



SUNDAY, 4 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 – 10/11 February 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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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	6/2	5:00pm	St Paul Miki & Companions
Wednesday	7/2	8:00am	
Thursday	8/2	8:00am	
Friday	9/2	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:

4 February: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

11 February: Group 2 – Irene Cook

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

In the time of Jesus almost everything they couldn't understand was put down to a demon or an evil spirit. In the Talmud, (a large book dating from around the time of Jesus that contains the collected teachings of the Rabbis), several pages are devoted to the healing of 'fevers'. Even though we have become more advanced in our medical knowledge, it's surprising how this thinking still persists. While most people don't blame evil for their ailments, they can think God has a direct hand in sending an illness or an injury. Such faulty theology cannot be reconciled with the New Testament.

There is not a single instance where Jesus inflicts pain and suffering on others. He regularly tells us we have to carry our cross and bear our burdens, but this is vastly different from personally laying a cross on our shoulders or giving us the burdens in the first place. By contrast, every time that Jesus encounters suffering and

pain he works to heal it and restore the person to new life.

The differences between the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the other healing stories in the first chapter of Mark's Gospel are striking. Rather than in a public space and in front of crowds this personal healing occurs in the privacy of Peter's house. By contrast to the command for the demons to be gone, in his bedside ministry Jesus never mentions a demon and uses no words. Instead he gently takes her by the hand and helps her to her feet. Unlike the others Jesus heals, of whom we never hear about their response, the healing of Peter's mother-in-law leads her to an act of service. Given all the details Mark gives us of this encounter it's a pity he never tells us her name.

Sometimes we can think of Jesus' miracles, then and now, as acts of dazzling power. The problem with this idea is that if we see Jesus as going

around 'zapping' people it's hard to figure out why there were times when he could not perform any miracles at all, or that they happened in stages. Whatever else miracles are, they are deeply personal encounters of faith.

As Catholics we believe in the power of miracles and that the source of them is always the grace of God. But we do not have to see them as something done to us from without. Rather, we can see them as unlocking something from within. For some people Jesus' word or touch set free the healing power God had placed in them. For others it came through another person's intercession. The same holds true for us today.

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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:

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

Anniversaries:

Patricia Shallcross; Tony Daher; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Terence McGill; Suzanne Cole-Johnstone; Nicole Jones; Lester Smith; Kate Stirling; Andreas Papazoglou; Br Charles Evans; Andrew Brennan; Philip Smith; 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.

FUNERAL

The funeral of Val Mountford will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, 6 February at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

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

**14 & 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.*

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

St Mary's Meeting Room, this Sunday, 4 February, after Mass. All welcome.

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 will be published on the Parish website from the beginning of Term 1 2024.

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Ss Peter & Paul Sacramental Team

CONFIRMATION 2024

Enrolments are now open for the 2024 Confirmation program.

Children must be in Year 6 or above and have already made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. All information about the program, including dates, program requirements and enrolment, can be found at:

www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/confirmation. Enrolments close 8 March.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES



Wednesday, 14 February, Ss Peter and Paul Church – 9:30am and 7:00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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.

SS PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL OPENING MASS

The opening Mass for Ss Peter and Paul Primary School will be held at 9:30am on Friday, 9 February.

DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAM

PIETÀ is an exquisite 80-page full-colour book containing short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, perfect for individual devotional reading, in addition to the longer Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. **Stocks will be limited so please contact the Parish Office to reserve a copy. Cost: \$5.**

LENTEN GROUPS

* **Kiama** – 7:00pm, Monday nights at Sr Maureen's house. Starts Monday, 12 February. An hour's discussion and prayer followed by a cuppa. Group will be limited to 6-8 people. If you are interested please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855 or Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209.

* **Gerringong** – 1.30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday afternoons. Starts Ash Wednesday, 14 February. For more details and location please contact Steve Pearson on 0493 022 068.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Homestead of Hope Gathering of all the churches in Kiama, **Thursday 29 February starting at 11:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall.** Morning tea, prayer and praise, speaker, lunch. All welcome and all free. We look forward to seeing you there.

GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK DURING LENT

Everyone is warmly invited to come along for one hour of prayers, reflection and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed each Thursday afternoon for the six Thursdays of Lent at Ss Peter & Paul Church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten

Reflection sheet will be provided each week for your personal use during the quiet time. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to the parish.

