



# SUNDAY, 21 APRIL 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 – 27/28 April 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	23/4	5:00pm	
Wednesday	24/4	8:00am	
Thursday	25/4	8:00am	Anzac Day
Friday	26/4	9:30am	St Mark



**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:**

**21 April: Group 2 – Irene Cook**

**28 April: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee**

## **REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ**

Sometimes a piece of theatre can be so powerful it stays with you for your whole life. Many years ago I saw Jesuit dramatist Michael Moynahan perform his mime entitled 'Come-Passion'. It starts with a clown happily doing tricks and juggling for the audience. Soon, Jesus is led in by the soldiers and is crucified. The clown watches on in horror. When Jesus dies and the soldiers go home the clown remains at the foot of the cross. He removes the nails from the hands and feet of Jesus and cradles the corpse in his lap, as in Michelangelo's Pieta. He weeps for the evil that saw a just man crucified. Just then, the soldiers return and find the clown grieving over the body of Jesus. They crucify the clown. The clown suffers and dies on the cross. As they leave Jesus is raised to life, he sees the suffering clown, removes the nails, cradles him in his arms and holds him for what feels like an eternity.

When I saw this mime you could have heard a pin drop, and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

The word compassion comes from the Latin word *compati* meaning to bear or suffer with. It's not pity, sympathy or commiseration. Those words imply that we stand outside an experience and feelingly look in on it. Compassion is about 'fellow-feeling'. It's what the Good Shepherd embodies, and what Easter is all about. If we are worthy followers of Jesus we will all have our fair share of Good Fridays, but Easter Sunday tells us that just as the Father remained faithful to Jesus, so Jesus will remain faithful to us, as one with us.

In recent years the bishops, who are often called shepherds of the local Church, have come under extraordinary scrutiny. And rightly so. All of us who are living the Christian life are accountable for what we have done and have failed to do, and the bishops are no exception. It's a tough time to be the local shepherd. The flock is highly educated and we no longer follow anyone's lead with a herd mentality. We want to know our shepherd, hear his compassionate voice call for justice for victims everywhere, but

especially ones who have been injured in any way by the Church. We want to be confident that what our local shepherd says and does is what Christ the Good Shepherd would say and do. Over these past years our sense of dismay has come from a very few bishops who have chosen the so-called good name of the church, its social status and power, their public profile and even the threat of moral and financial liability over the voices of the most vulnerable members of our flock.

Today's Gospel reminds us what Christian leadership should look like. Jesus didn't liken it to princes in palaces or governors of provinces. His metaphor was of a compassionate shepherd who sleeps in the field with his flock, one who knows them so well and loves them so dearly that he lays down his own life for them.

Let's pray at this Eucharist that we always have the leaders we deserve, ones whose compassion is so transparent that it inspires us to be the same, even towards them.

# 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:

*Keren Davenport; Donna Truscott; Joy Raines; Mark Huxley; Rob Ferrari; Bob Barabach; Bishop Peter Ingham; Joe O'Neill; Bernard Wakim; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Philippa Hardy; Mark Anderson; Warren Beecham; Leo and May Russell; Bernard Cook; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Barbara Kelly; Peter Fogarty; 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 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 2 - 1, 15 & 29 May;  
15 & 26 June.**

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](http://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

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

**13-29 April**

The Parish secretary is on leave until 30 April and the Parish Office is closed during this time. The Office will re-open at 9:00am on Tuesday, 30 April. Fr Chris will be available as normal during this time – the answering service will contain his details if you need to contact him.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE



Drawn 5 May. Several prizes to be won. 1st Prize - Bar Mixture Cocktail Set  
Tickets 3 for \$5. On sale at Ss Peter and Paul Church after weekend Masses.

## ANZAC DAY MASS



Mass for ANZAC Day on Thursday, 25 April will be celebrated at 8.00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. All are welcome.



St Peter & Paul Church is in need of more people to come forward as readers, commentators and Eucharistic Ministers. At the moment there are only eight Eucharistic Ministers rostered on, and six of those people are also readers, commentators and acolytes. This is making it increasingly difficult for those people to fill their roles each and every week especially if they need to get a swap. It is not always appropriate to do more than one Ministry at each Mass. Come and offer your time, gifts and worship to Jesus in an active way, by taking part in any of these beautiful and sacred Ministries. Please phone or email your details to the Parish office. Thank you.

