



# SUNDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 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 – 30 November/1 December 2024**

**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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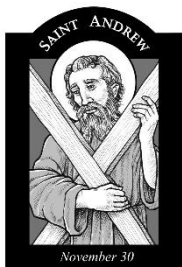
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#### **WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	26/11	5:00pm
Wednesday	27/11	8:00am
Thursday	28/11	8:00am
Friday	29/11	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 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

#### **COUNTER'S ROSTER:**

**24 November: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee**

**1 December: Group 4 – Mike Doherty**

## **REFLECTION** © [WWW.MYCATHOLICLIFE.COM](http://WWW.MYCATHOLICLIFE.COM)

Pope Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King in the Holy Year of 1925. It appears to have its roots in the 1880s when many European bishops were worried with what they saw as the rise of secularisation. I'm pleased they're not around today! These bishops were concerned at how governments were increasingly asserting more power over and against the church. Especially in France and Italy Bishops started to venerate Jesus as the Universal King. This devotion took off. By 1922, at the Eucharistic Congress in Rome, sixty-nine cardinals petitioned the Pope to establish this feast. Within three years the Vatican had been inundated with requests, and so the solemnity was established.

It's clear from today's Gospel, and the New Testament in general, that while Jesus frequently spoke of his Kingdom, is hailed like a king on Palm Sunday and is facetiously given the title of king by Pilate, his kingship is vastly different

from those of Caesar, Herod and even David and the other Kings of Israel.

The earliest Christians seem to have understood this very well. We find very little writing or artistic representation of Jesus as a king before 324 AD. In that year Emperor Constantine becomes a catechumen and Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire. After this time Jesus starts to appear wearing a crown and holding an orb. Mary is styled as the Queen of Heaven and begins to be pictured as such. This is all understandable as the previously persecuted Christian sect now emerges to become the most powerful unifying force in the Roman Empire. It was a sweet victory, but it meant that whatever was said of the Roman Emperor, even more must be true of Christ the Universal King and Lord.

As centuries passed and the Roman Empire passed away, the Church maintained many of its now long-

standing royal prerogatives and language. Just as an example, to this day the Pope and some bishops live in places called palaces. They wear jewels and rings and have feudal coats of arms. Worse still by far, however, is the mentality and behaviour of a very few Bishops, who seem to think that the church is above the scrutiny of the faithful, and the law of the land.

The problem with all these historical accretions is that they directly contradict the way in which Jesus spoke about himself as a King. Almost all references to Jesus' kingship occur within the passion narratives. Today's extract from John's gospel is among the most famous of them all. 'You say I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

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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:

*Gwen Coady; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Heather Barraket; Moreton Rolf; Genie Williams; John Petschler; Judith Kevin; Dianne Coorey; Frank Bawden; 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.**

## NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS

During November a list of names of all deceased parishioners, friends and family members will be placed on the altar at each Mass, with the Mass being offered for the repose of their souls. The sick and recently deceased will continue to be printed in the bulletin each weekend, but anniversaries will be omitted.

## 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](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au)

## 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 – 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.*

## PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

**Term 4 – 4 & 18 December.**

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.*

## 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

## SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

**Week 6**

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

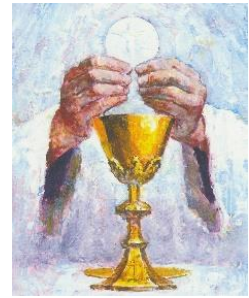
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Rhonda Back (#10)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jeff Spillane (#3)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tom Nilan (#32)

## 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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**2024**



First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Ss Peter & Paul Church this weekend, 23/24 November, at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and 6.00pm Sunday evening Mass. All families will be seated in the front pews of the Church. We pray for all of these children as they receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

## ADVENT PROGRAM 2024

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with **The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections** — a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections. **Copies are now available at the back of each church. Cost - \$5.**



We are in need of volunteers to go on the roster for counting the collections. We currently have 5 groups working on a rotating roster, but several members will be retiring at the end of this year, so we need volunteers to take their place. If you are interested, please phone Louise on 4232 2081 or email, [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au). Thank you.

