



SUNDAY, 16 JUNE 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 – 22/23 June 2024

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	18/6	5:00pm
Wednesday	19/6	8:00am
Thursday	20/6	8:00am
Friday	21/6	9:30am



St Aloysius Gonzaga

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:

16 June: Group 5 – Gavan Hocter

23 June: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

REFLECTION BY FR MICHAEL TATE

THE SOWING OF THE SEED

In Australia, so far as I know, a farmer ploughs the land and *then* plants the seed. In Galilee, the farmer scattered the seed on the old field and therefore on tracks which people made walking across it after cropping, on thorny areas, and also on what he hoped was good soil. He *then* ploughed in the seed.

It is a wonder that anything grew, and generally the return was about 7:1. In a previous parable Jesus had spoken of the Kingdom he was inaugurating as if it would turn out to be like a bumper harvest of up to a hundredfold.

What would such a harvest mean for a peasant tilling the rocky soil of Galilee? It would mean release from the endless servitude to a landlord, generation after generation. It would mean liberation, not only from hunger, but from the power structure which was quite content with a permanent underclass of subsistence farmers.

In other words, Jesus was telling his listeners that God's Kingdom would turn

the world as they knew it 'upside down'. As Mary sang in the Magnificat: 'The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away.' Power structures would be shattered by the impulses of the Gospel to create a society where there was a just distribution of the world's resources.

Naturally, the peasant farmers of Galilee wanted to know 'when' and 'how'. We want to know the 'when' and the 'how' of the fulfilment of the Kingdom of God.

Jesus' answer to them, and to us, is basically: 'It is not for you to know. Just get on with the sowing of the Gospel seed. Something will happen with the seed you sow, something out of all proportion to your part in the process.'

Our Lord pictured this by contrasting the tiny mustard seed and the mustard bush which he even exaggerates into a tree in which birds could find shelter!

In this parable Jesus says: 'Be patient, allow the creative power of God to work in the earth and the small seed will be "raised up".'

When did God's creative power work in the depths of the stony ground so that the Gospel Seed was raised up? The answer is, of course, in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

And what effect did this have? We read in the Acts of the Apostles concerning the early Christian community that 'The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.' (Acts 2:44)

In other words, the social system was being subverted by the power of the Gospel. A more just distribution of resources was taking place in the immediate aftermath of the proclamation of the Resurrection by Peter on the Feast of Pentecost.

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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:

Geoff Long; Bob Barabach; Joe O'Neill; Michael Sewell; Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Donato Di Salvia; Kye Yates; Greg Swords; Alf and Ellen Nimmo; Daniel Wong; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Tom Cullen; Patrick Nilan; 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

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.

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 2 - 26 June.

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

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** – Enrolments closed.

* **First Reconciliation** – 2 August

* **First Holy Communion** – 20 September

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 7

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

1st – Gwen Coady (#41)

2nd – Margo Fitzgibbons (#18)

3rd – John Carr (#42)

REQUIEM MASS FOR TOM CULLEN

The Parish will celebrate the life of Tom Cullen on **Saturday, 6 July at 10:30am in Ss Peter and Paul Church** with Sacred Mass, Morning Tea and Interment of Tom's ashes. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY 2024

Just a reminder that the Confirmation Retreat Day will be held on Tuesday 18 June from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the Parish Hall.

SVDP ROSARY



We are offering the rosary in Ss Peter and Paul Church on Monday, 17 June at 5:00pm for Josephine Vella, mother of Julie Gatt.

SVDP WINTER APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Conference will be holding their annual Winter Appeal over the weekend of 22/23 June in the Parish. Cash donations can be made after each Mass. If you prefer, you can use the envelopes provided on that weekend. You can also assist those in need with donations of non-perishable food items which can be left in the narthex on the northern side of the church. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

KBECET ANNUAL PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

FINAL ORDERS 19 JUNE

Pies are family size, supplied by Queen Street Bakery Warilla. 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 for individual and Vinnies donations are on the notice board at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church. Otherwise please call or SMS Gai on 0401 468 209 or email gai.delavere@outlook.com. Payment can be made by EFT to BSB 082662 Acc 249030854 KBECET (Include your name and Pie Drive as reference). Cash or cheque to Gai. Delivery 8 July, details to follow. Thank you for your continuing support of SRE at Kiama High.



