



SUNDAY, 29 MARCH 2026

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 – 4/5 April 2026

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Vigil 7:30pm; Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am (NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS)
St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Sunday 9:30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday 31/3 5.00pm *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*
Wednesday 1/4 8:00am
Thursday 2/4 7:00pm *Holy Thursday*
Friday 3/4 3:00pm *Good Friday Service*

RECONCILIATION: Ss Peter and Paul Kiama

Every Saturday: 8:30am – 9:00am (except Easter Saturday) **Monthly:** first Saturday, 5:00pm – 5:30pm (except Easter Saturday).

WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS: by arrangement.

BAPTISMS: Kiama – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

29 March: Group 2 – Ross Smith

5 April: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

PROJECT COMPASSION 2026



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

PALM SUNDAY

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion. Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes or envelopes.

Or online at:

www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

REFLECTION

It is only once in every three years that we publicly share together Matthew's full account of the arrest, trial and death of Jesus. Today is that day. Matthew's passion

is rich in every sense of the word. It is the longest account of what Jesus endured, and it also has the most diverse cast of characters. Only Matthew devotes attention, not only to the tragic fate of Judas who was filled with remorse, but also to the thirty pieces of silver which were used to buy a cemetery for foreigners called the Field of Blood.

Only Matthew tells us about the dream of Pilate's wife which leads her to send a message to her husband that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Matthew's Gospel features several dreams. Joseph is told in a dream to take Mary as his wife, to flee with his family to Egypt and later to return from Egypt. Dreams are one of the many links between Matthew's Gospel and the Hebrew Scriptures.

This is by no means to say that Matthew's Gospel is merely an interesting piece of literature. It is only to suggest that, in Holy Week, Matthew's Passion is a wonderful encounter to enter slowly as we spend time with the Lord, allowing the mystery of the cross to deepen within us. One commitment we might make is to take a section each day this week and stay with it for ten minutes.

The trial and death of Jesus reminds us of the tragedy of injustice that continues to this day in so many places around the world. Throughout Lent, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, has attempted to draw our attention to many important issues in our world. We have been invited to take up the cross and follow Jesus in our own time, as we *Unite Against Poverty*. We can pray, with Jesus, 'Let it be as you, not I, would have it.' God's desire is for peace, healing and unity in the face of all the challenges facing humanity. Let us help Jesus carry the cross in our time.

RETURN OF PROJECT COMPASSION DONATIONS

Please return your Project Compassion donation envelopes or boxes in time for the Holy Thursday Mass. These can be left at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church or dropped into the Parish Office during Office hours. If you are unable to return them in time for Holy Thursday, please return them at any weekend or weekday Mass from Easter to 11/12 April. They can also be left at the Parish Office during the week.

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:

Jeff Gruska; Donna Gruska; Joy Rains; Denise Tierney (nee Farrugia); Andrew Mulroe; Paul Anderson; Margaret Di Salvio; Marg Snelling; John Nash; Jason Dorahy; Mel Condon; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Peter Fogarty; Les & May Russell; Anthony Russell; Warren Beecham; Yvonne Ryan; Gerry Gilchrist; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Barbara Macgregor; 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

For the interment of ashes. If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiama@dow.org.au

ADORATION AND HOLY HOUR

* **SS PETER AND PAUL KIAMA:** Every **Saturday**, 8:00am to 9:00am. Includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

* **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA GERRINGONG:** Every **Monday**, 11:00am to 12:00pm. An invitation to all,

to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



WAYS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR PARISH

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

* **Second Collection at Mass.**

* **Donation Point Tap devices** – located in Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea churches (all donations collected through these devices go towards the second collection, which is for the upkeep of the entire parish).

* **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.

* **Planned Giving envelopes:** contact the Parish Office for a set of envelopes.

* **DOW App:** Download the App at <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/dow-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.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

Ss Peter and Paul Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of all our children and vulnerable people. If anyone has any concerns or questions about these matters, please contact a member of our Parish Safeguarding Team:

Maggie Phelan - 0417 064 826

Carole Parsons - 0429 040 502

Julianne Douglas - 0418 491 125

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 2026: 22 April; 6 & 20 May; 3 & 17 June; 1 July.

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 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.

SACRAMENTS 2026



Information about the 2026 Sacramental Program is now available on the Parish website. For more information about each Sacrament and dates for each program please visit our website: <https://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program>

ENROLMENT DATES

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Online enrolments close Friday, 24 July.
- * **First Holy Communion** – Online enrolments close Friday, 11 September.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES



Holy Thursday – 2 April

Kiama: 7:00pm

1 hour of Adoration after Mass

Good Friday – 3 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10:00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

PASSION:

Kiama: 3:00pm

Easter Vigil – 4 April

Kiama: 7:30pm (please bring a torch or electric candle)

Easter Sunday – 5 April

Kiama: 7:30am & 9:30am

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Gerringong: 9.30am

Jamberoo: 9.30am

KIAMA COMBINED CHURCHES EASTER DAWN SERVICE

Sunday, 5 April

6.00am at Blowhole Point, Kiama

Please bring a chair to sit on.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions will heard on Wednesday, 1 April from 4:00pm – 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. **NB: There will be no confession held on Easter Saturday.**

HOLY WEEK MASS CHANGES FOR KIAMA

* **Tuesday, 31 March** – the normal 5:00pm Mass will instead be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion due to Fr Chris and Fr George attending the Diocesan Chrism Mass.

