



SUNDAY, 2 MARCH 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 – 8/9 March 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

Parish Priest: Father Chris Roberts **Priest in Residence:** Father George Condookala

Presbytery: 94 Manning Street, Kiama **Parish Office:** 96 Manning Street (PO Box 299), Kiama

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	4/3	5.00pm	
Wednesday	5/3	9:30am & 6:00pm	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	6/3	8:00am	
Friday	7/3	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:

2 March: Group 1 – Gavan Hctor

9 March: Group 2 – Ross Smith

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Sunday 1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.



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 **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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:

Gerry Gilchrist; John Cull; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Milton Mitchell; Kevin Dorahy; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Antony Brennan; Margaret Killmore; Beverley Wilson; Catherine O'Keeffe (sister of Margaret Di Salvio); Carmelina Cassar; Marjorie Downes; Kevin O'Sullivan; Greg Twemlow; 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 kiama@dow.org.au

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.

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 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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP



Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama
Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.

Term 1 – 5 & 19 March, 2 April.

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

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 2025

Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 Confirmation Program are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be advertised once dates have been set.

Enrolments close on the following dates:

* **Confirmation** – Friday, 21 March

* **First Reconciliation** – Still to be organised

* **First Holy Communion** – Still to be organised

FR CHRIS AWAY

Fr Chris will be away from 6 to 9 March for a Cursillo Retreat. Supply priests for weekday and weekend Masses during this time will be Fr Terry Herbert, Fr John Crothers, and Fr Bryan Jones.

WELCOME FR GEORGE

Welcome back to Fr George, who has returned to the parish to live.

POSSIBLE OFFICE CLOSURE DUE TO JURY DUTY

The Parish Secretary has been called up for jury duty starting Monday 3 March, so the Parish Office may have to be closed for at least two weeks if she is selected for the jury panel. If she is not selected, the Parish Office will be open as normal. If the office needs to be closed, urgent enquiries can be directed to Fr Chris, otherwise for non-urgent issues please email or phone the Parish Office and leave a message. **Please note: Bulletins for 9 and 16 March have had to be printed in advance in the event the office needs to be closed, so any new notices will be published from the weekend of 23 March. If you have an urgent notice, please give it to the commentator at Mass to announce.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next CWL meeting will be held on Monday, 10 March at 2:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

**Wednesday, 5 March,
Ss Peter and Paul Church
9:30am and 6:00pm**

There will be no 8:00am Mass.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 3

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

1st – Rhonda Back (#18);

2nd – Colleen Rae (#24);

3rd – Peter Ryan (#37)



Anyone interested in playing piano or organ for Mass in Kiama (especially 8:00am Mass) please contact Leonie Dewhurst, 0429 465 822. The greatest need will be over the next 6 months as our regular musicians have other commitments. Help will be provided in hymn selection and music.



Thank you to everyone who supported the St Matthew's Book Fair last October, and our "Pop-Up" remainder Book Sale at Kiama in January. To those who donated books, those who assisted, and those who purchased one book or many. Many Thanks! Without all participants we wouldn't have raised \$5,000 to assist in the ongoing repointing at St Matthew's. Thank you for supporting this community effort. *Helen Plowman 0429 463 745*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 7 March

Focus: The Cook Islands

* **Gerringong** – St Mary Star of the Sea Church, 10:00am (*please note the correct time is 10:00am*)

* **Kiama** – Ss Peter and Paul Church, 10:30am, followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall.

DICOESAN LENTEN PROGRAM "METANOIA"

This Lent, embark on a journey of metanoia — a transformative change of heart inspired by the Gospels. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide your spiritual renewal through daily reflections, Sunday readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions. **The remaining books are now available at the back of each church. Cost: \$5. Please place money in the collection boxes provided.**

GERRINGONG LENTEN GOUP

Ann Barron will run a Lenten Group in the Meeting Room at St Mary Star of The Sea on a Monday afternoon, commencing Monday, 10 March from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Inquiries to Ann on 0407 220 560.

FAMILY MASS



We invite you to join us for our first Ss Peter and Paul Family Parish Mass of 2025 on Sunday, 16 March at 6:00pm. The Ss Peter and Paul School Choir will lead the singing for this beautiful Whole School Family Parish Mass. Choir students are asked to arrive by 5:40pm to settle into their seats before the Mass begins. As a way to welcome our new families, we will gather in the school grounds (outside our school hall) for a sausage sizzle. All parishioners, families, and friends of our school community are welcome!

KIAMA JAZZ GOSPEL SERVICE

The Kiama Jazz Gospel Service will be on again this year at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, **Sunday, 9 March, 12:00pm to 1:00pm**. Come along and enjoy the uplifting, soulful and toe tapping fun of this gospel service.

BELLES LUNCH GERROA

The Belles lunch will be held at the Fisherman's Club in Gerroa at 12:00pm on Monday, 3 March. All ladies welcome.

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT . . . ?

You are warmly invited to come to the Church for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer / reflection will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to all the parish and beyond.

Begins: Thursday, 13 March for five consecutive Thursdays. **Time:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm. **Where:** Ss Peter and Paul Church (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), Kiama. *Please 'Come and see . . .'* For more information phone 0409 562 830 or Email smabela@bigpond.com

TAIZE PRAYER

Friday, 7 March, 7.30pm

Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Church

Everyone is welcome.

Enquiries: Marion Haigh 0407 417 389

THANK YOU FROM JOHN HOWELL

Thank you to all parishioners for your birthday wishes for my recent 90th birthday. I had a lovely day.

HOPE FOR THE ILLAWARRA INTER CHURCH EVANGELISATION EVENT

I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Wollongong, especially those in the Illawarra Region, to attend this Ecumenical Event, inviting others so as to hear the Gospel proclaimed anew. In embracing our Jubilee Year of Hope, consider attending Hope for the Illawarra on March 28-29 in Wollongong." Bishop Brian Mascord

MAIN EVENTS: **Friday 28 March** - An Evening for Youth (7:00pm); **Saturday 29 March** - A Morning Event for Children (11:00am); A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7:00pm). For more information phone 4222 2407, email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or visit <https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1>,

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITATION

If any parishioners are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council in 2025, we warmly invite you to leave your name and number with the Parish Office at kiama@dow.org.au or 4232 2081. Please join us for a 'Thank You' morning tea for all Parish Ministries at 11:00am on Sunday, 30 March, in Ss Peter and Paul Hall. Everyone welcome. We look forward to celebrating together!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Who do you say that I am? (Mt 16:15)
Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Catholic Women's Network for a **Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday 29 March, 9:00am to 4:00pm, at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney**. Includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, keynote talks by the Dominican Sisters, breakout sessions, morning tea and lunch. **Cost:** \$50 per person. Group discount - buy 4 tickets for \$180. **Book online at** www.trybooking.com/CXLMB

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

2 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Sirach 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death,

where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 9 MARCH

First Sunday of Lent – Year C/1

1ST READING: Deut 26:4-10

PSALM: Ps 90:1-2, 10-15 (R.) *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

2ND READING: Rom 10:8-13

GOSPEL: Lk 4:1-13



gospel focus

Good from Good

'The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good.' What makes a person good? Is it that they have had good things happen in their life? There are plenty of people who have had good things in their life but they remain cynical and spiteful people. Similarly there are plenty who have had the hardest of circumstances yet goodness constantly flows from them. It's not the external influences but what we do with them that determines whether we are nurturing 'good treasure' or harbouring 'evil treasure'. This is not just sugary sweetness but a deliberate decision to be a person of hope.