



SUNDAY, 3 MARCH 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 – 9/10 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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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	5/3	5:00pm
Wednesday	6/3	8:00am
Thursday	7/3	8:00am
Friday	8/3	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:

3 March: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

10 March: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

PROJECT COMPASSION REFLECTION

Written by Michael McGirr

If the world is one great classroom, then God is a fantastic teacher. We have all had experience of this: the firm and gentle way that God opens our minds and helps us to understand.

Today's readings show three different ways that God tries to get through to us. In the first reading, God sets some clear expectations for behaviour. They are all based around respect, both for the teacher and for those with whom we share the class! At the same time, God reminds us 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the house of slavery.' In other words, these are not random rules. They are designed to protect our deepest freedom. Disregarding them sends us back into captivity.

In the Gospel, Jesus is annoyed by people who think they know everything but who have not properly understood the basic lesson about justice and reverence. 'Stop turning my

father's house into a market.' Finally, St Paul speaks about wisdom. 'God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' This is another style again: inviting us into a mystery, almost using riddles to get us to think outside the box.

It is no surprise that the Catholic community has always valued education and done a great deal to make it accessible for people around the world. Just as God teaches us, so too do we try to share the wonderful gift of learning with others.



This week, Project Compassion brings us the story of Leaia, who lives in

Samoa. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed in Leaia's home to harvest rainwater. This means that her family can now have access to clean water to drink and bathe. The time that was previously spent walking to collect water in buckets from a neighbour down the street can now be used for other essential tasks and, most importantly, her children don't have to miss out on school. School is a doorway that opens onto a better world.

The Gospel today says that Jesus knew what a person had in them. We should try to be the same: to see the potential, not just the surface.

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:

Bishop Peter Ingham; Joe O'Neill; 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:

Val Mountford; John Thomas; Joe Manahan; Fr Nicolaos Bozikis; 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

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 4

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

1st – Sylvia Barnes (#8)

2nd – Jean McBride (#11)

3rd – Steve Carr (#21)

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament will be administered during the 9:30am Mass on Friday, 8 March at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

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, 7 March and each following Thursday during Lent

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm

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

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. Our celebration will be led, in song, by our school choir! It would be great to see you there. All welcome.

JAMBEROO LAY CARMELITES

Jamberoo Lay Carmelites would like to invite you to their monthly Community Meeting. We meet on the second Friday of each month at St Matthew's Hall, Jamberoo. Starting with a cuppa at 10:30am, we then move to prayer and reflection followed by a topic for spiritual enrichment. You are most welcome to

join us at our next meeting Friday 8 March, or any of our monthly meetings. For information contact Gabrielle Fogarty, National Co-ordinator on 0409 327 563 or Mary Spillane, Secretary for Jamberoo on 0425 228 548.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

A meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 6 March at the new time of 2:30pm, in the Parish Meeting Room.** Parishioners in support of CWL are always welcome & invited as guests. Kiama Branch Treasurer, Mary Clarke, will take Membership fees of \$35, which are now due to be paid to the Diocesan Council to cover all liability insurance for members and guests attending Diocesan meetings or CWL Diocesan Branch functions.

Contact for Kiama Branch of CWL

Anne Hassett

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Text: 0418 207860

Due to relocation and now lack of mobility, current President Ann Dawes has tendered her resignation. Elections will not be held at this meeting, however a show of support for the continual presence of this ministry within the Parish would give delight. *Anne Hassett*

FREE TO A GOOD HOME



We have an electric hospital bed, electric armchair, and a single bed inner spring mattress if anyone is in need of them. Contact Dana Breen on 0408 321 891.

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE FUNDRAISING LUNCH

Grab your husband, wife, partner, friends and neighbours and join us for a fun-filled lunchtime get-together with games and prizes. Bag a bargain from our 2nd hand table. Jewellery, plants, clothing, books, bags, knitted items, baked goods and lots of other bric-a-brac for sale. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, drawn on the day. All profits go to the valuable work Of Kiama Homestead of Hope in supporting the poor, marginalised, lonely and homeless in our community.

When: Friday, 22 March, from 11:30am.

Where: Kiama Bowling Club, Shoalhaven Street,

Cost: \$25 per person – includes entry and lunch.

Tickets can be purchased from Angie Micallef, 0404 856 379. Lunch is an alternate drop of chicken or fish, so please contact Angie before 22 March if you have special dietary requirements.

MARCH 2024 YOUNG ADULT OVER 18 EVENT

Join us on **Saturday, 23 March, arrival from 5:00pm, at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park** for a soul-enriching Holy Week and Easter experience. Connect with fellow young adults, engage in prayer, and delve into a catechesis on Holy Thursday and Good Friday events. The night concludes with an outdoor screening of 'The Passion of the Christ' by Mel Gibson. BYO dinner and snacks, along with a picnic blanket or chair. Free event! (Over 18s only). Register here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPNVW>

RESTORE PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING

In the last State budget, \$150 million was slashed from palliative care, having a direct effect on how people die in NSW. It flies in the face of guarantees made at the time of the passing of new laws for Euthanasia, ensuring that everyone in NSW would have true choice as to how they died. No one should be pushed into euthanasia because of funding issues. People of faith need to urgently stand up for the sanctity of human life by objecting to these cuts. Please urgently sign this petition and invite friends and family to do the same:

<https://bit.ly/restorethefunding>

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

Easter Youth Pilgrimage

You're invited to an Easter experience like no other. Camp under the open skies, joining in the celebration of Easter through prayer, worship, liturgy, drama, music & personal sharing with 1000 people under a massive marquee. Held from 28-31 March, LTTN will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW. It is a transformative experience deigned to bring families, especially youth and young adults, to an encounter with the person of Jesus in the context of the Easter Triduum through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing. Register at dow.sh/LTTN24

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

3 MARCH 2024



FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 10 MARCH

4th Sunday of Lent - Year B/2

1ST READING: 2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

PSALM: Ps 136 (R.) *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

2ND READING: Eph 2:4-10

GOSPEL: Jn 3:14-21