



SUNDAY, 12 MAY 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 – 18/19 May 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	14/5	5:00pm	St Matthias
Wednesday	15/5	8:00am	
Thursday	16/5	8:00am	
Friday	17/5	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 – 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month. Contact the Parish Office to book.

COUNTER'S ROSTER:

12 May: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

19 May: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Aren't we lucky we don't take the Scriptures literally? If we did it would appear from today's Gospel that only multilingual, snake-wrangling, poison-drinking exorcists with a gift for healing, would be seen as the genuine Christian article. That would leave most of us out in the cold.

This passage, however, is a dramatic addition to Mark's Gospel to show that even though Jesus is now at the right hand of God, he sends his disciples out to the whole world to carry on his ministry, and that he will protect us when trials come. And even though there have been tragic and shocking chapters in our 2,000-year history, it's good for us to remember what God has done in and through us as we have gone out and proclaimed the saving love of Christ.

Today 33% of the world's population are, at least nominally, Christian, numbering 2.1 billion people, making us the largest religion in the world. Our Catholic family accounts for just over half this group. We have around 1.1 billion Catholic brothers and sisters worldwide. Many Christians continue to be persecuted or discriminated for their faith, and some continue to die for

their love of Christ which impels them to seek justice for all.

But the feast of the Ascension is not just an opportunity for us to look back on how we have tried to fulfil the command of the Lord to go out to the world. Indeed, this feast is primarily focused on where we are going from here on in. The Ascension promises us that just as the Father raised Jesus from the dead, so too the Father, Son and Spirit will welcome us into heaven as well, to be at Christ's right hand for eternity. This parable demonstrates the point.

In 1939 a father and son were famous art collectors. When World War II broke out, the son volunteered. In 1944 the son died in battle while rescuing another soldier. A year later, a young man came to see the father. 'Sir, you don't know me but I was with your son when he died. I want you to know he didn't suffer.'

'I know you both loved art, and though this isn't much, I want you to have it.' He gave the father a package. Inside was a portrait of the son. It was rough work, but the father welled up with tears. 'It was the least I could do for your son because he saved my life.'

A few months later, the father died. At the art auction which followed, investors gathered from around the world. The first item up for bid was the portrait of the son. The auctioneer tried to start the bidding, '\$200 ... \$100 ... Any bids? Any at all?' The investors called out, 'Skip this one. Where are the Rembrandts?' Just then a man spoke up from the back. 'I'll give you ten dollars for the painting. It's all the money I have.' It was the gardener at the father's estate. So the auctioneer brought down his gavel. 'Sold for ten dollars!' An investor called back, 'Can we now get on with it?'

But the auctioneer continued, 'The auction is over. According to the will, whoever bought this painting would inherit the estate, including all the art.' No matter what they said the wealthy investors couldn't buy their way into the inheritance. Only the one who had the eyes of love, and knew what he was looking at, inherited everything the Father and Son had to offer.

May we go out from this Feast of the Ascension so confident of our spiritual inheritance to come, that we lavish its riches on all we meet right now. Because when it comes to Christ's kingdom, there's plenty for everyone.

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:

Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Brian Tyrie; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Joan Barlow; Emanuel Grima; Bishop Peter Ingham; Bernard Gordon Snr; 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

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 - 15 & 29 May;
15 & 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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

* CWL DIOCESAN RETREAT DAY

Wednesday, 22 May. Diocesan Retreat Day at St Mary's, Gerringong. Begins at 10:00am. Attendees bring own lunch. Tea & coffee available. Morning tea for travellers from 9:30am. Retreat will be led by CWL Chaplain Fr. Patrick Vaughan. Theme: St Hildegard of Bingen, Quiet time, Mass, Rosary, Benediction. Conclusion around 2:00pm.



CWL members extend to parishioners of Ss Peter and Paul Parish the following invitation.

**Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
and Op-Shop Fashion Parade
Monday, 20 May
10:30am**

**Kiama Presbyterian Church Hall
Gold coin donation for cancer
research.**

Please RSVP to Anne Hassett, so numbers can be passed on by 13 May. Landline 4232 2570 or 0418 207 860.

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 2

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

1st – Sheelagh Abela (#47)

2nd – Joan O'Neill (#19)

3rd – Diane Sainsbury (#20)

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE

Homestead of Hope AGM and Quarterly meeting is being held on Friday, 17 May in the Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room, commencing at 10:30am. All members are encouraged to attend.

MOTHER'S DAY **BLESSING**

May Mary, the mother of our Lord,
all the saints and all the holy women of
ages past, be with you.

May the gentle spirits of sun, wind and
rain, the promise of spring,
and the beauty of flowers be your
constant companions.

May God, compassionate as a mother,
cause His blessing to rest on you. Amen.

Happy Mother's Day to all
mothers, and all women who
are like mothers.



