



SUNDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 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 – 23/24 November 2024

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	19/11	5:00pm	
Wednesday	20/11	8:00am	
Thursday	21/11	8:00am	<i>The Presentation of the BVM</i>
Friday	22/11	9:30am	<i>St Cecilia</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:

17 November: Group 2 – Irene Cook

24 November: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

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THE TRIBULATIONS TO COME

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." [Mark 13:24-25](#)

The "tribulation" of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states:

Before Christ's second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675).

Is this "final trial" happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus' prophecy and the *Catechism's* teaching

to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words.

With that said, this final trial and "mystery of iniquity" does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus' words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil.

Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must "know that he is near, at the gates." In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more

present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope.

As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus' glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ's sufferings as a sacrifice of love.

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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:

Fr David Catterall; Gwen Coady; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

John Petschler; Brad Rossiter; Judith Kevin; Dianne Coorey; Frank Bawden; 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.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members will be 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 write their names on a plain envelope, (or collect a November Mass Offering envelope from back of the church), 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.

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

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 4 – 20 November;
4 & 18 December.**

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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 5

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

1st – June Uphill (#28)

2nd – Gerda Doherty (#19)

3rd – Irene Cook (#9)

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to go on the roster for counting the collections. We currently have 5 groups working on a rotating roster, but one group will be retiring at the end of this year, so we need volunteers to take their place. If you are interested, please phone Louise on 4232 2081 or email, kiama@dow.org.au. Thank you.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2024



Please pray for the children of our Parish who will be attending the First Holy Communion Retreat Day this Thursday, 21 November, in preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 November.

ADVENT PROGRAM 2024

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with **The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections** — a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections. **The Light** also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Hunt, Van Dyck, Breenbergh, Giordano, Luini, Raphael and more, with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. **Copies are now available to purchase from the Parish Office during Parish Office hours. Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.**

2024 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT – NOVEMBER

Throughout November, all parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the annual Mass attendance count. This important initiative aims to provide a complete picture of Mass attendance to aid in local parish and broader Diocesan planning. All sites holding public weekend Masses are required to participate in this Mass count.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED.

Copies of the Christmas Catalogue of *That Catholic Shop* are available at the back of each church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of Aid to the Church in Need. You can visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the entire range and order online. Brochures are also available at the back of the church.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS

CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH PURPOSE!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

View the range of Global Gifts at www.globalgifts.org.au. Brochures are also available at the back of the church.

EMAIL SCAM

Some parishioners have approached the Parish Office to say that they are receiving emails purporting to be from Fr Chris requesting assistance. **Please note – these emails DO NOT come from Fr Chris.** He would never personally contact any of you via email or text asking for urgent help, money, gift cards, or other financial support. It is very easy for scammers to set up an email address and then sign off with the name of a priest, so please be wary of this scam. **Emails for any priests in our Diocese follow a standard format for their address and end in @dow.org.au.** If ever in doubt, please contact the Parish Office before replying to a message. If you do receive an email like this, please do not reply to it – simply delete it.

YOU'RE INVITED

Thursday 28 November

The Homestead of Hope invites you to a morning of prayer and praise, including an inspirational speaker who will share with us his return to the Lord. Please join us for this event and be uplifted by the witness of this man. Commences at 10:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. This is a free event. All are welcome and there is no need to book. If you have any enquiries, please call Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548.

CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION

Friday, 29 November

CatholicCare will be visiting Ss Peter and Paul Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on Aged Care, covering topics such as: How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide. Presentation to commence after the 9:30am Mass in the Hall or Meeting Room (depending on numbers). Please RSVP to Louise at kiamo@dow.org.au or 4232 2081.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

* **Friday, 29 November** - CWL morning tea for attendees of the CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

You are invited to join with us for our next meeting, to be held from 4:00 – 4:45pm on Thursday 21 November in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. In the spirit of All Saints/All Souls Days we will remember and pray for those who have tragically lost their lives in climate disasters, their families and the communities which have been devastated as a result of catastrophic winds, floods and fires. We will pray that nations at COP29 establish just funding agreements for third world countries most affected. *Denis Quinn – 0429 064 496.*

DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and

Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 7 December, at 9:30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to come together with Life Members, fellow catechists, award recipients, special guests, and their families. Whether you're new to the CCD ministry or have served for many years, we look forward to celebrating with you! Join Bishop Brian Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light luncheon.

RSVP dow.sh/cm24 or contact Helen Bennett at helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information.

STAND-UP COMEDY NIGHT WITH UNCLE NATH!

Event Details:

Date: Friday, 22 November

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Kiama Baptist Church, 3 Brown St, Kiama

Cost: Free entry (love offering encouraged)

Uncle Nath brings clean, hilarious comedy suitable for all ages, with messages that encourage and inspire. It's a great opportunity for fellowship and laughter—something we could all use more of!

CROSS + GENERATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. *Refreshments will be provided at each session.*

AVAILABLE SESSIONS:

* **Corpus Christi, Oak Flats**

Friday, 22 November: 11am-1.30pm

Friday, 6 December: 11am-1.30pm

* **Holy Spirit College, Bellambi**

Thursday, 21 November: 10am-11am

Thursday, 5 December: 10am-11am

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. **Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au**

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

17 NOVEMBER 2024

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand
before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these

things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 24 NOVEMBER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year B/2

1ST READING: Dan 7:13-14

PSALM: Ps 92:1-2, 5 (R.) *The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.*

2ND READING: Rev 1:5-8

GOSPEL: Jn 18:33-37

Reflection continued... Reflect, today, upon Jesus' prophecy that "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every "darkening of the sun" or any way that you feel "shaken" are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return.

Most glorious Judge, You will return one day in glory to judge the living and the dead. Before that day, You have revealed that Your Church will endure much suffering. Please give me hope during those moments in my life so that I can offer to You every suffering I endure as a sacrifice of love, offered in union with Your own perfect sacrifice. Jesus, I trust in You.