## 2024 MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT – NOVEMBER

Throughout November, all parishes and Mass centres across the Diocese of Wollongong will conduct the annual Mass attendance count. This important initiative aims to provide a complete picture of Mass attendance to aid in local parish and broader Diocesan planning. All sites holding public weekend Masses are required to participate in this Mass count.

## **SAVE THE DATE 2025**

**World Day Of Prayer** - St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong Friday, 7 March 10:00am. Country Hosting will be the Cook Islands. A wonderful ecumenical experience ! More information closer to the date next year.

### **YOU'RE INVITED**

**Thursday 28 November**

The Homestead of Hope invites you to a morning of prayer and praise, including an inspirational speaker who will share with us his return to the Lord. Please join us for this event and be uplifted by the witness of this man. Commences at 10:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church followed by morning tea in the Parish Hall. This is a free event. All are welcome and there is no need to book. If you have any enquiries, please call Mary Spillane on 0425 228 548.

### **CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION**

**Friday, 29 November**

CatholicCare will be visiting Ss Peter and Paul Parish to provide a comprehensive and important presentation on Aged Care, covering topics such as: How to get into the Aged Care system and also the services that CatholicCare can provide. Presentation to commence after the 9:30am Mass in the Hall or Meeting Room (depending on numbers). Please RSVP to Louise at [kiama@dow.org.au](mailto:kiama@dow.org.au) or 4232 2081.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

\* **Friday, 29 November** - CWL morning tea for attendees of the CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE PRESENTATION.

### **DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATECHIST MASS**

All active and retired SRE Catechists and those involved in the Sacramental preparation of children are warmly invited to the Annual Catechist Mass and Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 7 December, at 9:30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. This special gathering is a wonderful opportunity to come together with Life Members, fellow catechists, award recipients, special guests, and their families. Whether you're new to the CCD ministry or have served for many years, we look forward to celebrating with you! Join Bishop Brian

Mascord, for this celebration, followed by a light luncheon.

**RSVP** [dow.sh/cm24](http://dow.sh/cm24) or **contact Helen Bennett** at [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) for more information.

### **JAMBEROO ABBEY ADVENT DAY RETREAT**

**With Mother Hilda Scott osb, Sr Magdalen Mather osb and Sr Julian Grigor.** Saturday 7 December. Mass: 9:00am Talks: 10:30am – 3:30pm. Cost: \$50 Morning tea provided, bring your own lunch. Register online at [www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs](http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/abbey-retreat-programs)

### **CROSS + GENERATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. *Refreshments will be provided at each session.*

#### **AVAILABLE SESSIONS:**

\* **Corpus Christi, Oak Flats**

Friday, 6 December: 11am-1.30pm

\* **Holy Spirit College, Bellambi**

Thursday, 5 December: 10am-11am

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors, and students for some information sharing in a fun relaxed setting here at the high school. **Places will fill quickly, so please contact Jane Hollier on 0417 018 152 or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au)**

### **SEVENHILL CELLARS MISSION APPEAL 2024**

Since its founding in 1851 by the Jesuits, Sevenhill Cellars has proudly provided Sacramental Wine to communities across Australia and internationally. 173 years later, this enduring commitment continues to be a cornerstone of our identity. Over the past century, the introduction of table wines has expanded our portfolio, driving increased sales and enabling Sevenhill to remain a significant contributor to the Australian Jesuit Mission. As we continue to refine and elevate our wines, we invite all ministries to play an ambassadorial role in sharing

the Sevenhill message with their networks and constituencies. In recognition of the many communities and families who have supported Sevenhill's Sacramental Wine production since 1851, we are pleased to offer an exclusive discount on our premium table wines. This offer is a gesture of gratitude and an opportunity to deepen our connections across ministries and the wider community. We are delighted to extend to you the below offer for some of our award-winning Inigo Range wines; RRP \$27-30/bottle, now \$13.33/bottle, inclusive of free freight (minimum 12 bottle purchase).

