The second reading celebrates how God in the person of the Son made a costly, full 'descent' into the human condition, in order to abolish sin and death and raise human beings to share the life of God. Redemption, not condemnation or punishment is the sole intent in our regard. In the spirit of the Season of Creation we might ask what might be the role of the Word, as Creator, 'the true light that enlightens all men; he was in the world that had its being through him; and to all who did accept him he gave power to be children of God'. To come together in prayer and action: Take time out for a 'creation' walk or view the night

skies; Visit Barroul House and view the landscapes of the resident artist, Helen Pain; Meditate and Pray for Our Earth. Every Tuesday, 11-11:30am from now until the start of the UN Climate Summit COP 30, in Belem, Brazil. Contact Elaine Bowkett: betranquil@westnet.com.au or 0439 035 614.

CREATION PRAYER - POPE LEO XIV

Lord, You love everything You have created, and nothing exists outside the mystery of Your tenderness. Every creature, no matter how small, is the fruit of Your love and has a place in this world. Even the simplest or shortest life is surrounded by Your care. Like St. Francis of Assisi, today we too want to say: "Praised be You, my Lord!" Through the beauty of creation, You reveal yourself as a source of goodness. We ask You: open our eyes to recognize You, learning from the mystery of Your closeness to all creation that the world is infinitely more than a problem to solve. It is a mystery to be contemplated with gratitude and hope. Help us to discover Your presence in all creation, so that, in fully recognizing it, we may feel and know ourselves to be responsible for this common home where You invite us to care for, respect, and protect life in all its forms and possibilities. Praised be You, Lord! Amen.

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:

Valetta McDonald; Reno Said; Gloria Rawlin; 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:

Tim Cooney; Cecil Lindley; Dorothea Quinn; Trevor Newcombe; Amelia Alegria; 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

* **Timothy Cooney** – 10:30am, Thursday, 18 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, Wednesday, 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** – Finished for 2025.

* **First Holy Communion** – see notice below.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Night

A reminder to parents with children enrolled in First Holy Communion – the **Parent Information Nights will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church at 7:00pm on Tuesday, 16 and Thursday, 18 September.** Only one parent needs to attend on one night. Children are not required to attend. If you haven't yet enrolled please do so by no later than midday on Tuesday, 16 September at www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/eucharist2025

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 4:

1st – Vonnie Gee (#14);

2nd – Clare Anderson (#26);

3rd – Michele Micallef (#4)

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.



Congratulations and a very happy Birthday to Frank Hickey who turned 95 years young on 10 September. Sláinte mhaith. Adh mor. May God bless you abundantly. *From your Parish Family.*

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!

KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

Date: Saturday 18 October.

Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm start.

Place: Point Ministry Centre, Kiama Anglican Church.

Cost: \$35 pp.

Bookings with Louise at the Parish office. Cash on booking or pay by EFT to BSB 082 662 Acc# 249030854. Please state DINNER and your SURNAME when paying by EFT. Please come and meet the new KHS Scripture Teacher, enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship within our local Christian community. Inquiries to Gai Delavere 0401 468 209.

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AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

*** 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

MENALIVE GROWING GOOD MEN WEEKEND 2025

**Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December
The Tops Conference Centre**

A powerful weekend for fathers and their teenage sons (ages 12–17). Strengthen your bond, explore the journey into manhood, and share in engaging activities, reflection, prayer, and a memorable Rite of Passage. Places are limited — register early to secure your spot! \$500 per father & son pair (includes accommodation, meals, activities & resources). Pick up a brochure from the back of the church or visit www.dow.org.au/events for more information and registration.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Join the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to the *Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)*, taking place at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from **30 November to 2 December 2025**. ACYF is a national celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia for a powerful experience of encounter, formation, prayer, and

community. Each day includes dynamic speakers, workshops, music, Mass, and an interactive expo. Travel and accommodation are being organised through **Harvest Journeys**, with a full package including your ACYF ticket, return flights, transfers, 4 nights' hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, and dinner on arrival (the night before the Festival). **Spots are limited and must be finalised by mid-September.** To register or find out more, visit dow.org.au/cymw or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au

DISCOVER PALMS VOLUNTEERING

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online session. Register at <https://palms.org.au/event/oct-info/>

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au



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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

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - **YEAR C**

14 SEPTEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer. **(R.)**

3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**

4. Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,

so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS – 21 SEPTEMBER

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1**

1ST READING: Amos 8:4-7

PSALM: Ps 112:1-2, 4-8 (R.) *Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.*

2ND READING: 1 Tim 2:1-8

GOSPEL: Lk 16:1-13

Scriptural **Context**

Lifted up

The gospel of John, written later than the other three canonical gospels, reflects a very different understanding of the cross. In this gospel writer's imagery, the cross is the means by which Jesus is 'raised up'. This theology flows through the entire gospel and in today's excerpt, from very early in the gospel, we see the language of the Son of Man being "lifted up". Furthermore, it is through the raising up of Jesus that all people are also raised up. It is through the Son, sent by the Father, that all people may enter into eternal life.