



SUNDAY, 9 MARCH 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 – 15/16 March 2025

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	11/3	5.00pm
Wednesday	12/3	8:00am
Thursday	13/3	8:00am
Friday	14/3	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:

9 March: Group 2 – Ross Smith

16 March: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

PROJECT COMPASSION



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COMPASSION**

First Sunday of Lent 8th and 9th of March 2025

This Lent, we're invited to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - *a time of renewal and solidarity*.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education

We'll get to know **Lam** from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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:

Gerry Gilchrist; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Milton Mitchell; Kevin Dorahy; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Fr Antony Brennan; Margaret Killmore; Beverley Wilson; Catherine O'Keefe (sister of Margaret Di Salvio); Carmelina Cassar; Marjorie Downes; Kevin O'Sullivan; Greg Twemlow; 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 kiamo@dow.org.au

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen on 0427 941 855.

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.

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 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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

Term 1 – 19 March, 2 April.

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

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

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 Confirmation Program are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Information for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be advertised once dates have been set.

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Friday, 21 March
- * **First Reconciliation** – Still to be organised
- * **First Holy Communion** – Still to be organised

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

POSSIBLE OFFICE CLOSURE DUE TO JURY DUTY

The Parish Secretary has been called up for jury duty starting Monday 3 March, so the Parish Office may have to be closed for at least two weeks if she is selected for the jury panel. If she is not selected, the Parish Office will be open as normal. If the office needs to be closed, urgent enquiries can be directed to Fr Chris, otherwise for non-urgent issues please email or phone the Parish Office and leave a message. **Please note: Bulletins for 9 and 16 March have had to be printed in advance in the event the office needs to be closed, so any new notices will be published from the weekend of 23 March. If you have an urgent notice, please give it to the commentator at Mass to announce.**

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Weeks 4 and 5

The Silver Circle will not be published this week or next due to bulletins having been pre-printed in case of office closure for jury duty.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The next CWL meeting will be held on Monday, 10 March at 2:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.



Anyone interested in playing piano or organ for Mass in Kiama (especially 8:00am Mass) please contact Leonie Dewhurst, 0429 465 822. The greatest need will be over the next 6 months as our regular musicians have other commitments. Help will be provided in hymn selection and music.

FAMILY MASS

We invite you to join us for our first Ss Peter and Paul Family Parish Mass of 2025 on Sunday, 16 March at 6:00pm. The Ss Peter and Paul School Choir will lead the singing for this beautiful Whole School Family Parish Mass. Choir students are asked to arrive by 5:40pm to settle into their seats before the Mass begins. As a way to welcome our new families, we will gather in the school grounds (outside our school hall) for a sausage sizzle. All parishioners, families, and friends of our school community are welcome!

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT . . . ?

You are warmly invited to come to the Church for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer / reflection will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to all the parish and beyond.

Begins: Thursday, 13 March for five consecutive Thursdays.

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Where: Ss Peter and Paul Church (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), Kiama.

Please 'Come and see . . .'

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

HOPE FOR THE ILLAWARRA INTER CHURCH EVANGELISATION EVENT

I invite Catholics in the Diocese of Wollongong, especially those in the Illawarra Region, to attend this Ecumenical Event, inviting others so as to hear the Gospel proclaimed anew. In embracing our Jubilee Year of Hope, consider attending Hope for the Illawarra on March 28-29 in Wollongong." Bishop Brian Mascord **MAIN EVENTS: Friday 28 March** - An Evening for Youth

(7:00pm); **Saturday 29 March** - A Morning Event for Children (11:00am); A Celebration with Dr Michael Youssef (7:00pm). For more information phone 4222 2407, email jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or visit <https://www.hopefortheillawarra.com.au/about-1>,

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITATION

If any parishioners are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council in 2025, we warmly invite you to leave your name and number with the Parish Office at kiama@dow.org.au or 4232 2081.

Please join us for a 'Thank You' morning tea for all Parish Ministries at 11:00am on Sunday, 30 March, in Ss Peter and Paul Hall. Everyone welcome. We look forward to celebrating together!

WEEKLY MASS AT UOW

UOW Catholic Society is back for 2025 and we're inviting all UOW students, staff, and friends to be a part of the adventure. Join us for Mass on Campus 12.30pm every Thursday during semester (Clubs Room, Bldg 11). For details, see @uowcathsoc on social media or email uowcatholicsociety19@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

14 March, Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St, Wollongong
Celebrant: Fr James Arblaster

A warm invitation is extended to all members of the public, all prayer groups, Alpha graduates, and members of Cursillo, Couples for Christ and Disciples of Jesus, to join us in charismatic praise to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after Mass and cuppa. Everyone welcome. **7:00pm** - Praise and Worship, **7:30pm** - Holy Mass. **Info:** Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

JUBILEE DAY OF PRAYER

You are my Hope
Saturday, 22 March 2025
St Francis Xavier Cathedral,
8:00am – 8:00pm

A day of extended Eucharistic adoration and reflection at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong ([36 Harbour Street](https://www.36harbourstreet.com.au)). The day will commence with Lauds, leading into Mass, followed by

extended Eucharistic Adoration with the opportunity for reconciliation. There will be a time of adoration and talks by Fr Bernard on St Francis Xavier and St Thérèse of Lisieux, exploring Hope through mission and contemplation. The day will conclude with Sung Vespers and Solemn Benediction.

Visit: jubilee.lumenchristi.org.au

YOUNG ADULTS - SANCTUS SUMMIT

Wednesday 19 March, Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Unanderra

New monthly adoration for young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30pm-7:30pm (followed by dinner) for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Who do you say that I am? (Mt 16:15)

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Catholic Women's Network for a **Lenten Retreat Day on Saturday 29 March, 9:00am to 4:00pm. at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.** The retreat day will unpack Jesus' question and our response, exploring its impact and application on the three fundamental relationships in our life. The day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, keynote talks by the Dominican Sisters, breakout sessions, morning tea and lunch. Ticket price is \$50 per person which includes morning tea and lunch. A group discount is on offer - buy 4 tickets for \$180. **Book online at www.trybooking.com/CXLMB**

CATECHISM IN A YEAR

Ascension Press will run the Catechism in a Year podcast which will slowly and prayerfully read through and break open the Catechism over 365 days. It's not too late to catch up, and the daily podcasts can be listened to at your own pace. It is available at www.ascensionpress.com/ciy

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

23 – 25 May 2025

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or email nswbookings@wwme.org.au

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

9 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15. R. v.15

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
3. They shall bear you upon their hands

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

On the lion and the viper you will tread

and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;

protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'

I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 10:8-13

The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

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

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 16 MARCH

Second Sunday of Lent – Year C/1

1ST READING: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18

PSALM: Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14 *(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

2ND READING: Phil 3:17 – 4:1

GOSPEL: Lk 9:28-36