



# SUNDAY, 13 OCTOBER 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 – 19/20 October 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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### **WEEKDAY LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION (LOTW) OR MASS - KIAMA**

Tuesday (LOTW)	15/10	5:00pm	St Teresa of Jesus
Wednesday (LOTW)	16/10	8:00am	
Thursday (LOTW)	17/10	8:00am	St Ignatius of Antioch
Friday (Mass)	18/10	9:30am	St Luke

**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:**

**13 October: Group 2 – Irene Cook**

**20 October: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee**

## **REFLECTION**

### **EXCEEDINGLY ASTONISHED**

*"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." [Mark 10:24-27](#)*

Have you ever been "exceedingly astonished" by the demands of the Christian life? Hopefully you have been. And if you have been, hopefully you are no longer. Being exceedingly astonished is one of many purifications we must go through in order to enter the Kingdom of God.

The "eye of a needle" is a reference to one of the gates in the wall surrounding the city of Jerusalem. After dark, the gate would be closed and the only way to enter was through a small door in the centre of that gate. A person could pass through by ducking down, but a camel could not enter unless it got down on the

ground and literally crawled through. This took much effort and direction from the master of that camel, but it was possible.

The point of this story is to emphasize that we will not be able to easily stroll into Heaven. In this case, Jesus was speaking about how easy it is for a person with money to become so attached to that money that they fail to obtain the riches of Heaven. The rich young man, to whom Jesus was just speaking, went away sad because Jesus lovingly invited him to detach from his earthly wealth so as to obtain the riches of Heaven. Jesus said to him, "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." To that, the rich young man went away sad.

Greed and an all-consuming attachment to material wealth clearly have the potential to destroy your soul. That's a fact. There is no way around it. But this teaching applies to every other form of attachment also. When we are attached to any sin to a serious degree and refuse

to separate ourselves from that sin, we will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, if love of God does not motivate us to turn from sin, perhaps fear of hell will.

Reflect, today, upon anything that our Lord has taught that is difficult for you to face. Is there any commandment that you tend to ignore? Any teaching that you attempt to rationalize? Any demand that appears to you to be too much? If you are to enter the eye of the needle, you must be wholeheartedly committed. Jesus will not shy away from demanding a total surrender of your life to Him. Reflect upon those attachments that you continue to hold onto and try to see Jesus speaking to you about those attachments as He spoke to this rich young man. Overcome all astonishment and make unwavering submission to the will of God your way of life. This is the only way to enter the gates of the Kingdom of God.

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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:

*Francis Le; Ann Dawes; Gwen Coady; Bob Barabach; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Ruby Johnson; Des Coady; Geoffrey Cole; Lucy Howell; Peg Anderson; Katherine McGuinness; Family & Friends of Marg Mappas; Virgil O'Halloran; Eric Spindler; Gloria Rawlin; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Peter Ford; Geoff Long; Fr Len Helm MSC; Mary Newn; Herbert Shorter; Fr Gabriel (from UK); Catherine di Girolamo; Angela Martello; 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](mailto:kiama@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 – 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 – 23 October; 6 & 20 November; 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

## FR CHRIS ON LEAVE

Fr Chris is on leave until 31 October. **During this time, weekday Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion. Fridays will be normal Masses.** Supply priests for weekend Masses will be Fr John Crothers, Fr Terry Herbert, Fr Bryan Jones and Fr David O'Brien.

## OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



\* The Rosary will be recited **each Friday in October, starting at 9:00am before the 9:30am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church.**

\* **Intentions:** Praying for world peace as **Our Lady requested at Fatima**, especially for peace in the Ukraine and the Middle East and for our own intentions

\* Rosary beads are available at the back of Ss Peter and Paul Church

\* The Holy Rosary is recited in the Holy Hour Devotions held each Saturday starting at 8:00am at Ss Peter and Paul Church.

## VINNIES NEWS

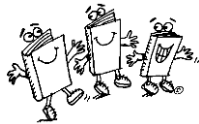


Our next rosary will be offered for Peter Fogarty on Monday, 14 October at 5:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church. All welcome.

