



SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2023

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 – 4/5 February 2023

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	31/1	5.00pm	St John Bosco
Wednesday	1/2	8.00am	
Thursday	2/2	9.30am	The Presentation of the Lord
Friday	3/2	9.30am	St Blaise; St Ansgar

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:

29 January: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

5 February: Group 5 – Gavan Hctor

REFLECTION

THE JOURNEY TO PERFECTION

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." *Matthew 5:1-3*

The Sermon on the Mount begins with today's reading in Chapter Five of Matthew's Gospel and continues through Chapter Seven. This beautiful sermon presents us with many familiar teachings of Jesus, such as the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer and the Golden Rule. Jesus begins His sermon by going up a mountain and sitting down. The mountain is believed to be just north of the Sea of Galilee, just a few miles from Capernaum where Jesus often stayed during His public ministry. Today's Gospel presents us with the glorious and very high calling of the Beatitudes. This teaching on the Beatitudes sets the stage for the many other lessons Jesus taught.

The Beatitudes are certainly a teaching about morality, but the lessons are not the same as many of the moral teachings that the people were familiar with. Up until that

time, morality was primarily seen as a list of forbidden practices. "Thou shall not..." was the general tone. However, the Beatitudes take morality to a much higher level. In this new teaching, Jesus did not start with that which was forbidden or that which was a violation of God's Law. Instead, He explained that reaching for these ideals brought forth the greatest fulfillment in life. Morality was not only a list of regulations one needed to avoid. At the heart, morality was now presented by our Lord as a glorious journey to perfection. The result of this journey was the attainment of the Kingdom of Heaven.

When you consider the moral life, how do you look at it? Do you see it more as a list of things you can't do? Or do you see it as a journey up the mountain of true holiness and fulfillment? The Christian life certainly forbids us to engage in many forms of sin and violations of God's Law. But unless we understand that the highest form of morality is given to fulfill us on the deepest level, then it will be easy to become discouraged by our calling.

Reflect, today, upon Jesus calling you to follow Him up the mountain of the Beatitudes. As you do, begin by considering

this journey first from a physical point of view. It would have been much easier for His first hearers of this sermon to simply stay in Capernaum and recline at table, listening to Jesus speak. But the physical journey up the mountain gives insight into the high calling of the moral life. It requires effort and determination. From there, try to imagine yourself listening to Jesus preach. Remind yourself that the Christian life is one of perfection in every way. This is our calling. But the fruit of perfection is the fulfillment in which God wants us to share. The easy life of sin leaves us dry and interiorly dead, but the hard journey to perfection leads us to the deepest fulfillment we could ever attain. Commit yourself to the journey and do not hesitate on the way, and you, too, will be rewarded with the Kingdom of Heaven.

Lord of perfection, You call me to journey with You up the high mountain of holiness. May I always see this journey as one that is glorious and fulfilling. I choose the life of perfection to which I am called and pray that I will always be open to the deepest moral truths You wish me to live. Jesus, I trust in You!

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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:

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

Recently Deceased:

Doris Matthews; Paul McGuinness; Nancy Simons; Trevor Mallon; All recently deceased friends and relatives of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

John Hassett; Br Gary Ferguson; Br Kevin Moss; Patricia Bartley; Pat Green; Peter Kells; the Holy Souls in Purgatory and all parishioners whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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 Catholics and non-Catholics.** If you would like further information, please contact the Parish Office on 4232 2081 or email kiama@dow.org.au

HOLY HOUR

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!

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME

The Diocese streams a *Mass for You at Home* service each Sunday at:

<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/online-masses-in-the-diocese/>

Weekly Diocesan bulletin notices can be found at

<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/weekly-bulletin-notices/>

PARISH PLAYGROUP



Parish Hall, Wednesdays, 9.00am – 11.30am. **Term 1:** 1 & 15 February; 1, 15 & 29 March.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Mondays from 30 January – 4.00 pm to 5.00pm

SVDP Kiama Conference operates a Help Centre for those seeking assistance on Mondays between 4.00pm and 5.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama. The Help Centre is currently closed but will re-open by appointment only on Monday, 30 January. **Please phone 0480 261 309 to make an appointment.** Outside of these hours contact the Vinnies Boutique at 80 Terralong Street, Kiama on 4232 2656, where assistance can be organised.

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.

CATECHIST SUNDAY

This weekend in our Parish we are celebrating SRE Catechist Sunday. SRE Catechists come from all walks of life

and ensure that the children of our Parish attending state public schools hear God's great love for them. There are still more children that we could be reaching. 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 if you would like more information on how you can be involved, please contact Gai Delavere on 0401 468 209.

GATHER-EAT-LISTEN-SHARE

A new group called GELS...Gather-Eat-Listen-Share will start in 2023. Once a month there will be an opportunity to connect with our community, share a meal, renew our faith and engage in conversation. First gathering - Thursday 16 February, 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Parish Hall, Kiama. (More information will be provided closer to the date).

CONFIRMATION 2023

Please be advised that our Parish Confirmation ceremony will be held on Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 7:00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Kiama. Information about the Confirmation program and enrolment forms can be accessed from the Sacraments page on the Parish website



www.kiamacatholicchurch.org.au

Children in Year 6 or above who have made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are eligible to enrol in the program.

Please direct any questions to Colleen Easton (Confirmation Coordinator) at:

colleenteaston@gmail.com

ENROLMENTS CLOSE MONDAY, 28 MARCH

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The first meeting of the year of Kiama Branch of CWL will be held on Wednesday, 1 February at 1:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. New and past members are cordially invited to attend. Diocesan Membership fees of \$30 will be due. President Ann Dawes will be stepping down. Elections will be held in March. Parishioners and visitors are welcome to the Parish Morning Tea on Friday, 3 February in the Meeting Room after the 9:30am Mass.



St John Bosco was the youngest son of a peasant farmer in the town of Turin, Northern Italy. Soon after his ordination in 1841 he began his life's work of educating poor and orphaned children. He had an extraordinary gift for handling difficult youths without punishment, but with gentle and effective firmness. Inspired by St Francis de Sales, Don Bosco called his helpers "Salesians", who were formally recognised by the church in 1874.



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

crowd earth hearts reward
 disciples excited mountain right
 drink happy pure sat

O V X C Z S R A E V L V I E R H Y
 B H M D W O R C A B N X A W L E S
 U J Y P X C C T R A A N F G A A R
 B T K C Y W S O T S Q R K M J X N
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 W L F E R U P A E D R I N K L M K
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 H M Z G Q O G A T I M Y A Z R A C
 G W H J B Y L F T A N C R J P I V
 S E L P I C S I D I I J D P T G U
 K G L D Q G W M U T W N Y N F Q H



Draw a line from the first half of each beatitude to its correct ending.

Blessed are those who grieve...

Blessed are the merciful...

Blessed are those who make peace...

Blessed are those with pure hearts...

...they will be treated with mercy.

...they will be called God's children.

...they will see God.

...they will find comfort.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

29 JANUARY 2023



FIRST READING

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord
all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.
Seek integrity,
seek humility:
you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.
In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will
seek refuge in the name of the Lord.
They will do no wrong,
will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.
But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.
The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:26-31

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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READINGS FOR 5 FEBRUARY

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Year A/1

* 1ST READING: Is 58:7-10

* PSALM: Ps 111:4-9 (R.) *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

* 2ND READING: 1 Cor 2:1-5

* GOSPEL: Mt 5:13-16

