



SUNDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 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 – 2/3 March 2024

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Saturday 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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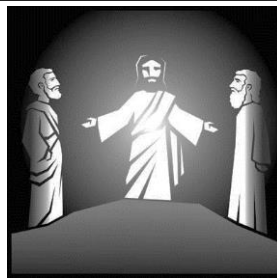
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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	27/2	5:00pm
Wednesday	28/2	8:00am
Thursday	29/2	8:00am
Friday	1/3	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:

25 February: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

3 March: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

Written by Michael McGirr

When Jesus took his closest friends to the top of a high mountain, they experienced something quite extraordinary. The transfiguration gave them a glimpse of what it meant for Jesus to be the son of God. It is hardly surprising that Peter said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here.' The Gospel also tells us that Jesus' friends were frightened, and this is also easy to understand. They were overwhelmed. Nevertheless, it's not long before Jesus reminds them that he is destined to die. His friends must come down from the mountain and walk with Jesus through all the ordinary and arduous days and weeks that lie ahead.

We can all say 'it is wonderful for us to be here' no matter where that happens to be. Life is full of wonder. That doesn't mean it is always easy. We live in the arms of a very deep mystery. God's love enfolds us.

Throughout Lent, we are called to support Project Compassion, an initiative of Caritas Australia. This year, Project

Compassion celebrates 60 years of partnership with some of the most marginal communities in the world. With your help, we have walked alongside literally millions of people in dozens of countries.



This week we encounter the story of Ronita who lives in Quezon City, part of metro Manila in the Philippines. Becoming a mother at a young age meant that her schooling was cut short. Her husband, Lean, leaves for work at 3am and returns at 9pm, earning less than \$US10 per day in a demanding job in waste disposal. On such a small income, Ronita and Lean, along with two

young children, are able to rent a room of about 10 square metres.

With your help through Project Compassion, Caritas Australia has been able to support the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to run the Alternative Learning System program. This program has meant that Ronita has been able to continue her education. The FCJ sisters provide a safe space for many young people such as Ronita to finish school and find better jobs. Ronita has had the opportunity to change her life.

Caritas Australia believes that the world can be transfigured to become more like the kingdom of God of which Jesus spoke. We can encounter people whom others choose to ignore. When we do so, we discover that here too are children of God. We are asked to listen to them.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at the back of each church, by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion.

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:

Bernard Wakim; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Ronald Donoghue; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Sr Grace Cini FCJ; Sr Annette Brown OSC; Ryan Dorahy; Fr Kevin Bates SM; Narelle Jackson; 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

HOLY HOUR KIAMA

Every Saturday Morning

From 8:00am to 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome!



ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 1 2024 – 28 February; 13 & 27 March; 10 April.

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.*

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 3

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

1st – Gerda Doherty (#17)

2nd – Clare Anderson (#26)

3rd – John Howell (#44)

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If anyone knows of someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855. We have a team of very compassionate and dedicated people.

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

Thank you very much for your support.

SACRAMENTS 2024

Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program is now published on the Parish website. For details visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program.

Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – 8 March
- * **First Reconciliation** – 2 August
- * **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday – 23/24 March

- * **Kiama:** Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm;
Sunday: 8.00am & 6.00pm
- * **Gerringong:** 9.30am
- * **Jamberoo:** 9.30am

Holy Thursday – 28 March

Kiama: 7.00pm

Good Friday – 29 March

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10.00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 30 March

Kiama: 7.30pm *(please bring a torch or electric candle)*

Easter Sunday – 31 April

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am
NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS
Gerringong: 9.30am
Jamberoo: 9.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays during Lent at 5.30pm, Ss Peter and Paul Church. Starts 23 February.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Jean McBride who is 100 years young on 26 February. Jean you are amazing! Thank you for all that you have generously done and contributed to our Parish of Ss Peter & Paul over many years in so many different ways. We wish you well and pray that God will bless you and reward you for your love and devotion to our Faith and to the Church. With love from your many Parish friends.

KBECET - COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The commissioning service for KHS Scripture Teacher, Wicky Ochieng, and all Scripture teachers will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, 3 March at Kiama Baptist Church. Catechists and parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

HOUR OF PRAYER

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT?