**This offer will be available until 11 December 2024. Order online at <https://www.sevenhill.com.au/mission-appeal> and enter the code **CHURCH at checkout.****

Enquiries to [sarahl@sevenhill.com.au](mailto:sarahl@sevenhill.com.au) or 08 8843 5942.

### **CHRISTMAS CANDLES**

Peter from Happy Flame has a large selection of handcrafted certified organic Beeswax candles for sale. These can be used for prayer spaces or to decorate your table at Christmas and Easter. Please use the link below to receive a 10% discount of all purchases. (This will automatically be calculated at checkout).

[www.happyflame.com.au/PRESTIGELEGANCE](http://www.happyflame.com.au/PRESTIGELEGANCE)

### **SCAM ALERT**

#### **Fraudulent Use of CatholicCare Wollongong name and branding**

CatholicCare Wollongong has been made aware of Facebook pages that are utilising CatholicCare's name and branding to offer loans. **This is a scam.** CatholicCare Wollongong does not provide any financial services, including loans or any type of financing.

### **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

#### **VINNIES SOUTH COAST RETAIL SHOPS**

Vinnies shops are seeking new Retail Volunteers to assist them in supporting their local Community. if you are passionate about people, love to chat and putting a smile on someone's face, then we would like to hear from you. Please email us or pop into one of our shops for a chat to find out more. [retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au](mailto:retailvolunteering@vinnies.org.au) or visit [www.vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteersw](http://www.vinnies.org.au/shopvolunteersw)

# CHRIST THE KING - YEAR B

## 24 NOVEMBER 2024

### FIRST READING

Daniel 7:13-14

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of  
heaven,

one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal  
sovereignty

which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1

**(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in  
majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty  
enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with  
might,  
he has girded himself with  
power. (R.)
2. The world you made firm, not to  
be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of  
old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you  
are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be  
trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

### SECOND READING

Revelation 1:5-8

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ...  
made us a line of kings, priests to  
serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the  
First-born from the dead, the Ruler of  
the kings of the earth. He loves us and  
has washed away our sins with his

blood, and made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve his God and Father; to  
him, then, be glory and power for ever  
and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming  
on the clouds; everyone will see him,  
even those who pierced him, and all  
the races of the earth will mourn over  
him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am  
the Alpha and the Omega' says the  
Lord God, who is, who was, and who is  
to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the  
kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate  
asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of  
your own accord, or have others  
spoken to you about me?' Pilate  
answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own  
people and the chief priests who have  
handed you over to me: what have you  
done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a  
kingdom of this world; if my kingdom  
were of this world, my men would have  
fought to prevent my being  
surrendered to the Jews. But my  
kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are  
a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who  
say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king.  
I was born for this, I came into the  
world for this: to bear witness to the  
truth; and all who are on the side of  
truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### READINGS – 1 DECEMBER

First Sunday of Advent – Year C/1

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Jer 33:14-16

PSALM: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9 (R.) *To you, O  
Lord, I lift my soul.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2

GOSPEL: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

### REFLECTION CONTINUED...

There are not too many Kings or  
Queens today who would love their  
people so much that they would be  
prepared to die for them. We know  
from history that when the going gets  
tough many monarchs get going. But  
what we get in Jesus as King is one who  
did not compromise his humanity, who  
would not yield from his preaching and  
does not abandon us in our desolation.  
Jesus' kingship is revealed in his utter  
fidelity to us – even to the end.

So let's not be seduced by the power,  
pride, riches and greed which worldly  
rulers so crave. Let's keep our own eyes  
on Christ our King who loved people  
more than things, who spoke the truth  
with love, and who died that we might  
live. And let's not shrink from  
challenging the entire Church to do the  
same.

