



SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2026 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 – 7/8 February 2026

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	3/2	5.00pm	
Wednesday	4/2	8:00am	
Thursday	5/2	8:00am	<i>St Agatha</i>
Friday	6/2	9:30am	<i>St Paul Miki & Companions</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.

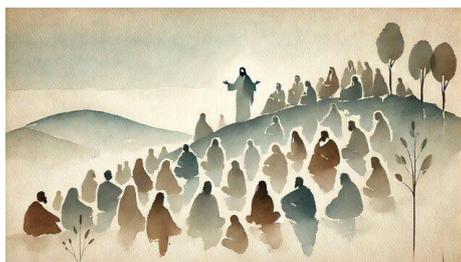
COUNTER'S ROSTER:

1 February: Group 2 – Ross Smith

8 February: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

REFLECTION

The Blessed Path By Scott Hahn



In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God.

He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God.

As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings (see Genesis 12:3; 22:18).

Jesus is the son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit."

God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace;

seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom.

The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward.

The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.

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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:

Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Kate Conlon; Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; Joy Fardy; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Fay Roch; Kevin Dorahy; Patricia Shallcross; Suzanne Cole Johnstone; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Thomas O'Dwyer; May Vinson; Vojislav "Voy" Ilic; Morris Veness; Jim Malcolm; Sharron Adcock; Kathy Flynn; 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.

FUNERALS

* **Thomas O'Dwyer** – 11:00am, Wednesday, 4 February, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama.

* **May Vinson** – 11:00am, Thursday, 5 February, St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong. A live stream for May's funeral will be at the following link: <https://jummedia.com.au/live/may-therese-vinson/>

GERRINGONG MEMORIAL GARDEN

For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiama@dow.org.au

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

St Mary's Quarterly Meeting will be held this Sunday, 1 February, after Mass. All welcome.

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.**

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 – 3:30pm to 5:00pm (excluding public holidays)

SVDP Kiama Conference operates a Help Centre in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama, for those seeking assistance. The Help Centre will re-open on Monday, 2 February. 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.

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS 2026



Information about the 2026 Confirmation Program is now available on the Parish website. Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be published once the dates have been set.

For more information about each Sacrament please visit our website: www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

CONFIRMATION 2026



SAVE THE DATE

Parent Information Night
Wednesday, 11 March, 6:30pm
Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama
Enrolment forms will be provided during this meeting.
Please bring your child's Baptism certificate to the meeting.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES



**Wednesday, 18 February,
Ss Peter and Paul Church
9:30am and 6:00pm**

OLD PALM SUNDAY PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

If you have palms or palm crosses that you don't want from previous year's Palm Sunday Masses, could you please return them to the Parish Office, send them back in the Gerringong or Jamberoo bag, or leave them in the basket at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church by Sunday 8 February and they will be burned for the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

CLEANERS NEEDED

If anyone is interested in going on the monthly cleaning roster at St Matthew's, Jamberoo, could you please call Helen Plowman on 0429 463 745.



LITURGY MEETING

An open invitation to all interested in Parish music and liturgy

You are invited to a pre-Easter planning meeting on Thursday, 5 February at 5:00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. We would warmly welcome new members to this beautiful ministry.

FAREWELL MORNING TEA FOR SR MAUREEN

Farewell



Join us for a farewell morning tea for Sr Maureen, which will be held on Friday, 6 February after the 9:30am Mass in Ss Peter and Paul

Meeting Room. Please bring a plate to share if you're able to.

LENTEN PROGRAM



The Diocesan Lenten Program – *Compassio* – is now available from the Parish Office during Office hours. Books cost \$5. CD's are available for Lenten Groups, cost \$5. Limited stock available – get in early so you don't miss out.

LENTEN GROUP

A Lenten Group will run from Thursday, 26 February until Thursday, 2 April from 9:30am to 10:30am in Ss Peter and Paul Sacramental Room. Phone Angie for more information – 0404 856 379.

ONE HOUR PER WEEK DURING LENT . . .

You're warmly invited to come to Ss Peter and Paul Church for one hour of prayer, quiet time and personal reflection each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer and reflection will be provided each week. No sharing – All

parishioners and friends warmly welcome.

Begins: Wednesday, 25 February

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama
'Come and see . . .'

For more information phone 0409 562 830 or Email smabela@bigpond.com

Congratulations

Congratulations to Margaret Snelling on her OAM, awarded for services to hockey.

HELP NEEDED



Catechists are needed to teach the Catholic faith to children in our local public schools.

This year we are in need of teachers at Gerringong PS 9:00am Friday, Minnamurra PS 12:00pm on Tuesday, and Kiama PS 12:55pm or 1:55pm on Wednesday. An easy training course commences Monday, 9 February, 1 day only per week for 5 weeks. Please consider joining our Catechist Ministry - it's not as hard or as daunting as you may think. It will draw you deeper into your faith and you will find it very rewarding. Ask a Catechist!

Please view a short video here and be inspired: <https://www.ccdwollongong.com/join-the-team>

For more information, please call Coordinator Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209.

WORLD DAY PRAYER 2026



Focus on Nigeria

Date: Friday, 6 March

Where: Kiama Presbyterian Church, 40 Shoalhaven Street

Time: 10:00am

RSVP by 27 February to Sue, 0412 70 0381 (including any dietary requirements).

Please come and join our Kiama Christian Community on this important day. Please bring your friends.

KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Kairos is entering the South Coast (Nowra) Correctional Centre for the first time in March, and Team Formation days commenced last week. An essential part of this Ministry is Prayer, and so we would greatly appreciate your Parish's support in this way. We ask for prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide the Kairos Team and touch the hearts of the Course Participants (Inmates). If any parishioner is interested in learning more about this Ministry, please contact Jane on 0417 458 460 or Brad on 0401 220 610.

LENT 2026

WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

UPCOMING TRIPLE ORDINATION

TO THE DIACONATE FOR OUR DIOCESE!

Bishop Brian Mascord warmly invites you to attend the upcoming ordination to the permanent diaconate of John Mortimer (Albion Park), Stuart Lake (Varroville) and Ryan Suarez (Rosemeadow).

WHEN: 10:00am, Saturday 28 February, St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (1 Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow).

All are warmly invited to share in this joyful celebration, praying for and supporting these three men and their families as they are ordained to serve our diocesan community. **RSVP by 20 February at rsvp.dow.org.au.** Parking will be available at the Fraternity Club (11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow).



Stuart Lake



John Mortimer



Ryan Suarez

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

1 FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will
seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 8 FEBRUARY

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/2**

1ST READING: Is 58:7-10

PSALM: Ps 111:4-9 *(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 2:1-5

GOSPEL: Mt 5:13-16

