



SUNDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 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 – 15/16 November 2025

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 6:00pm

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

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	11/11	5.00pm	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>
Wednesday	12/11	8.00am	<i>St Josaphat</i>
Thursday	13/11	8.00am	
Friday	14/11	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:

9 November: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

16 November: Group 2 – Ross Smith

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Many Catholics are surprised to discover that St Peter's Basilica is not the Cathedral Church of Rome. Try as pilgrims might, they cannot find the Bishop of Rome's Cathedral, or Chair, in that Church. Sometimes they think it's the high Baroque sculpture of the Chair of St Peter behind the high altar. Other times some people assume it's the portable chair in which the Pope sits when in St Peter's. Neither is true.

The Cathedral of Rome is the Church of St John Lateran and here we find the Bishop of Rome's Cathedra. Dedicated, or made holy, to Christ our Saviour in the fourth century, it is here the Pope comes on various liturgical occasions during the year, and when he wants to speak especially to the people of Rome, to the members of his own local church.

On any given day in the life of the Church there are probably several local churches observing the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral in their diocese. The Dedication of the St John Lateran Basilica is a universal feast because it reminds us of our local Bishop's communion with the Bishop of Rome. This is what makes us Roman Catholic.

Sadly, today sometimes we find people who think that they can choose between their local Bishop and the Pope. This is many things, but it's not Roman Catholic. Whatever personal devotion we might have for a particular Pope, our loyal affections toward him are of no consequence in terms of being in communion with him. How we establish our communion with the Pope is through our communion with the local Bishop, who celebrates the same Eucharist as, and with, the Bishop of Rome.

It's easy to see how some people get this wrong. In years gone by the Church emphasised the role of the Pope so strongly we could be forgiven for thinking of the Pope as the Chief Executive Officer of the Church, and our local Bishop as a Branch Manager. The Pope ordered, 'Jump!' and we just asked 'How high?'. The problem with this rather monarchical model of papal authority is that, given the whole history of the Church, it is relatively recent.

This is why the Second Vatican Council, while clear about the essential governing, teaching and legislating roles the Pope has in the Church, was careful to recover more ancient thinking about the Pope's

leadership. They showed that governing, teaching and legislating always have a context. They taught that the Pope exercises his leadership as first among the Bishops, as the Universal Pastor, the sign of our unity and as the one charged to teach, guard and defend the faith of the whole Church through the way he confirms his brother Bishops in the similar tasks they have in their respective local churches. Even the root of the word 'obedience' means, 'to listen carefully'.

So on this feast we celebrate our unity amidst our diversity, as we focus on the Mother Church of all Roman Catholic Churches. May we gain from it a recommitment to our local Bishop, who is also a successor of the Apostles, and to respond to the present Pope's call to help him imagine ways in which his office of service can be a greater sign of Christian unity for the world in the future.

And may we always remember in the spirit of today's Gospel that the Church is not defined by bricks and mortar, but that the glorified Body of Christ is made of people who live out his saving love in the world today.

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:

Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; Clare Anderson; Joy Fardy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Joseph Aikaramatan; Nicole Phelan; Tom Musgrave; Anne Sullivan; Sr Martina Sarkis sjj; 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.**



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.

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:

19 November; 3 & 17 December.

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

SACRAMENTS 2026



Information and enrolment forms for the 2026 Sacramental Programme will be available on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1.

For more information visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

* **First Holy Communion 2025** will be celebrated on Saturday, 22 November at 11:00am at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members is placed on the altar at each Mass, with the Mass being offered for the repose of their souls. All names will be kept on the list for the whole month, and the list will be updated with new names each weekend. If you would like your loved ones' names on this list please pick up a November Mass Offering envelope from the back of the church, or write their names on a plain envelope, and return it via the collections at any Mass or drop it in the letterbox in the Parish Office door. **The sick and recently deceased will continue to be printed in the bulletin each weekend, but anniversaries will be omitted during November.**

NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR LOVED ONES DEPARTED

Lord, be good to them and show them all your love.

Be kind to them and grant peace above.

Be merciful to them and wipe their sins away.

Be generous to them with all my heart I pray.

Be gracious to them for good that they have done.

Be gentle with them for sufferings undergone.

Lord, may we meet again when heaven's crown is won.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

Congratulations to Colleen Easton who, after completing the Formation course with Sr Monica Barlow rsj, is being instituted as a **Lector** by Bishop Brian at

the Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend. We welcome Bishop Brian to the Parish.

SS PETER AND PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

- **Term 4 Friday Mass attendance:** The classes attending the 9:30am Friday morning Mass in Kiama are as follows:
 - 14 November – Years 3 and 4
 - 21 November – Kindergarten
 - 5 December – Years 5 and 6
- **The final Family Parish Mass** for the year will be held on **Sunday, 16 November, at 6:00pm**. To mark this special occasion, we invite all families to join us **after Mass outside the school hall for a community BBQ**. This is a valuable opportunity for our community to come together, share a meal, and celebrate as a community. We look forward to welcoming our students, families, staff, and parishioners.

