



SUNDAY, 30 MARCH 2025

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 – 5/6 April 2025

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	1/4	5.00pm
Wednesday	2/4	8:00am
Thursday	3/4	8:00am
Friday	4/4	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:

30 March: Group 1 – Gavan Hocter

6 April: Group 2 – Ross Smith

PROJECT COMPASSION



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in a remote village in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Life hasn't been easy for Irene. After losing her father in a war, Irene and her family were forced to flee their home. Life became even more challenging when her husband left, leaving Irene to raise her 2 children alone. Without finishing her education and with few job opportunities in her village, she struggled to provide even the basics for her family.

Things began to change when Irene joined the Youth Capacity Strengthening Program (YCSP), run by Caritas Kongolo with the support of Caritas Australia. Through the program, Irene learned sewing skills and was provided with a sewing machine and fabric. Irene also gained farming skills. Now, she grows enough food to feed her family and even shares her sewing knowledge by mentoring other women in her community.

"Before, women depended on men's income, but now, with our sewing skills, we can take care of ourselves," Irene said.

Your support of Project Compassion helps women like Irene to create brighter futures for themselves and their families.



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Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion
Or by calling: 1800 024 413.

Thank you for standing with us as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

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:

All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Peter Fogarty; Antonino Favorito; George Farrugia; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

Gerry Gilchrist; Sr Bernadette O'Sullivan rsj; Peter O'Reilly; Sr Natalia; Yvonne Ryan; Shane Walker; 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 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 to 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.

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 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.*

PARISH PLAYGROUP

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

Term 1 – 2 April.

**Term 2 – 30 April; 14 & 28 May;
11 & 25 June**

For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT US THROUGH PARISH GIVING

You can help support our Parish through a one-off donation using the banking details below, by using the Donation Point Tap devices at the entry to Ss Peter and Paul and St Mary Star of the Sea, or via regular Planned Giving. Please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/> for information about online giving, including wills and bequests.

* **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

SILVER CIRCLE WINNERS

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

Week 7:

- 1st – Mary Lovegrove (#19);
- 2nd – Diane Sainsbury (#20);
- 3rd – Tom Anderson (#46)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



PARISH COMMUNITY

We want to accompany these children and their families as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May we show our support and pray for these children as they take another step in their faith journey. Amen.

PRAYER:

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth. Amen.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Palm Sunday – 12/13 April

* **Kiama:** Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm;
Sunday: 8.00am & 5.00pm

* **Gerringong:** 9.30am

* **Jamberoo:** 9.30am

Holy Thursday – 17 April

Kiama: 7.00pm

Good Friday – 18 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

10.00am Kiama, Gerringong and Jamberoo (children's Stations)

PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 19 April

Kiama: 7.00pm *(please bring a torch or electric candle)*

Easter Sunday – 20 April

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Gerringong: 9.30am

Jamberoo: 9.30am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross is held every Friday during Lent at 5.30pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

SACRAMENTS 2025



Information and enrolment forms for the 2025 First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion programs are now available on the Parish website. Visit www.kiamacatholicchurch.com.au/sacramental-program

Enrolments close on the following dates:

- * **Confirmation** – Enrolments closed.
- * **First Reconciliation** – Friday, 18 July
- * **First Holy Communion** – Friday, 12 September

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Daylight Savings ends on Sunday, 6 April. **Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, 5 April.** Please note – the Sunday evening Mass will commence at 5:00pm from Sunday, 6 April.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL members welcome you to their First Friday Mass in Kiama at 9:30am on 4 April, followed by a Meet and Greet morning tea in Ss Peter and Paul Meeting Room.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, 2 April

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 2 April due to a Parish Secretaries Day being held at the Office of the Bishop. It will be open as normal for the rest of the week.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

Next weekend in our Parish we are celebrating SRE Catechist Sunday. SRE Catechists ensure that the children of our Parish attending state public schools hear of God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching. We need your help. Can you give around an hour of your time a week to teach or help out in a classroom? Celebrate with us the gift of the SRE Catechist Ministry and please consider how you can be involved in this wonderful Ministry. For more information, please contact Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209.

