



SUNDAY, 14 JULY 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 – 20/21 July 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	16/7	5:00pm	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Wednesday	17/7	8:00am	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Thursday	18/7	8:00am	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>
Friday	19/7	9:30am	<i>Mass</i>

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 July: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

21 July: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

CATHOLICCARE – FOSTER CARE

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRIAN

At the most recent Council of Priests meeting, CatholicCare's CEO, Michael Austin, presented on a current crisis engulfing NSW (and especially in our diocese) in relation to foster care. Bishop Brian has prepared a film for parishioners outlining the crisis and calling on them to discern how they might be able to help these young children, which can be watched at <https://dow.sh/bmfc24>.

CatholicCare have also prepared a prayer card with details of how parishioners can contact them to discuss foster caring, and these can be found at the back of the church.

What are the challenges in the foster care system?

There are over 350 children across NSW who are in desperate need of a foster care placement. This is because there is a critical shortage of foster carers within the community. Children who are waiting for foster care placement may be placed into high-cost emergency arrangements, where children and young people are

placed into hotels, Airbnb's, serviced apartments, or even caravan parks, to be cared for by a rotating roster of shift workers. High-cost emergency arrangements denies these vulnerable children the nurturing relationships, safe environments, and stability they deserve. It also has a significant financial impact, costing taxpayers up to \$2m per child per year to keep a child in such accommodations.

What does this look like in the Diocese of Wollongong?

In the Diocese of Wollongong, there are 100 children and young people in need of foster care.

What can we do to help?

Contact the diocesan social services agency, CatholicCare Wollongong, to explore your options in becoming a foster carer. There are many options available to suit your capacity and ability to support these children:

- **Respite care** - Short periods of time, such as weekends, once a month, or during school holidays, to give parents and carers a break from their caring role.

- **Short-term and medium-term care** - Placements from a few months up to two years for children and young people who need to stay with someone to support them whilst their parents or family are working through changes so that the children can be returned.

- **Long-term care** - When children and young people can't return to their families, they need a permanent family who can give them a safe and secure environment up until they are 18 years of age. Options including legal guardianship or adoption can also be explored for children in stable foster care placements.

- **Emergency care** - Children and young people are placed in emergency care when there are concerns for their immediate safety. This type of placement can occur after-hours or on weekends, often at very short notice.

For more information contact CatholicCare on 4227 1122 or fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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:

Bernard Wakim; Bob Barabach; Joe O'Neill; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Alma Ellison; Darley Davey; Eileen Milne; Clare Patton; Jack Vinson; Tony Condran; Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Pat Kenna; Mary Newn; Catherine Goddard; Paula Lester; Peter Stuckey; Timothy Griffiths; 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

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

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 3 – 24 July, 7 & 221 August, 4 & 18 September.

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

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program is now published on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program. Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Reconciliation** – 2 August

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

2024/2025 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

For those who are currently giving by envelopes, your new sets for 2024/2025 are now available at the back of each church. If you would like to sign up to Planned Giving, change to direct debit, or you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES

16 - 18 JULY

For this coming week only, the weekday Masses on Tuesday 16, Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 July will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion due to Fr Chris being away at a Clergy Inservice. Fr Chris will be back by Thursday afternoon, so Friday 19 July will be Mass as normal.

SVDP ROSARY



St Vincent de Paul's next rosary intention will be held in Ss Peter and Paul Church on Monday, 12 August at 5:00pm for Val Mountford. All welcome.

SR MAUREEN ON RETREAT

Sr Maureen will be on annual retreat at St Joseph's Kincumber from 12 - 19 July. All will be included in her prayer.

MARY MACKILLOP PLACE DAY TRIP

Date: Tuesday 13 August, **Cost:** \$115.
Includes: Light morning tea en-route, guided museum tour at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney, light lunch served at Mary MacKillop Place and return coach

transport. Departing from Kiama Bowling Club at 7.10am and Blue Haven Bus Stop Terralong Street at 7.15am. Bookings essential. Please contact Kiama Scenic Tours. Freecall 1800 611 735. Office Hours 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday.

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups, youth organisations, Alpha Graduates, Cursillo Members and the Disciples of Jesus, to join us in charismatic prayer for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for healing prayer after Mass and a cup of tea/coffee. **Celebrant:** Fr Mark De Battista. "COME AND SEE". Friday 12 July (2nd Friday of every month), Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong. 7:00pm Praise and Worship, 7:30pm Holy Mass. **Info:** Gabriella De Battista - 0414 205 404