LITURGY MEETING

For interested parishioners wishing to join the Parish Liturgy Team in preparing Advent and Christmas liturgies, there will be a Liturgy Meeting on **Thursday, 13 November at 5:00pm** in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room, Kiama. You will be most welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

All parishioners are invited to join our conference members in offering the rosary on **Monday, 24 November at 4:30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church** - *to remember Pope Francis, all priests and all religious who have died this year*. Please join us to give thanks for these holy people who have made a great impact on our lives.

* **CHRISTMAS APPEAL** - the SVDP Kiama Conference will hold a leaving collection at the end of Masses on the weekend of 29/30 November for the SVDP Christmas Appeal. Donations of non-perishable food (E.g. cereal, coffee, beans, biscuits, pasta sauce, peanut butter, tinned fruit, tinned veg, tinned fish) would also be gratefully welcomed and can be left in the designated baskets in the churches.

St Vincent de Paul Conference Kiama

JAMBEROO ABBEY CRAFTS AND GIFTS THIS ADVENT

Prepare your hearts and homes for the coming of the Lord with beautiful Advent candles and wreaths handmade by the Benedictine Nuns of Jamberoo Abbey.

Their Abbey Candles Online Shop offers a range of Advent wreaths, carved candles, as well as a variety of spiritual and liturgical resources — perfect for personal devotion or parish use. By purchasing from Jamberoo Abbey, you support the prayerful life and work of the Sisters. Shop in store, or online at: jamberooabbey.org.au/shop
Enquiries: 4236 0011 (Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri). **Abbey Shop open:** Monday – Saturday, 9.30am–3.30pm.

DIOCESAN ADVENT PROGRAM – THE PROMISE

Embark on a spiritual journey of hope this Advent and Christmas with this beautifully presented 88-page book of daily reflections, designed to guide you from the beginning of Advent (30 November 2025) through to the Baptism of the Lord (11 January 2026). Each page offers profound insights through Scripture-based meditations and contemplative prayers that invite you to recognise God's promise fulfilled in Christ and to live in joyful anticipation of his coming. **Copies are now available from the Parish Office during Office hours for \$5 each. Get in early so you don't miss out! Any remaining books will be sent out to each church on the weekend of Christ the King – 22/23 November.**



ANNUAL BIBLE SOCIETY EVENT

**Wednesday, 26 November, 10:00am,
Kiama Baptist Church, Brown Street
Kiama**

Guest Speaker: Max Jeganathan. Max speaks on the intersection between faith, culture, economics, finance, technology and moral reasoning. All are welcome. Morning Tea included. A special collection to support the work of Max and the entire CPX team will be taken on the day. **Enquiries:** Barb Mathie – 0411 212 874.

FREE CARPET AND UNDERLAY

As new. Enough for a 3-bedroom unit. Further information phone 0432 241 562.

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!

MILTON OVERNIGHT YOUNG ADULT AND FAMILIES PILGRIMAGE

Young Adults and families from around the diocese are invited to join a special overnight pilgrimage at St Mary Star of the Sea, Milton as we approach the end of the Year of Jubilee. Experience festival vibes: camping on the hill, live music, overnight adoration, talks, a pilgrimage walk up to the Church, and Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord. A centrepiece of our pilgrimage walk will be carrying the Jubilee Migrant Cross from the ACBC an acknowledgement of migrant and refugee communities that contains relics of the Holy Family and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

When: Saturday 15 November, 12pm arrival to Sunday 16 November 12pm
Campers can also arrive on Friday 14 from 5pm

Where: St Mary Star of the Sea, Corks Lane, Milton

How to get there: Carpooling is highly recommended. Buses will be available (numbers depending) from Wollongong and Campbelltown.

Cost: Free! BYO food - Dinner available for purchase on Saturday night and cheap BBQ Brekky/Coffee Van, after 7am Mass, Sunday Morning. **Guest Speakers:** Bishop Brian Mascord, Elise Duval & Fr Michael Dyer. **For more details, including schedule and registration:** visit dow.sh/miltonp

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST LAUNCH

**Friday, 28 November 6:30am-8:00am
Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour
Street, Wollongong**

Guest Speaker: Peter Abela. Enjoy a breakfast buffet, prayer and inspiring guest speaker input. Be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission. RSVP: Monday, 17 November dow.sh/mpb25
Cost: \$20.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN

BASILICA - YEAR C

9 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side.

The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?'

He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **(R.)**
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **(R.)**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,

that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me.

The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 15/16

NOVEMBER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C/1

1ST READING: Mal 3:19-20

PSALM: Ps 97:5-9 (R.) *The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.*

2ND READING: 2 Thess 3:7-12

GOSPEL: Lk 21:5-19