ROOM FOR RENT

A local parishioner has a room for rent in Kiama. University student, non-smoker, non-drinker preferred. Contact Jane on 0428 554 089.

GERRINGONG LENTEN GOUP

Ann Barron is running a Lenten Group in the Meeting Room at St Mary's each Monday afternoon during Lent, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Inquiries to Ann on 0407 220 560.

CAN YOU GIVE ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR LENT . . . ?

You are warmly invited to come to the Church for one hour of prayer, reflection and quiet time each Thursday afternoon for five weeks of Lent in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A different Lenten Reflection sheet for personal prayer / reflection will be provided each week. This is not a Lenten Group (no sharing) and is open to all the parish and beyond.

When: Thursdays 3 & 10 April

Time: 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

Where: Ss Peter and Paul Church (Blessed Sacrament Chapel), Kiama.

Please 'Come and see . . .'

For more information phone 0409 562 830 or Email smabela@bigpond.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Please join us for a 'Thank You' morning tea for all Parish Ministries this Sunday, 30 March at 11:00am in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome. We look forward to celebrating together! If any parishioners are interested in joining the Parish Pastoral Council in 2025, we warmly invite you to contact the office at kiama@dow.org.au or call (02) 4232 208.

MESSAGE FROM A LOCAL PARISHIONER

Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius

As a fellow parishioner, I am inviting all to consider journeying the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with me as your prayer guide. This journey involves meeting with me for 30-45 mins once per week over a six to nine-month period, to discuss your prayer journey through the Exercises. These meetings can be either online or in person (or a combination of both). As I am a current participant of the *Arrupe* program for the formation of givers of these Exercises, the usual costing for this retreat in daily life will be heavily subsidised. If deepening your relationship with Our Lord is what you are presently seeking, please contact Merilyn Caruana on 0411 845 118.

HELP NEEDED

Catechists are needed this year for 2 classes in our local schools. Year 3 at Minnamurra PS Tuesday at 12:00pm is **without a teacher now** and Year 2 at Gerringong PS Friday 9:00am will have **no teacher from term 2**. That means these children are missing out on Religious Education. Please consider joining our Parish Catechist Group, so that all children may come to know the love of Jesus in their lives. **It's really not as difficult or as daunting as you may think.** If you would like to find out what is involved call Gai on 0401 468 209.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE WALK FOR LIFE

Join pilgrims from around the Diocese from Friday 23 May to Saturday 24 May for all or part of the Walk for Life along the stunning South Coast from Kiama to Culburra. Pope Francis has urged us in this Jubilee Year to build a culture of life, where every human life is cherished and protected.

Day 1: Starts with Mass and morning tea at Kiama, walk from Kiama to Gerringong for Benediction and Confession, followed by dinner with Bishop Mascord at Gerroa, and overnight Adoration at St Mary's.

Day 2: Mass and breakfast at Gerringong, walk from Gerringong to Culburra, finishing with Mass and dinner. For more information go to dow.sh/WFL, or contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au or 4222 2407.

LENT 2025 ONLINE MISSION

With Bruce Downes – The Catholic Guy

Experience spiritual renewal this Lent through an inspiring online Mission Event with Bruce Downes with people from all around the world. Online and easy to access, this powerful resource is perfect for individuals, families, and parish groups. **Starts April 5, 2025. Registration required.** Register now at: missionevent.thecatholicguy.com

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE DIOCESE?

In the next few weeks there are formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

30 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Joshua 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the

world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 6 APRIL

**Fifth Sunday of Lent –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Is 43:16-21

PSALM: Ps 125 (R.) *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

2ND READING: Phil 3:8-14

GOSPEL: Jn 8:1-11