



SUNDAY, 19 JANUARY 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 – 25/26 January 2025

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 MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	21/1	5.00pm	<i>St Agnes</i>
Wednesday	22/1	8:00am	
Thursday	23/1	8:00am	
Friday	24/1	9:30am	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>



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 January: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

26 January: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

REFLECTION

THE BOOK OF SIGNS

John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue (which contains the resurrection appearance in Galilee). Today's Gospel comes from the beginning of the Book of Signs, which begins at Chapter 1:19 and continues through Chapter 12. In this section, the Apostle John presents us with seven "signs," which are seven miracles Jesus performed. Each sign has a deeper spiritual meaning that reveals Jesus' divinity and mission. In many ways, the entire Book of Signs prepares us for the Book of Glory in which Jesus' "hour" of glory is identified with Him taking up His glorious throne of the Cross, fulfilling His mission as the "Lamb of God" Who offers His life for the salvation of all, and pouring forth His grace and mercy from His wounded side.

The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, which was done in superabundance! The six

stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. This preparation will take place in our lives, just as it was presented in John's Gospel. Jesus' seven signs, His miraculous actions, were performed to prepare His disciples to receive all that He bestowed on the Cross. We must not

only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.

Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in Scripture, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, must become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory.

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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:

All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

Terry McGill; Patricia Bartley; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Recently Deceased:

John Eccleston; Hannah Plowman; 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

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 starting from 3 February 2025** - 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. **If anyone would like to have Adoration on 20 or 27 January please phone Ann Barron on 0407 220 560.**

All are welcome to attend.

SVDP HELP CENTRE

The St Vincent de Paul Help Centre is closed over the Christmas/early New Year period and will reopen on **Monday 20 January.** However, we will be able to respond to emergency calls to our phone number listed below with a food parcel. Ph. **0402 518 377**

** 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

HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you know someone who would like to receive Communion at home because of illness or frailty, please contact Sr Maureen **after 26 January** on 0427 941 855. Sr Maureen is away until 26 January.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office is closed for annual leave and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 28 January. **If you need Fr Chris please phone 4232 2081 and listen to the answering service for his contact number.**

INSPIRATIONAL CDS

Check out our range of Inspirational CDs located in the white stand at the back of Ss Peter & Paul Church and be inspired! Only \$5 per CD.

CATHOLICARE VIST

CatholicCare Weekend is coming up in early February. Staff from CatholicCare will be presenting at the following Masses and will also be available after Mass to answer any questions you might have:

- Saturday 8 February, 6:00pm Kiama
 - Sunday 9 February, 8:00am Kiama
 - Sunday 9 February, 9:30am Gerringong
- CatholicCare's services include: Counselling, Foster Care, Family Support Workshops, Age Care, Disability Programs and Support, Marriage and Relationship Education, Children's Contact and more.

GERRINGONG QUARTERLY MEETING

St Marys Quarterly Meeting will be held after the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 2 February. All welcome.

CATHFAMILY

CATHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts, and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids:

<https://cathfamily.org/cathkids-faith-unlimited/>

REFLECTION CONTINUED ...

Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God's abundant glory.

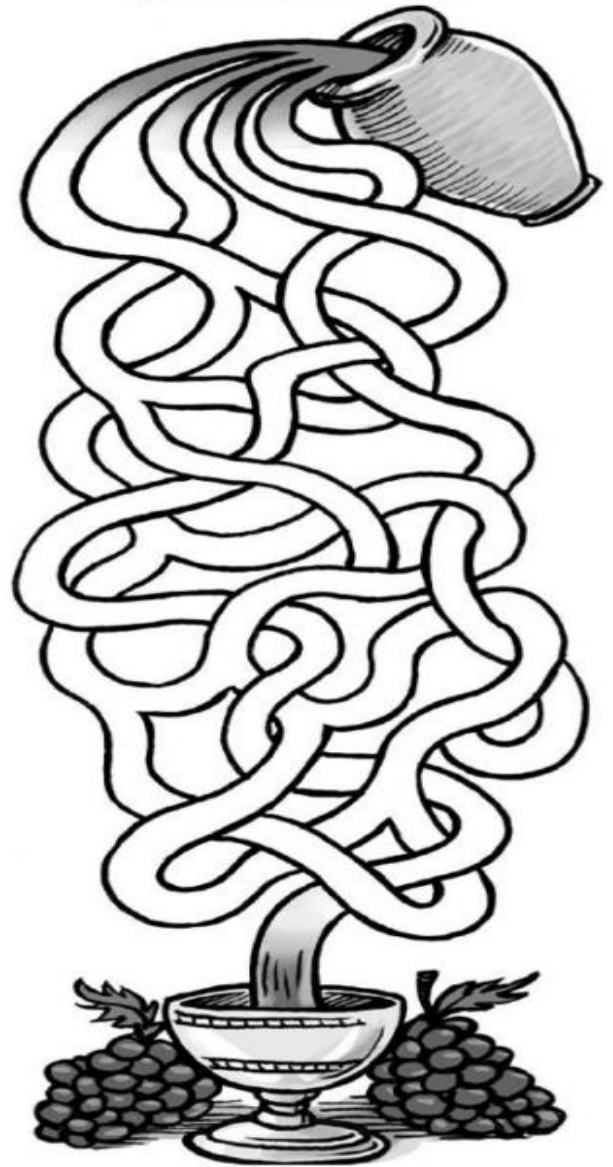
My glorious Lord, Your entire earthly life was a preparation for the hour in which You gave Your life as a sacrifice on the Cross for the remission of sins. Please continuously prepare me to receive You more fully and to open my heart to You and all that You have bestowed upon me through Your perfect sacrifice of love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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St Sebastian was a Roman martyr from the late third century. He was a victim of the Christian persecution by Emperor Diocletian and there is little factual information about his life other than this. According to legends, Sebastian was a soldier who was made a captain of the pretorian guard by Diocletian, who did not know he was a Christian. He ministered to Christian prisoners, but was eventually found out by the Emperor, who then ordered him to be shot to death with arrows. Sebastian recovered from his wounds and confronted Diocletian, but was set upon and bludgeoned to death with clubs. This tale of Sebastian's life gave rise to him being, amongst others things, the patron of archers and arrowsmiths.

Find the stream of water that turns into wine



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

- bridegroom
- disciples
- drank
- faith
- feast
- filled
- gallons
- jars
- plenty
- stone
- wedding
- wine



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2ND SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

19 JANUARY 2025

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10. R. v.3

(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

One and the same spirit distributes different gifts as he chooses.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

See 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been

invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS – 26 JANUARY

**Australia Day –
Year C/1**

1ST READING: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10

PSALM: Ps 18:8-10, 15 *(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

2ND READING: 1 Cor 12:12-30

GOSPEL: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

