



SUNDAY, 28 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 – 4/5 October 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

(This week all Masses will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion)

Tuesday	30/9	5.00pm	Our Lady of the Rosary
Wednesday	1/10	8:00am	
Thursday	2/10	8:00am	
Friday	3/10	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:

28 September: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

5 October: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

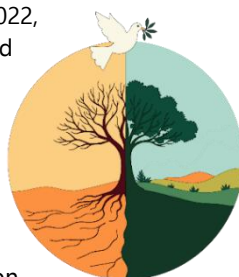
SEASON OF CREATION

PEACE WITH CREATION

On 1 September 2022, Bishop Brian launched the *Diocesan OB and CDF Laudato Si Action Plan*. He invited every individual, family, parish, school and diocesan organisation

to write and embrace an action plan. **He reminded us of the unique place and responsibility of the Church to advocate, care for and transform our world.** For the sake of the younger generation and their future and all species, human and other 'we must choose to eat, travel, spend, invest and live differently, thinking not only of immediate interests and gains, but also of future benefit's.

The recent release of the *National Climate Risk Assessment Report* and the *2035 Emissions Reduction Report* provide stark reminders of the immensity of the challenges that continue to confront us. Anjali Sharma, a student activist who led a class action (unsuccessful) that the Federal Environment Minister **has a duty of care to**



protect young people from the future impacts of climate expresses the impact of these policies in personal terms: *"In 2050 I'll be 46. The climate risk assessment tells me my life will be starkly different to generations before me. That I'll likely be raising children in a world earmarked by increasing heat-related deaths, that the country I have grown up in will steadily lose landmass as sea levels rise. That the air I breathe, the water I drink and the food I rely on will be under constant threat and that the stability generations before mine have taken for granted will not be my generation's experience"*

In Luke's gospel we read how the rich man is blind to the suffering of Lazarus. Even in the afterlife he remains blinded, as he wants Lazarus to warn his brothers of the fate that awaits them. Their vision is so blinded by wealth that they fail to see the reality of the poor at the city gates; and blinded spiritually to the message of the prophets and even to the sign of someone rising from the dead.

In today's world to see the poor is to see the homeless in the city streets, sheltering in the wake of flood, cyclone or fire, migrating because of rising sea levels or the

terror and destruction of war. **The care of the poor and the care of our common home are inextricably linked.** *We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.* (LS49)

On 1-3 October the LS Movement will hold an online Conference **Raising Hope** designed to 1) build joyful, meaningful relationships and 2) commit to **action at a crucial moment** for our common home. <https://raisinghope.earth/conference/>.

Raising Hope and the upcoming **COP 30 Conference in Brazil** in November will provide **key resolutions** for our continuing effort **to advocate, care for and transform our common home.**

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience". (LS 217) *By working with love and perseverance we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope.* Pope Leo XIV.

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:

Mel Condon; Clare Anderson; Anne Sullivan; Joy Fardy; Joy Raines; Nicole Phelan; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Katherine McGuinness; Virgil O'Halloran; Lucy Howell; Valetta McDonald; Reno Said; Gloria Rawlin; Suzanne Cole; Jennifer Johnstone; Nancy Voss; Warren Beecham; Leo, May & Anthony Russell; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Ian Campbell; Tim Cooney; Charlie Kirk; Iryna Zarutskia; Cecil Lindley; 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 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 4: 22 October; 6 & 20 November; 4 & 18 December.

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.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 6:

- 1st - Dennis Caruan (#20);
- 2nd - Denise Adams (#25);
- 3rd - John Carr (#42)

CLERGY RETREAT AND WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES

Fr Chris and Fr George will be away this coming week, from Monday, 29 September to Friday, 3 October, at a Clergy Retreat. **The weekday Masses during this time will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.**

FR CHRIS - ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Chris will be away on annual leave from Saturday, 4 October and will return on Thursday, 30 October.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Sr Maureen will be away Saturday, 27 September to Monday, 6 October. Someone will replace her for each communion that week.

