



# SUNDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 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 – 17/18 February 2024**

**Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Saturday 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 MASSES - KIAMA**

Tuesday	13/2	5:00pm
Wednesday	14/2	9:30am and 7:00pm <i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thursday	15/2	8:00am
Friday	16/2	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:**

**11 February:** Group 2 – Irene Cook

**18 February:** Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

## **PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**



### Project Compassion Sunday 10 & 11 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



# 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:

*Doreen Delaney; Bernard Wakim; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.*

### Anniversaries:

*Ronald Donoghue; Patricia Shallcross; Tony Daher; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

### Recently Deceased:

*Narelle Jackson; Terence McGill; Suzanne Cole-Johnstone; Nicole Jones; 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)

## HOLY HOUR KIAMA

*Every Saturday Morning*

From 8:00am to 9:00am in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. The hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Perpetual Succour Novena, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone is welcome!



## ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. All welcome.

## PARISH PLAYGROUP



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

### Term 1 2024

**14 & 28 February;**

**13 & 27 March; 10 April.**

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

**Thank you very much for your support.**

## SACRAMENTS 2024



Information for the 2024 Sacramental Program is now published on the Parish website. For details visit [www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program](http://www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program).

Enrolment forms are to be completed online via the website and enrolments close on the following dates:

- \* **Confirmation** – Friday, 8 March
- \* **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 2 August
- \* **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 20 September

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES



Wednesday, 14 February, Ss Peter and Paul Church – 9:30am and 7:00pm

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 5.30pm, Ss Peter and Paul Church. Starts 23 February.

## 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.

## **HOMESTEAD OF HOPE – DATE CHANGE**

Due to a clash of bookings in the Parish Hall, the date for the Homestead of Hope Gathering needs to be changed. The new date is still to be confirmed and will be published in the bulletin next weekend. Watch this space.

## **SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS**

### **Week 1**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jeff Spillane (#3)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael Douglas (#41)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Anonymous (#33)

## **PIETÀ LENTEN BOOKS**

Lenten books are still available from the Parish Office during Office hours. Cost: \$5. Only 30 copies left. Don't miss out!

## **LENTEN GROUPS**

\* **Gerringong** – 1:30pm to 3:00pm Wednesday afternoons. Starts Ash Wednesday, 14 February. For more details and location please contact Steve Pearson on 0493 022 068.

## **GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK DURING LENT**

Everyone is warmly invited to come along for one hour of prayers, reflection and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed each Thursday afternoon for the six Thursdays of Lent at Ss Peter & Paul Church in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet will be provided each week for your personal use during the quiet time. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to the parish.

*'Come and see . . .'*

**Begins:** Thursday, 15 February for six Thursdays of Lent

**Time:** 4:00pm to 5:00pm

**Where:** Ss Peter & Paul Church, Kiama

## **LENT WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES**

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE, sign up at <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>. Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Friday, 1 March 2024

**Focus: Prayer for peace in Palestine**

\* **Gerringong** - Anglican Church, 103 Fern Street, 10:00am.

\* **Kiama** – Anglican Church, 1 Terralong Street, 10:00am morning tea, prayer starts 10:30am.

## **CALMING TEEN AND YOUNG ADULT STRESS AND ANXIETY**

Presented by: Maggie Dent. For teens and young adults (12-25years old) their parents/carers and interested members of the community. Friday, 16 February, 6:30 - 8:30pm. \$5 per person (donated to Lifeline). Gerringong Uniting Church Hall (28 Fern Street Gerringong). Bookings through Sticky Tickets or contact Di on 0407 057 418.

