



SUNDAY, 8 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 – 14/15 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	10/6	5.00pm	
Wednesday	11/6	8:00am	<i>St Barnabas</i>
Thursday	12/6	8:00am	
Friday	13/6	9:30am	<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>



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:

8 June: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

15 June: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Recently I was accosted by a fundamentalist Christian in the street. He asked me whether I had given my life to Jesus Christ. I have. He asked me if I spoke in tongues. I can, but don't. He asked me if I had made the necessary sacrifices for the Holy Spirit to come into my life. At this point I said that as a Jesuit I was poor, chaste and obedient for Christ, which I think is a decent effort in that direction.

Mind you, in saying I take the vow of poverty I always think of my mother, who, on seeing Jesuit real estate for the first time said, 'If this is poverty, I'd like to see how you guys live chastity – it all seems pretty loose and fast to me.'

The problem with our evangelical brothers and sisters is that they often think the Holy Spirit can be reduced to external signs.

We know, however, from the first Pentecost and from our own experience that the Spirit works in unpredictable AND ordinary ways. From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that where the Spirit of God is active all sorts of gifts are present:

- boldness to stand up for what we believe;
- the ability to hear and listen;

- an end to fear that locks us in on ourselves;
- confidence in the salvation won for us in Christ;
- fidelity to Jesus' commandment to love;
- clarity about what's true; and
- an 'at homeness' with God.

The problem for many of us is working out where the Holy Spirit is leading us. This requires the gift of the discernment of spirits.

St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, left the church a guide for working out how we can tell if and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. One summary of them goes like this:

1. Don't make a decision when you're down. Let the crisis pass and take time to weigh all the options.
2. The Holy Spirit enables us to let go of our unhealed past and not live in the unknown future. The Holy Spirit draws us to deal with the here and now, as it is, not as we may like it to be.
3. The Holy Spirit frees us up to bring out into the open anything we keep buried in the dark. There is nothing that has ever

happened to us that is beyond the Spirit's healing.

4. The Holy Spirit breaks down isolation and draws us into community with other people.

5. Be careful of things that appear too perfect, they sometimes have a sting in the tail and can be destructive.

6. Be guarded about all things that are urgent. The Holy Spirit brings a sense of perspective to problems.

7. The Holy Spirit is always present where compassion and forgiveness are demonstrated.

Not bad for a guy who died in 1556.

So, Pentecost is not the charismatic movement's birthday. It is God's promise to abide with us come what may. And living in the power and love of the Spirit and claiming her direction is an intensely practical affair.

It is with this type of confidence that can sing the ancient chant, 'Come O Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we will be recreated and you will renew the face of the earth.'

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:

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

Anniversaries:

Alf & Ellen Nimmo; Lance Reid; Joan Hamilton; John "Jack" MacAuley; Tom Cullen; Daniel Wong; Dom McBride; Norma Raposas; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Robert "Bob" Gray; Gerry Gilchrist; John Lizzo; Manfred Pfeiffer; 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

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.**

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 2 – 11 & 25 June.

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

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 1:

- 1st – Colleen Rae (#24);
- 2nd – Margo Fitzgibbon (#31);
- 3rd – Maureen Moore (#44)

Week 2:

- 1st – Steve Carr (#21);
- 2nd – Mary Clarke (#4);
- 3rd – Vonnie Gee (#14)

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

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

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.**

GERRINGONG NEWS

* **A special morning tea** to welcome Darren Lane into the Church will be held on 8 June after Mass.

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.

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.



A huge THANK YOU to the Homestead of Hope and Catholic Women's League members for the extraordinarily generous banquet they provided for us on the Pilgrimage Walk for Life. Their thoughtfulness and effort were greatly appreciated and made all the pilgrims feel so loved and encouraged.

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you from the Parish Council and Laudato Si' Circle by the Ocean Group for joining us last Friday to celebrate Laudato Si' Week. We had a relaxed evening of pizza and a screening of The Letter, which offered a moving reflection on our shared responsibility for achieving climate and ecological justice. The film featured the late Pope Francis explaining his choice of name, honouring St. Francis

of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, and his profound love for creation, which inspired the global Laudato Si' movement. We are deeply grateful for the legacy of Pope Francis. We warmly invite all parishioners to continue his journey. Whether through small, sustainable actions, participating in parish initiatives, or simply sharing ideas, every step counts.

For more information and inspiration,

- Visit the Laudato Si website <https://laudatosimovement.org/>, OR
- Join the Parish Laudato Si Circle by the Ocean Group monthly catch-ups in the Parish Meeting Room at 4:00pm, every third Thursday of the month.

TAIZÉ RETREAT DAY

St Joseph's Bulli, Saturday 14 June

Taizé is a small town in France where thousands of young people come together throughout the year to praise Our Lord Jesus and share their lives. The Brothers of Taizé lead the Prayers and Chant and give Pastoral care to all who spend time there. The Chant fills us with Hope and Joy. Gabriella will lead us in the beautiful Taizé chant.

9:00am - Morning Tea (Tea/Coffee and biscuits/cakes are provided);

9:30am - Start;

11:30am - Holy Mass;

12:30pm - Lunch (BYO);

1:30pm - Chant and Prayers;

3:00pm - Finish. (Donation: \$15 to cover all materials)

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR C

8 JUNE 2025

NB: Due to insufficient space, the Pentecost Vigil readings are not published in the bulletin this weekend. The following readings are the Sunday Mass of the Day readings.

FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:8-17

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;

All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 14:15-16. 23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 15 JUNE

**The Most Holy Trinity –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Gen 11:1-9

PSALM: Ps 103:1-2, 24, 27-30, 35 **(R.)**
Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

2ND READING: Rom 8:22-27

GOSPEL: Jn 7:37-39