Farewell



A farewell to a treasured parishioner, Anne Barron, will be held at St Mary's morning tea after Mass this Sunday, 28 September. All welcome.

COFFEE CAKE & CONVERSATION

You are invited to our Parishioners and Visitors' Morning Tea on Friday, 3 October in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room. The morning tea will start after the CWL Mass at 9:30am, which will be preceded by the Rosary at 9:00am.



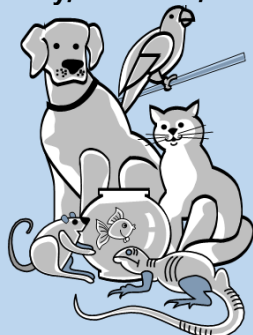
OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



- The Rosary will be prayed before **Mass each Friday during October, starting 3 October at 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church.**
- During her appearances at Fatima in 1917, Our Lady asked the three children Lucy, Francesco and Jacinta to pray the Rosary reverently every day especially for world peace then extended this request to all the faithful.
- In praying for world peace let us pray for an end to the war in the Ukraine, the Middle East and all war torn countries.
- Let us also pray for our own intentions, for our families, our government and an end to abortion.
- 7 October is the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary a special day to pray the Rosary
- The Rosary is recited at the Adoration and Holy Hour Devotions held each Saturday beginning at 8 am at the Kiama church.
- Rosary beads are available from the back of the Kiama Church.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, 4 October, 4:00pm



The Blessing of Animals will be held at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Saturday 4 October at 4:00pm. The blessing will take

place on the basketball courts behind the Presbytery, in front of the Catechist Centre. All animals under 800kg and their carers/handlers are welcome, though please keep the larger pythons on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Saturday, 4 October, and there will be a special Mass at 6:00pm.

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.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

The Jubilee of Catechists, which was held on 26-28 September, is an opportunity in this Jubilee Year of Hope for the Global Church to celebrate the pivotal role that Catechists now and throughout the generations have played in handing on the truth of the Gospel. Catechists embrace the task of the Great Commission with enthusiasm, and at the heart of their work is a heart of faith, a deep desire to share what they have received with others - The Good News. If you wish to know more about the work of our Parish catechists please contact Gai on 0401 468 209.

A Simple Prayer for Jubilee of Catechists

May lay Catechists around the world, inspired, encouraged and equipped by their local Bishops, continue to generously respond to their calling to be instruments of God's salvation, bringing young people to know and love Jesus, bearing fruit for the Church's mission.

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!

2025 MASS COUNT

Over the 4 weekends of October we will be holding the annual Mass Count.

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CROSS+GEN – FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS

We are very pleased to share with you, that our Cross+Gen technology program has been recognised with a *prestigious Award for Innovation and Contribution from the Australian Institute for Intergenerational Practice (AIIP)* at their annual conference in February. Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen program, CatholicCare, will again partner with Corpus Christi and CEDoW to assist with technology issues that you may be struggling with. The dates are as follows, and afternoon tea will be provided:

- Friday 24 October 11:00am-1:00pm
- Friday 7 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 21 November 11am-1pm
- Friday 5 December 11am-1pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect seniors and students for some information sharing in a fun, relaxed setting at Corpus Christi High School Oak Flats.

Please contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

FORMATION FOR INSTITUTED MINISTRIES OF ACOLYTE AND LECTOR

Formation For Instituted Ministries of Acolyte and Lector will take place at the Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong on 30 November from 9:30am to 1:00pm including the celebration of Eucharist in the Cathedral at 10:30am. To register: dow.sh/im25.

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 and we will send it to you each week

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1. 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently

every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

READINGS – 5 OCTOBER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
– Year C/1

1ST READING: Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

PSALM: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9 (R.) *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

2ND READING: 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL: Lk 17:5-9