Happy Birthday to Lee Cook, who turns 100 on Thursday, 20 June. We wish you all of God's blessings on this special birthday milestone!

LAUDATO SI' CIRCLE BY THE OCEAN

All are invited to join with us for our next meeting to be held from 4:30 -5:15pm on Thursday 20 June at Ss Peter & Paul Meeting Room. On 5 June, World Environment Day, ecumenical religious leaders from around the world gathered in preparation for the launch of the Season of Creation which will take place from 1 September to 4 October with the theme *'To hope and act with Creation'*. This coincides with 'Faiths for Climate Justice Week of Action' 17 – 24 September. In response to Pope Francis' ecological call to action, the Laudato Si' Action Platform stands as a testament to the power of collective action and community engagement. We hope to see you as we prepare for these ecological calls for celebration and

action. If you have any enquiries, contact Denis Quinn (mobile 0429 064 496).

A KATANDRA WOMEN'S A CAPPELLA

FUND-RAISING EVENTS, 29 JUNE

* **South Coast Sings** - Kiama Pavilion. Music Workshops: 9:30am – 4:30pm Public Concert: 3:30pm. South Coast Sings ~ goes Latin! is a chance for singers of all ages and vocal experience to enjoy workshops exploring Latin Songs and Dance, Music Theatre and Latin Jazz styles. Sing Out! Members of the public are warmly invited to attend the South Coast Sings Goes Latin Concert. Doors open at 3:15pm (Concert Tickets also available at the door). **Workshops and Concert** : \$65pp and \$30 for Students. **Afternoon Concert only**: \$20 and \$15 concession. Children under 12 free. Tickets available online on TRYBOOKING.COM/CQBPK. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Children's Medical Research Institute.

* **The Big Swing!** – Join us from 7:00pm -11:00pm, Kiama Pavilion for a BIG night out! Dance the evening away to the fabulous music of the '16 piece' BEACHSIDE BIG BAND with vocalists Lionel and Hayley. There will be a large dance floor with plenty of room to move. You can book a table for 12 or come and make new friends. All proceeds from THE BIG SWING will be donated to the SALT MINISTRY in Nowra. Tickets are \$50 pp. BYO Drinks and Nibbles. Glasses provided. Tickets available online on TRYBOOKING.COM/CQQJT

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Parish Secretary - St Therese Parish

West Wollongong parish is seeking the services of a part-time secretary for 10 hrs per week – including Tuesdays, a second day yet to be determined. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work. If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to:

frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close 5:00pm Monday, 17 June.

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024

Rise Up! Brisbane 19-22 September

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. For more information, go to ignite.conference.com.au and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

CATHOLIC MISSION WORLD REFUGEE DAY

20 June 2024

The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is Finding Freedom: Family. To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution, these are just some of the examples of freedom that most of us experience. Sadly, many refugees are waiting for years to have an opportunity to find such freedoms in a new home. Community sponsorship offers a supported pathway of settlement for refugee families or individuals. The CRISP is a pilot program sponsored by the Australian government and is run by Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia (CRSA). CRISP empowers local community groups, of 5 or more members, to support newcomers to settle and integrate by providing social, material and practical support. Members are provided training and support by CRSA, and ways to connect with other groups and share experiences.

More information can be found on the CRISP Facebook page: (<https://facebook.com/groups/102039848502972>) or the CRISP website - <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>.

If you would like to know more about how you can become part of this lifegiving program, please contact Anne Nesbitt:

anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

16 JUNE 2024

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot

and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and

puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 23 JUNE

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2

1ST READING: Job 38:1, 8-11

PSALM: Ps 106:23-26, 28-31 (R.) *Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.*

2ND READING: 2 Cor 5:14-17

GOSPEL: Mk 4:35-41

REFLECTION CONTINUED ...

I think it is very telling that a little further on in the Acts of the Apostles we read: 'The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no-one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power.' (Acts 4:32-33)

There is a correlation between the commitment of Christians to a just distribution of the world's resources and the proclamation of the Lord's resurrection. Only if the commitment is authentic and real will the proclamation be powerful and effective.

So, let us lead lives with an authentic dimension of social justice, let us get on with sowing the seed of the Gospel whenever we get the opportunity, let God get on with germinating that seed with the power of the Resurrection so that the Tree of Life may grow to such a height that all peoples 'can shelter in its shade.'