



SUNDAY, 15 JUNE 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 – 21/22 June 2025

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 8:00am and 5:00pm

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	17/6	5.00pm
Wednesday	18/6	8:00am
Thursday	19/6	8:00am
Friday	20/6	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:

15 June: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

22 June: Group 1 – Ross Smith

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

PAINTING THE PICTURE OF GOD

A teacher asked the Grade Threes to paint something of their own choosing. All the children got busy about their task. As the teacher walked around she noticed Johnnie was particularly focused. 'What are you painting?' 'I'm painting God, Miss.' 'Well, that must be difficult because no-one knows what God looks like.' To which Johnnie confidently replied, 'But they will when I'm finished!'

What if we human beings had the most sublime, most eminent person painting a picture of God for us?

It is as though 2,000 years ago, the world was saying 'It is too difficult to describe God because no-one knows what God looks like.'

And then, like Johnnie in the Grade Three classroom, Jesus of Nazareth says:

'But they will when I'm finished!'

Throughout his ministry, before he uttered 'It is finished' when crucified,

Jesus painted a picture of the most intimate communion of Divine Life between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. 'The Father and I are one.' He breathed on them the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship and yet the most perfect unity. This is difficult for us to grasp. Therefore we try to paint pictures.

How do *we* 'see' God? Of course, we don't take seriously the old man with a beard or the little white bird.

The other monotheistic religions conceive of God as a single unflickering white light, like a fluorescent tube shining brightly through the mist.

No, God is Divine pulsating shimmering light dancing in threefold exchange of love. In fact, the best name for God is 'Being-in-Love'.

What does this mean for us?

We are baptised into this Triune Divine Life in the name (not names) of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Each time we bless ourselves, a bit of a Catholic routine, we are invoking the

threefold exchange of love and calling its power into our life. Be careful, there will be consequences! You could become more God-like!

How often have you heard: 'You are made in the image and likeness of God.' Jews and Muslims believe that too. But only because of the revelation through Jesus Christ do we know what that really means.

If God is threefold Being-in-Love, and each one of us is to be an image and likeness of God, then you and I are made to live in relationship – not in solitary.

We are totally on the wrong track if we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient, autonomous. It will turn out to be a Hellish choice.

If anyone is in Hell, he/she is there because he/she wants to be totally self-sufficient, autonomous.

No, if you and I are baptised into the life of God, you and I are to live as the image and likeness of God.

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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:

Nicole Phelan; Jason Dorahy; Lyn Cox; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Greg Swords; Alf & Ellen Nimmo; Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; John "Jack" MacAuley; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Norma James; Bill Toulmin; Damien Allport; Fr Aloysius Kondookalayil CST (brother of Fr George); Helen Cooney; Robert "Bob" Gray; Gerry Gilchrist; 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

- * **Norma James** – 11:00am, Monday, 16 June, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama
- * **Bill Toulmin** – 11:00am, Wednesday, 18 June, Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

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

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall, Kiama
Wednesdays, 9:00am – 11:30am.
Term 2 – 25 June.
For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

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.**

WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

All financial support to our Parish is received primarily through the second collection at Mass and online Giving. Funds received cover all running costs and maintenance for the Parish. If you would like to provide support you can do so in the following ways:

- * **Via the 2nd Collection at Mass.**
- * **Via the Donation Point Tap devices** at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (**please note that all funds collected through these devices go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish**).
- * **Via 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.
- * **Via Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.
- * **Via the DOW App:** visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-app/> to download the Diocesan 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.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 3:

- 1st – John Howell (#38);
- 2nd – Neville Micallef (#25);
- 3rd – Jeff Spillane (#3)

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 0416 928 247.** 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.*

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY



Following on from Archbishop Fisher's call to prayer, we as a parish will continue to pray that the sanctity of human life will be respected and revered from conception to natural death and that all legislation will promote the great dignity of each individual. **Let us pray.**

2025/2026 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES NOW AVAILABLE

For those parishioners who are currently giving by envelopes, your new sets for 2025/2026 are now available at the back of each church. If anyone would like to sign up to Planned Giving, change to direct debit, or wants further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au.

CONFIRMATION

This year 36 of our young parishioners will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 26 June at 7:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. Parishioners are invited to join in this celebration when Bishop Brian visits our parish to confirm them. We look forward to this very special occasion and ask you in your charity to continue to pray for our young parishioners and their families. As part of the Confirmation program, our Confirmation candidates have chosen a saint for their Confirmation name and completed a project on the saint's qualities and what inspires them about their saint. They have certainly tried their best with these projects. Please spend some time to read through their work, which is on display in Ss Peter and Paul Church. On behalf of Fr Chris, I sincerely thank you for journeying with our young parishioners during their Confirmation program. *Colleen Easton, Confirmation Coordinator*



A reminder to parents: the Retreat Day for Confirmation will be held in the Parish Hall, Kiama, on Tuesday, 17 June, 9:00am to 3:00pm

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Supporting the Scripture Ministry at Kiama High

Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. Final orders 2 July. Variety of 7 Savoury and 3 Sweet pies \$12 each. Purchases can be donated to Vinnies for those in need, and are very much appreciated. Order forms are available at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church. Or contact Gai on 0401468209 or email gai.delavere@outlook.com.