## 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. **The Light** also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Hunt, Van Dyck, Breenbergh, Giordano, Luini, Raphael and more, with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer. **Copies are now available to purchase from the Parish Office during Parish Office hours. Cost - \$5. Stock is limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.**

## ST MATTHEW'S BOOK FAIR



St Matthew's Book Fair will be held on the weekend of **26/27 October**. Times will be provided closer to the date. **If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Helen on 0429 463 745 or leave them in the grotto at St Matthew's.**

## KBECET ANNUAL DINNER

You are invited to the 2024 KBECET annual dinner 6:00pm, 19 October at Kiama Anglican Church to celebrate the Kiama High School SRE Ministry. Tickets are \$30 and payment can be made online by scanning the QR code on the poster displayed at each Church or contact your Church representative Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209. Come and celebrate and be encouraged by the work of our local SRE teacher, Wicky Ochieng, and our Shine and Strength teams at Kiama High School. Join us as we pray and enjoy good food, good company and fellowship across our Churches of Kiama municipality.

## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON



\$25 entry. Ss Peter and Paul Parish Hall Kiama, Tuesday, 5 November from 1:00pm. Lunch will be chicken, salads, bread rolls, dessert, tea and coffee. BYO alcohol. Win a prize for the best hat worn

on the day. Please bring ticket on the day and plenty of gold coins. Buy a horse in our sweeps and watch the race on the big screen. Lucky door prizes. Raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – drawn on the day.

**Bookings are essential.** Contact Angie (0404 856 379) or Robyn (0437 277 908)

## COME AND SEE, GO AND MAKE FORMATION PATHWAY

### NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OPEN

\* **Campbelltown** – Tuesday 12 November, 7:00 – 9:30pm

\* **Wollongong** – Zoom, Wednesday, 13 November 7:00 – 9:30pm

"Principles and Foundations of Come and See, Go and Make" (Module 107).

Exploring the three foundations and ten principles of the vision for parishes, understanding a "values" approach to renewal, and making decisions through our values.

Register today at [dow.sh/nov2024](http://dow.sh/nov2024)

## WANT NETFLIX FOR CATHOLICS?

Get 'FORMED' Free for DoW Parishioners

Join hundreds of other families around the Diocese of Wollongong in nurturing your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED is a fantastic Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio, and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. To register for FORMED:

• Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

- Click 'Formed for Individuals' button.
- Enter your email address. Submit.
- Type 'Wollongong' into the box.
- Then click the Diocese's name and address (38 Harbour St) which will appear. Click Next.
- Enter your name and email address. You'll get a confirmation email asking you to sign in and then follow the prompts.

## ONE MUSIC FESTIVAL

ONE Music Festival is a holistic family event aiming to bring different generations and denominations together to celebrate and experience Jesus in community. Children, youth groups and adults are all welcome. It will be running on Saturday, 16 November at the Kiama Pavilion and showgrounds from 2:00pm – 9:00pm. Expect to see different bands, food trucks among other fun surprises. You can come for the whole event or part of it, your choice. Tickets are available now at [onemusicfestival.com](http://onemusicfestival.com).

**VOLUNTEERS:** We need roughly 30-50 volunteers to help us run the day smoothly. More information on volunteer registration can be found on the website [onemusicfestival.com](http://onemusicfestival.com)

## THE SECOND WEEK OF THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

The second week of the Synod Assembly begins this week, with participants delving deeper into the Instrumentum Laboris. For more information, the Instrumentum Laboris is available on the Australian Synod website: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>.

# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – 20 OCTOBER



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

**This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.**

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia)



# 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

## 13 OCTOBER 2024

### FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 4:12-13

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and

he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### READINGS – 20 OCTOBER

**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B/2**

**1<sup>ST</sup> READING:** Is 53:10-11

**PSALM:** Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22 *(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING:** Heb 4:14-16

**GOSPEL:** Mk 10:35-45