## **CATECHISTS NEEDED**



Following the celebration of Catechist Sunday at all Masses recently, were you encouraged to become involved in the wonderful work of our SRE Catechists?

**We need you.**

**Answer the call to Mission and become a Catechist.**

Bishop Brian says of the Ministry, "One of the greatest gifts we can offer our children in State Schools is the opportunity to get to know Jesus. As we focus on the teachings that He has given us around respect, compassion, love and service, we provide ways by which that relationship with Jesus can be fostered and developed. It is a great privilege to work with them as they discover the great love God has for them." Come join us. For more information, please call Gai on 0401 468 209.

## **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL NSW**

**Celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing"**

Please join the Catholic Charismatic Renewal NSW in celebrating Pentecost Eve "Anointing" on Saturday, 18 May at Servants of Jesus Centre, 15 Park Road Seven Hills for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, Testimonies and Prayer Ministry from 4:00-7:00pm hosted by youth from different streams. Booking is essential, register with link. [www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true](http://www.trybooking.com/CPMXQ?qr=true). Any inquires email: [email@ccrns.org.au](mailto:email@ccrns.org.au)

## **AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE**

**CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence** forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Campbelltown, Wollongong and Nowra. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing. Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as accessing support services, keeping your mind and body fit, and advocating and supporting older people.

- **Campbelltown** – Wednesday, 8 May, 9:30am - 1:00pm, Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20/22 Camden Road.
- **Wollongong** – Wednesday, 5 June, 9:30am - 1:00pm, The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow.
- **Nowra** – Wednesday, 19 June, 9:30am - 1:00pm, Worrigeer (Nowra) Sports Club, 131 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigeer. Places are limited.

To register, call 02 4227 1122 or visit [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events). For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au).

## **ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS**

**Dead Theologians Society recommencing Sunday 21 April Albion Park Catholic Church 6:00pm - 8:15pm**

Under candlelight, with a background of Gregorian chant and church incense, we tell the story of St Therese of Lisieux and her "Little Way" to heaven. A light meal follows. All welcome. **Info:** Jacob Hooker, 0407 706 102 or Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205 404.

## **BANQUET: PENTECOST INTENSIVE 2024**

**Friday 17 May - Wednesday 22 May @ Carmel House, Varroville**

Join the MGL Sisters for Pentecost 2024 as we discover the depths of God's love through our Banquet Intensive and accept the invitation to radical intimacy with the Trinity. Feast on God's powerful love for you, open up to the gifts of the Spirit, savour times of powerful input, prayer, and practical workshops, and find the charismatic generosity of God unleashed in your own life of mission and discipleship.

Enquiries: [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

Registrations:

<http://www.trybooking.com/CNSXA>

## **CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:00pm during school term, Xavier Centre Conference Rooms (behind the Cathedral in Wollongong). All are welcome. Contact: Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086.

## **A GIFT TO THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

The Church has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your First Holy Communion, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. Its many ministries are far-reaching, life-giving and life-saving. By leaving a gift to the Church in your will, you will be leaving a legacy of faith to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue, both for today's needs, and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

For information about leaving a gift in your will to your local parish or a ministry of the Church, please visit [dow.sh/legacy](http://dow.sh/legacy), call the diocesan representative on **4222 2446**, or scan the QR code below.



## **GET CONNECTED WITH WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE**

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. Stay informed by subscribing at [dow.sh/stayingconnected](http://dow.sh/stayingconnected) or visit [dow.sh/weeklybulletin](http://dow.sh/weeklybulletin) to see a full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.

## **CATHFAMILY**

CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids.

Don't miss CathKids:

<https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

21 APRIL 2024



## FIRST READING

Acts 4:8-12

*This is the only name  
by which we can be  
saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

**(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**
2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer

and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
for his love has no end. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-2

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,  
therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.  
The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:  
'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him,  
abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life  
in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down,  
so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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## READINGS - 28 APRIL

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year B/2

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Acts 9:26-31

PSALM: Ps 21:26-28, 30-32 (R.) *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Jn 3:18-24

GOSPEL: Jn 15:1-8