SPECIAL ROSARY

St Vincent de Paul
Kiama Conference will
be offering a special
rosary for all the
victims of violence and
their families. This will
take place on Monday, 13 May at 9:00am
in Ss Peter and Paul Church Kiama.
Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer.



VOLUNTEERS! **NEEDED!**

Women and men are needed to help
facilitate the Shine and Strength
programs at KHS. These programs are
self-development mentoring programs
for year 8 girls and boys which run for
one hour per week during school term.
Based around the core concepts of
worth, strength, purpose and resilience,
these programs assist our local youth to
build the strength and skills needed to
face the challenges of adolescence.
These programs have been running for
12 years and are embraced by the school
community. For more information please
contact Gai on 0401 468 209.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS **WALK FOR LIFE**

Friday 24 May & Saturday 25 May
We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia
for all life issues - the elimination of
abortion, euthanasia, suicide, family

breakdown, and to pray for Australia's
Government. We unite our prayer with
sacrifice and entrust everything to the
Blessed Virgin Mary. You are warmly
welcome to join us on any or both days.
BYO lunch, snacks, water and
hat. Support vehicle provided all the way,
shuttle cars return pilgrims to point of
departure on both days.

BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns.
Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful
fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

* **DAY 1** - Kiama Coastal Walk to
Gerringong (13km). Return home.

Start - 9:30am Mass at Ss Peter and Paul
Kiama

Finish - 3:30pm St Mary's Gerringong:
Benediction, confession available

* **DAY 2** - Gerringong to Shoalhaven
Heads (16km).

Start - 8:00am Mass at St Mary's
Gerringong

Finish - 3:00pm Shoalhaven Heads (*final
blessing*)

For information contact Sue Hill, 0435
336 195, Gabriella De Battista, 0414 205
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FLOWERS NEEDED



Fresh flowers are needed for the Blessed
Sacrament Chapel in Ss Peter and Paul
Church, Kiama. If you are a keen flower
gardener who would like to contribute to
the supply of fresh flowers for the
Chapel, please ring Maria Donoghue on
0421 227 534. She will be happy to
collect flowers or indoor flowering pot
plants.

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, 16
May in Ss Peter

and Paul Meeting Room. Our Circle is
just 3 days before the beginning
of Laudato Si' Week (19-26 May) and will
be a time of preparation and prayer in
which we are all invited to consider our
response to its theme: 'Seeds of Hope'
for our 'suffering planet' (LD2). We hope



to see you then. If you have any
enquiries, contact Denis Quinn on 0429
064 496.

SAVE THE DATE

Ss Peter and Paul Primary School Family
Mass will be held on **Sunday, 19 May at**
5:00pm. All staff, families, parishioners
and friends of our school community are
invited. You will have the opportunity
to enjoy the beautiful singing of our
school choir during the Mass.

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE **DIocese**

Every week, there are many great
opportunities to be part of special
events, courses, free resources and to
nurture and encourage you and your
family in your faith. Stay informed by
subscribing at dow.sh/stayingconnected
or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a
full list of notices sent to Parishes weekly.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT **SEMINAR**

Saturday, 1 June & Sunday, 2 June
St Patrick's Catholic Church Hall
Albert Street, Berry

Hosted by a team from the Catholic
Charismatic Renewal. This is an
opportunity to deepen your faith and to
learn more about the Holy Spirit in your
life. Come and join us! Saturday, 1 June:
9:00am to 4:30pm; Sunday, 2 June:
9:30am to 3:00pm. Tea and coffee
provided. BYO lunch. Please register your
attendance with Christine:
timnah1@outlook.com or 4464 1035.

SAFETALK: SUICIDE **ALERTNESS FOR EVERYONE**

Free Suicide Awareness Workshop
Make a connection – help save a life!

*"I knew he was struggling. I saw he was
sad. I just didn't realise it was suicide-sad
... I didn't want to say the wrong thing."*
N, 27-year-old tradie, male.

- Learn to recognise when someone
may be struggling with thoughts of
suicide and how to ask them about it in a
respectful and natural way.
- Explore community resources to help
keep people safe from suicide.
- Debunk common suicide myths.

Saturday, 1 June, 9:00am to 1:00pm,
Kiama Uniting Church, 48 Manning
Street. Bookings at
[https://events.humantix.com/safetalk-
workshop](https://events.humantix.com/safetalk-workshop)

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR B

12 MAY 2024



FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS - 19 MAY

Pentecost Sunday -
Year B/2

NB: Due to insufficient room, only the readings for the Sunday Mass will be published in the bulletin for Pentecost Sunday.

VIGIL MASS

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

SUNDAY MASS

1ST READING: Acts 2:1-11

PSALM: Ps 103:1-2,24,27-30,35 (R.)

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

2ND READING: Gal 5:16-25

GOSPEL: Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15