## **STEPPING ON**

Are you 65 years or older? Are you living at home? Are you able to walk independently or with a walking stick? Are you fearful of falling or have fallen recently? *Stepping On* is a free and friendly exercise program for seniors. Build your knowledge, strength and confidence to prevent falls. Keep active and independent! The course runs for 2 hours a week over 7 weeks. Next program commences **Thursday, 15 February in Ss Peter and Paul Hall, 10:15am to 12:15pm**. For more information or to register phone 4267 0164. **Bookings are essential.**

## **BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW**

**A Eucharistic Retreat Day with the  
Dominican Sisters of St Cecelia**

**10:00am – 4:00pm,**

**24 February 2024,**

**St Michael's Church, Nowra**

All people aged 13 years and older are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks, a personal testimony, and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Retreat Fee: \$20. Financial assistance is available. For questions, please contact the Sisters: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org)

## **WANT TO PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION?**

**Volunteer to be a Caritas Australia  
Ambassador!**

Caritas Australia is the Catholic agency for international aid and development, working to alleviate poverty and bring hope and justice to marginalised communities throughout the world. We're inviting a parishioner to volunteer to help coordinate Project Compassion in your parish community. The volunteer Caritas Ambassador can do as much as they are comfortable with, for example distributing Project Compassion boxes or envelopes to parishioners, showing the Project Compassion films and/or giving a short talk. Many other opportunities also arise during the year should you be keen to continue helping your parish community to put their faith into action, in solidarity with some of our world's most vulnerable communities. To find out more or register your interest, please email [education@caritas.org.au](mailto:education@caritas.org.au).

## **JAMBEROO ABBEY RETREATS**

\* **Borrowing Tomorrow** - **Online Retreat, 18 Feb - 27 Mar 2024**. The world is in crisis. It is critical that we take stock. Something new is happening and we need to be prepared. To assist in this preparation, it is helpful to look within our own heart first of all and to clear away all that inhibits our capacity to trust, to change and to act. Retreat Cost: \$200 (payment via two instalments is available)

\* **Walking With Jesus** - **Day Retreat, 17 Feb 2024**. The Easter story culminates in the joy of Resurrection on Easter Sunday morning. Our Lenten retreat day invites you to reflect on how we will walk the Lenten journey, so that we are able to enter into the promise and joy of Easter morning. Retreat Cost: \$50 (*Limited space available*)

\* **Praying with the Mystics** - **Cottage Weekend Retreat, 23 - 25 Feb 2024**. In the framework of Centering Prayer, this weekend retreat will pray with the mystics who teach us that it is when we return within that God is met. Retreat Cost: \$150 + accommodation cost.

## **CARMELITE RETREATS**

Day, weekend and week-long retreats available. Pick up a brochure from the back of the church or visit <https://mtcarmel.com.au/> for more information.

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

## 11 FEBRUARY 2024



### FIRST READING

Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46

*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.  
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**
- But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.  
I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!  
O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory

of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:40-45

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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### READINGS – 18 FEBRUARY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – Year B/2

1<sup>ST</sup> READING: Gen 9:8-15

PSALM: Ps 24:4-9 (R.) *Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant.*

2<sup>ND</sup> READING: 1 Pet 3:18-22

GOSPEL: Mk 1:12-15

### REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

It is hard to imagine a person in 1st Century Palestine who would be more of an outcast from society than the leper. Unfortunately, any form of skin disease was categorised as leprosy (known as Hansen's disease today). It was regarded as one of the greatest forms of uncleanliness and seen as a physical manifestation of God's punishment on the person.

For a person like this to even approach Jesus is a huge risk and an enormous act of faith. He trusts that Jesus will not reject him like everybody else in his life has done. His request to Jesus is almost a demand; it is certainly filled with an utter conviction of Jesus' ability and good will: 'if you want to, you can cure me'. Jesus' reaction is one of equally strong emotion – he is so moved by this man's plight that he reaches out his hand and touches the man.

To touch a person with leprosy was to break every rule of the clean/unclean social structure that dominated Jewish society. In this one action, Jesus challenges the entire basis on which Jewish society is constructed – the purity code.

For Jesus to touch this man, according to the purity code, is to become unclean himself. But Jesus ignores these social rules and responds out of love and heals the man with word and action. However, Jesus knows that if the man is to be accepted back into society he needs to conform to the rules that dominate his world. He must present himself to the local priest who is the only one with the authority to declare someone cured of their disease and thus able to become ritually clean and welcome back into worship and back into everyday life.