You are warmly invited to come along for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament in Ss Peter & Paul Church this Thursday and each Thursday during Lent at 4:00pm, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group and is open to the whole Parish. *'Come and join us ...'*

When: Thursday, 29 February and each following Thursday during Lent

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

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

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Be still and know that I am God.

Ps 46:10

Meditation is an ancient form of prayer. Its aim is to bring the distracted mind to silence and stillness, and rest in the presence of God. Even in our modern, busy lives, this is possible. We invite you to come along and try this form of prayer which is simple and peaceful. The introductory course provides an

opportunity to experience the practice of Christian meditation in a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer for the contemporary world. We meet at the Uniting Church, Gerringong from 4:00-5:00pm every Tuesday. The FIVE WEEK course will begin on **TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY**. Contact Maria: 0408 245 212 or email mariakazimierabaden@gmail.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, 1 March 2024

Focus: Prayer for peace in Palestine

* **Gerringong** - Anglican Church, 103 Fern Street, 10:00am.

* **Kiama** - Anglican Church, 1 Terralong Street, 10:00am morning tea, prayer starts 10:30am.



I would like to thank parishioners for the many stamps that have been donated over the last 12 months. Information received from "Mary MacKillop Today" (foundation) advised that "it has been another wonderful year raising approximately \$33,600". Of great value and thankfully received were Several First Cover Stamps, First Issue Envelopes as well as some valuable collections. Well done! *Joan Toulmin*

KIAMA JAZZ GOSPEL SERVICE

The Kiama Jazz Gospel Service will be on again this year at Ss Peter and Paul Catholic Church, **Sunday, 10 March, 12:00pm to 1:15pm**. This year we have the amazing voices of the Auburn Uniting Church Tongan Choir, The Hummingbirds from Wollongong Conservatorium, and local group, Katandra, lifting the roof in song. Come along and enjoy the uplifting, soulful and toe tapping fun of this gospel service.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

School Family Mass, Ss Peter and Paul Church, Sunday, 10 March at 6:00pm. All welcome. Our celebration will be led, in song, by our school choir! It would be great to see you there.

JAMBEROO ABBEY WORKING BEE

Encouraged by the wonderful response we received last year, we are now asking again for help with outdoor gardening

and general clearing. **AIM:** To plant and restore various gardens, removal of shrubs etc., which are now too close to the building. **DATES:** Saturdays - 16 and 23 March. **TIME:** Commencing 9:00am but feel free to come whenever suits. **MORNING TEA and LUNCH PROVIDED.** Chainsaws, Utes, general gardening tools, whatever you think useful would be very helpful. **CONTACT:** Vince - 0488 360 110

ORGAN AT THE OPERA

Heather Moen Boyd is a graduate in organ performance from Sydney Conservatorium. Heather has been organist and choir director at Scots Kirk Presbyterian Church in Mosman since 2006. In addition to giving solo recitals in Sydney and beyond, Heather has accompanied many church and community choirs in major oratorio presentations, including several performances over the years with the Shoalhaven Lydian Singers. Heather will be performing at Berry Uniting Church, Albert St, Berry at 2:00pm on Sunday, 3 March. Tickets \$35 at the door.

CLOTHING WANTED

We are looking for **good quality women's clothes, accessories and linen** for the Women's Refuge Charity. Please ring Thea on 0450 015 547 to organise pick-up.



ENROLLING NOW

St Joseph's Albion Park, Year 7 2025/2026 Open Afternoon and Information Evening

Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2025 and 2026, and also for other year groups. On Wednesday, 28 February, prospective students and families are warmly invited to see first-hand what St Joseph's has to offer.

- School tours will depart hourly at 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm.
- Tour bookings are essential and can be made at:

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1180838

- An Information Session will be held in the Hall at 7:00pm to allow families the opportunity to participate in both a School Tour and the Information Session Applications have moved to a digital platform this year. Please head to the Enrolments section on our website - <http://www.sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au/>

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

25 FEBRUARY 2024



FIRST READING

Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13,
15-18

*The sacrifice of
Abraham, our father*

in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am
I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the
Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 3 MARCH

3rd Sunday of Lent – Year B/2

1ST READING: Ex 20:1-17

PSALM: Ps 18:8-11 (R.) *Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 1:22-25

GOSPEL: Jn 2:13-25