



# SUNDAY, 13 APRIL 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 – 19/20 April 2025**

**Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 7:00pm; Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am**

**St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am**

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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>15/4</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	<i>Communion Service</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>16/4</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<i>Mass</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>17/4</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<i>Holy Thursday Mass</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>18/4</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<i>Good Friday Service</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 – 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:**

**13 April:** Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

**20 April:** Group 4 – Mike Doherty

## PROJECT COMPASSION



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

### Palm Sunday

12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

This Lent, we shared the powerful stories of three remarkable individuals who have overcome immense challenges. Thanks to the kindness of supporters like you, their lives - and the lives of those around them - have been transformed.

In Samoa, **Toefuata'iga's** life was changed with access to clean water through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Samoa. Her school now has a water tank, improving health and allowing the school to focus on education.

**Lam**, from rural Vietnam, overcame the challenges of living with a disability by joining the I-SHINE program. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business and inspires others to pursue their dreams.

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, **Irene**, found hope through Caritas Australia's partnership with Caritas Kongolo. By learning sewing and farming skills, she now provides for her extended family and mentors other women in her community.

Thanks to the support of your parish community, your generosity will create waves of change around the world. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.



**UNITE**   
**AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
**this Lent**

**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.

### **RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS**

Please return your Project Compassion donation envelopes or boxes in time for the Holy Thursday Mass. These can be left at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church or dropped into the Parish Office during Office hours. If you are unable to return them in time for Holy Thursday, please return them at any weekend Mass over Easter and 26/27 April or to the Parish Office during the week.

# 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:

*John Fardy; Doreen Delaney; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Mark Anderson; Alison Smith; Peter Fogarty; Antonino Favorito; George Farrugia; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Bob Barabach; Eddie Lovegrove; Maria Yates; Marilyn Mulhall; Gerry Gilchrist; Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan rsj; Peter O'Reilly; Sr Natalia; Yvonne Ryan; Shane Walker; 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.**

## SVDP ROSARY



A rosary will be offered by St Vincent de Paul Conference for Gwen Coody on Monday, 14 April at 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church 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 non-Catholics.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto: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** - 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 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 2 – 30 April; 14 & 28 May; 11 & 25 June**

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

## PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

You can help support our Parish through a one-off donation using the banking details below, by using the Donation Point Tap devices at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea, or via regular Planned Giving. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for information about online giving, including wills and bequests.

### \* 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

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of this week's Silver Circle:

### Week 9:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Colleen Rae (#24);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Clarke (#9);
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Joan Toulmin (#12)

## 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](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program)

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- \* **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- \* **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- \* **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

## 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
- 1 hour of Adoration after Mass

### 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

## KIAMA COMBINED CHURCHES EASTER DAWN SERVICE

Sunday, 20 April, 6:15am, Blowhole Point Kiama. All welcome.

## **HOLY WEEK CONFESSION TIMES**

Fr Chris will hear confessions from 9:00am to 10:00am on Holy Thursday, 17 April in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

## **HOLY WEEK MASSES CHANGES FOR KIAMA**

\* **Tuesday, 15 April** – the normal 5:00pm Mass will instead be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion due to Fr Chris attending the Diocesan Chrism Mass.

\* **Wednesday, 16 April** – 8:00am Mass as normal.

\* **Thursday, 17 April** – no 8:00am Mass due to Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm, **includes one hour of Adoration after Mass.**

\* **Friday, 18 April** – no 9:30am morning Mass. Stations of the Cross at 10:00am and Good Friday Service is at 3:00pm.

## **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The Good Friday Holy Land Collection is extremely important, and a mission that we all can assist with. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great difficulty. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace in the land where Jesus walked.

A copy of a letter from the Commissary of the Holy Land can be found on the noticeboard in each church. **Good Friday Appeal envelopes are available at the back of each church and can be returned on Good Friday or via the collections at any weekend Mass over Easter.**

## **DID YOU HEAR THE CALL TO COME AND SEE?**

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.

## **INVITATION FROM SINH LE**

Dear Parishioners of Ss Peter and Paul Parish, I'm writing to share some joyful news — Bishop Brian will be ordaining me to the Diaconate at **7:30pm on Tuesday, 29 April at All Saints Church, Shellharbour City Centre**. This is a deeply meaningful moment for me, and I would love to invite everyone in our parish to be part of this special occasion. Please RSVP to [rsvp.dow.org.au](http://rsvp.dow.org.au) or call 4222 2400. Thank you all for your kindness and support. May God bless you abundantly! *Sinh Le*



Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to John Fardy with our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery and return to good health at this time. Thank you for your devotion to our Parish over many years. May God bless you and keep you in His care. From your Parish Family.

## **THANK YOU**

### **From The Parish Pastoral Council**

In his homily for the Mass for the Jubilee of Volunteering last month, Pope Francis praised those who volunteer for their 'generosity and commitment' that 'offers hope to our entire society'. In this spirit, the Parish Pastoral Council thanks all the volunteers who braved the elements to join us for our morning tea on 31 March, and our deepest appreciation goes to all of you who share your time and talents so generously within our parish.

## **JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE**

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from **Friday 23 May to Saturday 24 May** for all or part of the Walk for Life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra.

**Day 1:** Mass and morning tea at Kiama, walk to Gerringong for Benediction and Confession, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord at Gerroa, and overnight Adoration at St Mary's. **Day 2:** Mass and breakfast at Gerringong, walk to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner. For more information go to [dow.sh/WFL](http://dow.sh/WFL), or contact Sue Hill: 0435 336 195, Gabriella De Battista: 0414 205 404, or Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 or email [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au).

## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

### **A Great Message of Hope**



The two Sundays of Easter – Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday – can be seen as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter. Jesus told St Faustina,

who received this Revelation for the whole world, that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter His tender Mercy is for all, and anyone who will go to Confession (before or on the day) and receive Holy Communion will receive complete forgiveness of sins and punishments.

Please let us celebrate together as a parish family

**WHEN:** Sunday, 27 April, beginning at 1:30pm.

**WHERE:** Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama

**INCLUDES:** Adoration, Reconciliation, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, with Benediction at 3:20pm. Afternoon tea will be held afterwards and Mass is at 5:00pm for those who would like to attend.

Enquiries to Ann Barron: 0407 220 560.

## **INTERDIOCESAN TRIBUNAL**

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that *"charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her."* The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church.

The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church. Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the church foyer or notice board area. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au) or visit [www.tribunal.dow.org.au](http://www.tribunal.dow.org.au)

# **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - YEAR C**

## **13 APRIL 2025**

### **ENTRANCE**

19: 28-40

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"*

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'.  
So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'  
And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him, 'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'. He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

### **FIRST READING**

Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those

who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

### **SECOND READING**

Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus 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**

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### **GOSPEL**

Luke 22:14 – 23:56

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

***The Gospel is not published today due to its length.***

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### **READINGS – 20 APRIL**

**Sunday of the Resurrection – Year C/1**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Acts 10:34, 37-43

**PSALM:** Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 *(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Col 3:1-4

**GOSPEL:** Jn 20:1-9