'Come and see . . .'

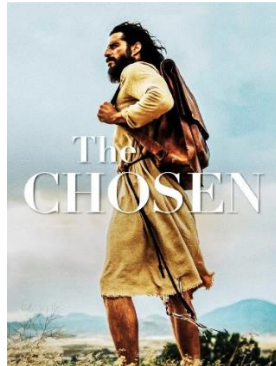
Begins: Thursday, 15 February for six Thursdays of Lent

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Where: Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama

LITURGY MEETING

Do you enjoy attending the most holy time in our Liturgical Year - The Easter Triduum? The Liturgy group would love some new folk to swell the dwindling team of supporters and helpers to organise the beautiful Easter ceremonies in each of our Churches. You do not need to have a great knowledge of liturgical practice, but you will learn so much as you become involved. Any way you can help or any ideas you may have will be very much appreciated. Please contact Fran on 0428 317 014, the Parish Office or any of the team members (Angela Quinn, Kim Day, Gai Delavere, Helen Hunter, Jeanette Easton, Marion Haigh) if you are interested in joining us. **Our first meeting is Thursday, 8 February at 5:00pm, Kiama Meeting Room** - you will be so warmly welcomed!



Tickets are on sale at Hoyts, Warramong and Event Cinemas Shellharbour for the premiere of Season Four of *The Chosen*, Episodes 1 and 2. Screening two sessions a day from Thursday, 1 February to Sunday, 4 February at Warramong, and Thursday to Wednesday at Shellharbour. Come along and support this amazing series about Jesus. The first 3 seasons can be watched for free at <https://watch.thechosen.tv/#carousels>

SOUTHERN ILLAWARRA OLDER WOMEN'S NETWORK

Are you an older woman living in the Southern Illawarra area that would like to enjoy a range of stimulating activities that stretch both your body and your brain? Come along to find out more at

our interest meeting and learn all about the work and the benefits of the Older Women's Network NSW. **WHEN:** Friday, 9 February, 2:00 – 4:00pm, Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room. Cost is free.

Sign Up here: <https://bit.ly/48IikVg> OR <https://events.humanitix.com/siown-interest-meeting> If you have any further questions, contact Wendy Saunders on 0412 614 684 or email: info@ownsw.org.au. Afternoon tea will be provided.

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, 10:30am prayer starts.

CALMING TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT STRESS AND ANXIETY

Presented by: Maggie Dent. For teens and young adults (12-25years old) their parents/carers and interested members of the community. Friday, 16 February, 6:30 - 8:30pm. \$5 per person (donated to Lifeline). Gerringong Uniting Church Hall (28 Fern Street Gerringong).

STEPPING ON

Are you 65 years or older? Are you living at home? Are you able to walk independently or with a walking stick? Are you fearful of falling or have fallen recently? *Stepping On* is a free and friendly exercise program for seniors. Build your knowledge, strength and confidence to prevent falls. Keep active and independent! The course runs for 2 hours a week over 7 weeks. Next program commences **Thursday, 15 February in Ss Peter and Paul Hall, 10:15am to 12:15pm.** For more information or to register phone 4267 0164. **Bookings are essential.**

LENT 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, sign up at <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>. Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

4 FEBRUARY 2024



FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4. 6-7

*I am filled with sorrow
all day long.*

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it,

but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for

you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 11 FEBRUARY

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year B/2

1ST READING: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

PSALM: Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11 (R.) *I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

GOSPEL: Mk 1:40-45

REFLECTION Continued ...

Furthermore, being anointed, celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist, going to a place of pilgrimage, fasting, being prayed over or meditating can have a similar effect. Looked at in this way we can see why some people are healed and others are not. If a personal encounter with Jesus did not always lead to healing, then why should it surprise us that some other encounters these days do not always unlock God's healing within us.

Small and large-scale miracles are happening every day. Today's Gospel reminds us that they do not happen for show or for the sake of the crowd. They are realisations of faith. Taking Peter's mother-in-law as our model we are healed and strengthened so that we can witness to God's saving power, serve the Kingdom of God in any way we can, and continue to wait on the Lord.