



SUNDAY, 19 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 – 25/26 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	21/5	5:00pm
Wednesday	22/5	8:00am
Thursday	23/5	8:00am
Friday	24/5	9:30am



Our Lady Help of Christians

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:

19 May: Group 1 – Gerry Gilchrist

26 May: Group 2 – Irene Cook

REFLECTION BY RICHARD LEONARD SJ

Recently I considered buying a Bose 'sound wave' speaker system. For a small box it gave the best sound reproduction I have ever heard. In comparison to the hi-fi I presently have, its bass notes are strong and true, which gives the music a sense of presence, a foundation upon which the treble rises and falls as the music dictates. This machine allows an exceptional clarity to the sound, so that the composer's work can be properly heard.

In the Acts of the Apostles today we are told that the crowd who heard the earliest disciples of Jesus understood them in his or her own language. Now that's clarity! It wasn't so much the gift of tongues the earliest disciples received as much as their hearers received the gift of ears, of listening.

When it comes to listening in the Church today, some people mistake mono for stereo, uniformity for unity. At the first Pentecost, the earliest Christians had no such difficulty; they knew that speaking the same language was not as important as was careful listening to one another.

The early Church was a very complex and diverse community. Like today they had their struggles with one another. Within a few years of the first Pentecost, there were fights between Peter and Paul over Jewish and Gentile converts. There were people who died for the faith and others who betrayed them to the authorities. Some Christians thought they were for Paul or Apollos rather than for Jesus, and still others thought the end of the world was nigh. Through it all, however, the bass notes played: the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Second Vatican Council helped us recover the most ancient tradition in our faith, that in various, unexpected and inculturated ways the Word of God has been present in all peoples, in every culture. We now hold that whenever the Gospel has been proclaimed in a new land, it compliments the best in that culture as well as correcting aspects of any culture which oppress, demean and diminish the women and men within it.

In this process, what is born between Christ and an individual culture is an

inculturated faith, which takes as seriously as the early Church did the context in which our faith is proclaimed and lived.

Pentecost faith holds that while we build our faith on that of all the believers who have gone before us, we have the responsibility to listen to our contemporary culture and put it into conversation with the Gospel. That's why courage is one of the Holy Spirit's pre-eminent gifts. We are not allowed to retreat from the world but are sent out to enter into conversation with it, and hear in this dialogue the symphony God is composing here and now between the treble of our daily life over the continuing bass line of Christ's life, death and resurrection.

Let's pray that this Pentecost Eucharist hones our ears as well as prepares our tongues to clearly receive and proclaim the Gospel of Christ in the marketplaces of our own day and age.

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:

Gian-Carlo Goytizolo; 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:

Kathy Faulks; Keith Martin; 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 - 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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

Week 3

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

1st – Michael Brady (#25)

2nd – Angie Micallef (#8)

3rd – Margo Fitzgibbons (#18)

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.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Congratulations to our Mothers' Day Raffle Winners'

1st Prize - Martin Reurich

2nd Prize - Judy Mallon

3rd Prize - Chris Toutai

4th Prize - Elizabeth Reeves

THANK YOU to parishioners & visitors at St Mary's, St Mathew's & Ss Peter & Paul's Churches for your support. THANK YOU to the ticket sellers. THANK YOU to those who donated prizes. PRAYERS of healing upon the "light-fingered" person, where one Prize vanished and PRAYERS of blessings upon the compassionate hearted person who arrived with a generous substitute prize on the day of the draw. We hope everyone had a Happy Mother's Day.

* 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.

MASS AT GERRINGONG

Wednesday, 22 May
St Mary's at 11:00am.

Parishioners are warmly invited to join
with the CWL Retreat Day attendees to
celebrate Mass for Our Lady Help of
Christians. All welcome.



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.

KBECET

Supporting the Christian Education Teacher at Kiama High

Tax deductible donations can be made to
KBECET by direct deposit to BSB
012709, Acc # 498587987. Please
include your name for receipt purposes.
Envelopes for money are available at the
back of each church and can be put in the
offering at Masses. Please make cheques
payable to the full name Kiama Board for
Employing Christian Education Teachers.
Enquiries to Gai Delavere, 0401 468 209.
Thank you for your support.

CHANGE OF DATE OF BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Due to renovations to our Presbyterian
Church Hall, we have had to postpone
our cancer, fund-raising, op-shop parade
originally set down for Monday, 20 May.
The new date will be Monday, 3 June.
RSVP will now be 20 May. We are sorry
for these changes, outside our control
and look forward to seeing you in
June. *In Christian Fellowship, J
Schweitzer - Secretary.* Contact CWL
member: Anne Hassett 4232570 or 0418
207 860 to register attendance.

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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AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

CatholicCare's Ageing with Confidence
forum is returning across the Diocese,
with sessions in Wollongong and Nowra.
These half-day free information sessions
will provide seniors with practical
information on the aged care system and
healthy ageing. Expert presentations
from CatholicCare staff will be joined by
presenters from the Seniors Rights
Services NSW and the NSW Fire &
Rescue Service to discuss topics such as
accessing support services, keeping your
mind and body fit, and advocating and
supporting older people.

▪ **Wollongong** - Wednesday, 5 June,
9am-1pm, The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke
Street, Fairy Meadow.

▪ **Nowra** - Wednesday, 19 June, 9am-
1pm. Worrigege (Nowra) Sports Club, 131
Greenwell Point Road, Worrigege.

Places are limited. To register, call 4227
1122 or visit:

www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

For any other information, contact Jane
Hollier on 0417 018 152 or email:

janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

SAFETALK: SUICIDE ALERTNESS FOR EVERYONE

Free Suicide Awareness Workshop

Make a connection – help save a life!

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. Bookings at
[https://events.humantix.com/safetalk-
workshop](https://events.humantix.com/safetalk-workshop)

REPORT FROM PPC

* Our Laudato Si parish plan has been
completed and we have been working on
ensuring that it is uploaded in full to the
parish website. Both the ecumenical and
school Social Justice groups have agreed
to recognise the ARCC (Australian
Religious Response to Climate Change)
Week of Action in September, to align
with the Season of Creation.

* We continue to work through and
discuss the *Handbook for Parish
Councils*, most recently sections on
Decision Making, Using Conflict
Productively, and Change within the
Faith Community. We are also working
on Bishop Mascord's booklets, *Come
and See, Go and Make*, reflecting
independently then discussing as a
group, in preparation for extending
discussion within the wider parish
community.

* Preliminary research and planning for
the **Parish's 175th anniversary** is
ongoing, and we extend our heartfelt
thanks to all parishioners who have
responded with reflections and
memories so far. We are requesting
many more contributions – your
individual/family experiences, but also
information and stories about the many
parish groups and ministries, both past
and present. All reflections, information,
photos will be gratefully and respectfully
received. Please contact Julieanne at
julieannedouglas@hotmail.com,
message me on 0418 491 125, speak to
any member of the Parish Council, or
leave your name at the Parish office, and
I will get back to you.

Thank you for your support.

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR B

19 MAY 2024

NB: Due to insufficient room, only the readings for the Sunday Mass are included in the bulletin this weekend.



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

Galatians 5:16-25

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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 15:26-27; 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 26 MAY

**The Most Holy Trinity –
Year B/2**

1ST READING: Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

PSALM: Ps 32:4-6,9,18-20,22 (R.)

*Happy the people the Lord has
chosen to be his own.*

2ND READING: Rom 8:14-17

GOSPEL: Mt 28:16-20