CREATOR'S MARK ART PRIZE

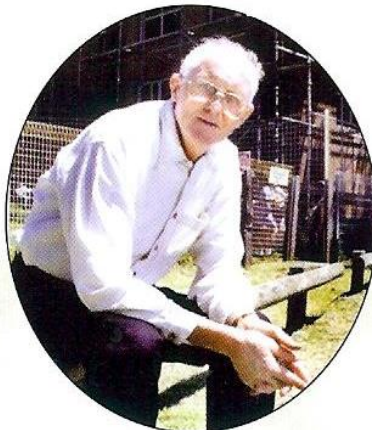
The Inaugural *Creator's Mark Art Prize and Exhibition* is a weekend long Charity Art Show and Community Event, celebrating creativity and showcasing local artists and artworks based on this year's theme; "*Rhythms of Grace*". It will be held from 27-29 September in the Gerringong Town Hall. We invite submissions in paint, pencil and mixed media (on canvas and in sculpture), that explore and celebrate the natural wonder and beauty of the Illawarra and its connection to the rhythms and spirituality of its people. We offer generous prizes in three categories: **Open (18 + years):** First Prize: \$3000, Second Prize: \$2000, Third Prize: \$1000 **Youth (12-17 years):** \$750 **People's Choice Award:** \$500 Levers Gift Voucher **Under 12 Developing Artist Category:** \$100 **Entries for artists are now open and close 31 August.** For more details visit <https://sites.google.com/view/creatorsmark2024/start-here>

2024 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we

invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 25 August at 2:00pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2024> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email helen.bennett@dow.org.au by no later than Monday, 29 July 2024.

FR PATRICK MICHAEL KENNA R.I.P 1930 – 2024



It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of Fr Patrick (Pat) Kenna, on Sunday last; having celebrated his 94th birthday just days earlier on 2 July. He had been a resident at Southern Cross Care, Cootamundra, since November 2021. Fr Pat retired as Parish Priest of Kiama in 2002 and went to live in a rustic cottage he had earlier purchased in Harden, which he named "Kilkenny" in memory of his Irish heritage. He wished to be closer to his sister Josephine Hogan, who then lived at Cootamundra. Fr Pat was born, and raised at Mittagong, and was probably the first born within the Diocese of Wollongong (1951) to be ordained for the Diocese 24 July 1954. I feel sure that Fr Pat had been uplifted and felt blessed to have known the reign of Pope Francis, as both shared a kindred-spirit. In his early years of priesthood Fr Pat served as assistant priest at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral Wollongong. He was later appointed the first Director of Catholic Schools within the Diocese, with the luxury of having his own personal phone link. In 1965 he introduced 'The Motor Mission', or what we know today as the Catechetical ministry to the Diocese, having earlier completed a Catechetical Course at the Lumen Vitae Institute, in Brussels. From 1970 – 1984 Fr Pat was appointed parish priest of Milton-Ulladulla-Sussex

Inlet parish. There he immersed himself into the life, the history and traditions of Milton Parish; hospitality to visitors and holidaymakers, and the Blessing of the Fleet for the Italian Community on Easter Sunday. To cater for those more mystically minded, he established a 'poustinia' at Milton, adjacent to St Mary's on Stoney Hill. Fr Pat was next appointed to the parish of Saints Peter and Paul Kiama, in 1984. Once again, he was that much loved and committed pastor knowing 'the smell of his sheep', to use the words of Pope Francis. In other words, Fr Pat delighted in getting to know the 'story' of each family, and took to heart their joys, their sorrows, and challenges. Fr Pat was a priest of genuine hospitality and compassion. He had a great love for the Liturgy, which he sought to enrich with appropriate creativity and good quality music. Parishioners and visitors alike found his homilies reflective, imaginative, and informative. Fr Pat was blessed with a magnificent disposition of enthusiasm, and forever sought to 'put fresh heart' into the people to whom he ministered.

He had a mystical vision of life, which influenced the people he encountered and places world-wide that he visited. On his retirement Fr Pat wrote (I quote in part): "For me the day-to-day experience of parish ministry has been a gift upon gift. Humdrum, exhausting at times, yet energising...including the people you meet at home and in hospital. At the end of a day, I sometimes reflect on the variety of encounters since sunrise and say to myself: "if Australian youth could sense that richness, the joy underpinning the daily grind of priesthood, as I've known it, they'd be queuing up."

May Fr Pat Kenna's compassionate soul rest in peace. *Fr Patrick Faherty*

The funeral arrangements for Fr Pat Kenna are as follows:

Date: Friday 19 July

Where: St Anthony's Church, Albury Street, Harden, NSW 2587

Time: 1.00pm

Interment: Will take place after the funeral in the Monumental section of the Harden cemetery.

Vigil Mass will also be offered on Thursday 18 July at 5.00pm at St Anthony's Catholic Church, Harden. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

14 JULY 2024

FIRST READING

Amos 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.

Now you too, in him,
have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,
and have believed it:
and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts

that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 21 JULY

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2

1ST READING: Jer 23:1-6

PSALM: Ps 22 (R.) *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

2ND READING: Eph 2:13-18

GOSPEL: Mk 6:30-34