* **Wednesday, 1 April** – 8:00am Mass as normal.

* **Thursday, 2 April** – no 8:00am Mass due to Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm; includes one hour of Adoration after Mass.

* **Friday, 3 April** – no 9:30am morning Mass. Stations of the Cross at 10:00am and Good Friday Service is at 3:00pm.

FRESH FLOWERS NEEDED

**For Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama
for Holy Thursday and Easter**

If anyone has flowers in their garden and is happy to share some for the church, please ring Maria on 0421 227 534. She can organise a time to collect the flowers from your home.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION



HOLY LAND COMMISSARIAT

This year, Fr Francesco Ielpo OFM, the Franciscan leader of the Holy Land Custody reminds us of the urgent need to continue supporting the Holy Land, especially in the light of recent happenings:

The last few years have been particularly difficult for the Christian communities of the Middle East. The war has brought death, destruction, and fear, not only to Gaza, but also to the West Bank, Israel, Lebanon, and Syria. The suffering caused by the conflict has been compounded by the prolonged absence of pilgrims, which has exacerbated an already profound economic and employment crisis.

Many Christian families, who once relied on the Holy Places and pilgrimage-related activities, are now experiencing great difficulty. We have just concluded the Jubilee Year of Hope, and hope itself

appears to be damaged: in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Northern Israel, as well as in the Christian communities of Lebanon and Syria. The lack of security and employment makes it increasingly difficult to support families and, even more so, to imagine a future for young people and the new generations. Brothers and sisters, the Good Friday Holy Land Collection remains extremely important and a mission in which we can all participate. The hope is that our Australian parishioners, Parish Priests and Bishops will again be as generous as they have always been. Our donation is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of people who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus in the face of great difficulty.

Good Friday Appeal envelopes are available at the back of each church and can be returned on Good Friday or via the collections at any weekend Mass over Easter.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS



Daylight Savings ends on Easter Sunday, 5 April, so don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Easter Saturday night.

Please note: the Sunday evening Mass will commence at 5.00pm from Sunday, 12 April.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners of Silver Circle:

Week 8:

1st – Colleen Rae (#24);

2nd – Josh Jardin (#1);

3rd – Vonnie Gee (#14)

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

You may have family or friends who are non-practicing Catholics who would like to rekindle their Catholic faith. Dana & Vince Breen are providing informal information sessions. All-comers are welcome no matter at what stage they find themselves on their journey home.

For further information contact Louise at the Parish Office 4232 2081 or kiama@dow.org.au

DAILY MISSALS

If anyone would like to order a Daily Missal please contact Louise at the Parish

Office - we can get them at a slight discount. **Costs:** \$65 for a **Weekday Missal**. \$36 for a **Sunday Missal**. The following are annual publications which can be ordered at the end of each year: **Daily Mass Book** - \$30 (still available to buy) and **God's Word** – price TBC (sold out for 2026, can order for 2027). Please note, prices are approximates. The final price will depend on the number ordered and postage costs.

2026 – THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

**Free Peter Kearney video available:
GOOD MORNING GOOD PEOPLE!**

Good Morning Good People is a musical story on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. Since Pope Leo has declared 2026 to be **The Year of St Francis**, Peter Kearney has provided an illustrated concert-performance of 'Good Morning Good People' which is now available as an MP4 file, or as a YouTube video. These can be downloaded from the links below:

* YouTube - <https://youtu.be/TFa1x5-cg8g>

* MP4 (no advertisements) - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_bAEQgQKcWaZ75L1rrtQA19I0q6I9TwE/view?usp=sharing

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place.

Subscribe at dow.sh/stayingconnected and we will keep you in the loop about what's happening around our Diocese!

VIKING ADVENTURE

Discover the rich Christian heritage of Northern Europe on a 15-day journey through Sweden and Denmark in September 2026. This thoughtfully designed tour traces the transformation of Scandinavia from Viking paganism to vibrant Christian faith. Visit historic cathedrals, worship in local churches, and explore sacred sites including Uppsala, Vadstena, and Roskilde. Along the way, enjoy fellowship, guided reflection, and meaningful cultural experiences.

More than a holiday, this is a faith journey — deepening understanding, strengthening community, and inspiring spiritual growth. For more information, please contact

stephenkirkkham@etravel.com.au or krystal@etravel.com.au

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - **YEAR A**

29 MARCH 2026

ENTRANCE

Mt 21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

The word of the Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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

GOSPEL

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The Passion and death of Jesus.

Due to the length of the Gospel the reading will not be published this week.

READINGS FOR 5 APRIL

Easter Sunday – Year A/1

The Easter Sunday readings below are for the Mass during the Day, not the Easter Vigil.

1ST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43;

PSALM: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (R.)

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

2ND READING: Col 3:1-4;

GOSPEL: Jn 20:1-9