Payment can be made by EFT to:

BSB: 082662

Acc: 249030854

(Include your name and Pie Drive as reference).

Orders and cash/cheque payments to Gai or the Parish office. Delivery details to follow. Thank you for your continuing support.

WIDOWS HELPING OTHER WIDOWS

A support group for widows. Held every Thursday at 2:00pm in the Uniting

Church Hall Kiama. For more info contact Marion Rattray on 4233 2490.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL



The St Vincent de Paul Kiama Conference will be holding their annual Winter Appeal on the weekend of 21/22 June.

Cash donations can be made after each Mass, or if you prefer, you can use the envelopes which will be provided on that weekend. Donations of food would also be gratefully welcomed and can be left in the designated baskets in the churches. Thank you.

LAUDATO SI CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

You are invited to our next meeting to be held from 4:00pm to 4:45pm on Thursday, 19 June in the Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room, Kiama. Our theme is: **Making a Difference: Living in the Spirit of Laudato Si.** Enquiries: Denis Quinn - 0429 064 496.

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

FEEDBACK ON BISHOP BRIAN'S VISION AND PARISH LIFE

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, *'In the Parish I see'*, by completing an online activity at dow.sh/csgmactivity. The activity takes approximately 30-45 minutes to complete and will help you both engage with Bishop's Vision and share your valuable perspectives on parish life. **We need around 40 to 80 people to complete this online form, so if you are able to find some time, please go online over the next few weeks and have your say.** If you would like to complete the form but don't have the internet, please phone the Parish Office to arrange a time to come in and complete the form.

GERRINGONG COMBINED CHURCHES FOOD DRIVE

To Support the Vulnerable This Winter

As the colder months approach, the combined churches of Gerringong are coming together to support those in need through the annual COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE, running from **MONDAY, 16 JUNE to TUESDAY, 24 JUNE**. Residents are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items by placing them in the specially marked trolley located inside Khan's Super IGA in Gerringong. All contributions will be delivered to Salt Care, a registered charity based in Bomaderry that provides essential support to disadvantaged and homeless individuals and families throughout the Shoalhaven region. This is a simple yet powerful way for the community to make a difference this winter. Every donation counts.

IGNITE CONFERENCE

Sydney 10 – 13 July 2025

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group of 30 youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price.

If you'd like to be part of the diocesan group or would like more details, please email Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or visit www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Commences Monday 1 September 2025. Accompanied by Fr Patrick Vaughan

Queen of Peace – Medjugorje Pilgrimage *A tiny Croatian village, six children and the faith of millions from all over the world have shed new light on what it means to be a true pilgrim on life's journey. In this hallowed place of Medjugorje, this valley of miracles, the Mother of God beckons us forward.*

For full details, itinerary and bookings, Visit: harvestjourneys.com/medjugorje

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - YEAR C

15 JUNE 2025

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born before the earth was made.

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,

before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,

from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,

there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,

before the hills, I came to birth;

before he made the earth, the countryside,

or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,

when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,

when he thickened the clouds above,

when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,

when he assigned the sea its boundaries

– and the waters will not invade the shore –

when he laid down the foundations of the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,

delighting him day after day,

ever at play in his presence,

at play everywhere in his world,

delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**
3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See Apocalypse 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But

when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

'Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 22 JUNE

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – Year C/1

1ST READING: Gen 14:18-20

PSALM: Ps 109:1-4 *(R.) You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchisedek*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 11:23-26

GOSPEL: Lk 9:11-17

Reflection continued ... When we live wholeheartedly in relationships of love, of as much self-giving as is possible, of as much un-self-ish-ness as is possible, we are closest to Divine Life. In fact, we are Divine Life pulsating into a particular time and place through us.

My dear friends, that is why the feast of the Trinity is such a great Feast.

Other religions have prophets and gurus – Moses, Mohammed – to varying degrees trying to respond to glimpses of the Divine. They, like Johnnie, have tried to paint a picture of the Divine, and of our relationship to Divine Being.

It was only Jesus of Nazareth who revealed perfectly the threefold dynamism of Divinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and who invites us to share in that imaging of the Divine Dynamism.

What an invitation! Let us now prayerfully celebrate that invitation every time we sign ourselves:

'In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.'