SUNDAY, 2 APRIL 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 – 8/9 April 2023

Ss Peter and Paul, Kiama – Easter Vigil 7.30pm; Easter Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am

St Mary Star of the Sea Gerringong and St Matthew's Jamberoo – Easter Sunday 9.30am

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WEEKDAY MASSES - KIAMA

Tuesday	**4/4**	**5.00pm**	***Communion service today***
Wednesday	**5/4**	**8.00am**	
Thursday	**6/4**	**7.00pm**	***Holy Thursday***
Friday	**7/4**	**3.00pm**	***Good Friday Service***

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:

2 April: Group 3 – Vonnie Gee

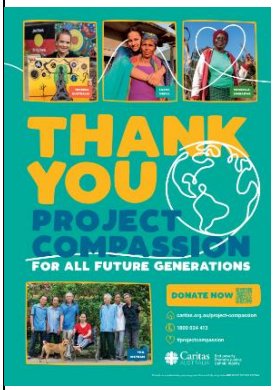
9 April: Group 4 – Mike Doherty

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023

Caritas AUSTRALIA

Palm Sunday
1 & 2 April

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come. It's through the generous support of people like you that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations.***

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow ***For All Future Generations***. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

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:

Marie Cullen; Alison Smith; Sylvia Barnes; John Plowman; Mary Newn; All sick parishioners and sick relatives and friends of parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

June Jeffries; Elaine Hallett; All recently deceased friends and relatives of parishioners.

Anniversaries:

George Farrugia; 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/

ADORATION AT ST MARY'S

An invitation to all, to step into one hour of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Weekly Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament held at St Mary Star of the Sea, Gerringong on Mondays, 3.00 – 4.00pm. All welcome.

PARISH PLAYGROUP

Parish Hall, Kiama, Wednesdays, 9.00am – 11.30am. **Term 2: 3, 17 & 31 May; 14 & 28 June .** For further details please contact Susie Hartley on 0438 377 292.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELP CENTRE

Mondays – 4.00pm to 5.00pm

SVDP Kiama Conference operates a Help Centre in the Parish Meeting Room, Kiama, for those seeking assistance. The Help Centre is open on Mondays between 4.00pm and 5.00pm and is by appointment only. **Please phone 0402 518 377, leave a message, or text, between 12noon and 3.00pm on Mondays 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.*

HOMESTEAD OF HOPE SILVER CIRCLE

Winners - Week 7

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st – Anne Hassett (#38)

2nd – Sheila Reid (#32)

3rd – John Nash (#39)

Our thanks to our supporters and to those who have made donations to the Homestead of Hope.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2023

Enrolments are now being taken for our 2023 Sacramental Program. Children should be in Year 3 or above for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, and Year 6 or above for Confirmation and have already made their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

All information and enrolment forms can be found on the Sacraments page of the Parish website:

www.kiamacatholicchurch.org.au

Enrolment cut-off dates are as follows:

*** Confirmation – enrolments closed**

***** First Reconciliation – 17 July

***** First Holy Communion – 8 September

We look forward to journeying with you and your child as they prepare for the Sacraments.

Ss Peter & Paul Sacramental Team

MASS ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL

The 5.00pm Mass on Tuesday, 4 April will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion due to Fr Chris having to attend the Chrism Mass in Wollongong.

EASTER 2023 HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday – 6 April

Kiama: 7.00pm

Good Friday – 7 April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

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

PASSION:

Kiama: 3.00pm

Easter Vigil – 8 April

Kiama: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday – 9 April

Kiama: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Gerringong: 9.30am

Jamberoo: 9.30am

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

* Fr Chris will hold the 1st Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday, 5 April from 5.00pm to 6.00pm in Ss Peter and Paul Church.

* Shellharbour Parish will be holding the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday, 5 April at 7.00pm.

Here at Ss Peter and Paul Church, we are in need of more people to come forward as readers, commentators and Eucharistic Ministers. At the moment, there are only 8 Eucharistic Ministers rostered on and 6 of those people are also readers, commentators and acolytes. This is making it increasingly difficult for those people to fill their roles each and every week especially if they need to get a swap. Please consider taking an active part in the celebration of our Masses here in Kiama, instead of leaving it to a few. Come and offer your time, gifts and worship to Jesus in an active way, by taking part in any of these beautiful and sacred Ministries. You may not think you are able but just say yes and God will do the rest. Please leave your details with Louise at the Parish office. Thank you.

GERRINGOMNG DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The next Gerringong Development Meeting will be held at 1.00pm on Tuesday, 2 May in the Kiama Meeting Room. Parishioners, especially those from the Gerringong community, are invited to attend to see what is happening. Those who attend will take no part in the meeting but are free to ask questions after the formal meeting.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Daylight Savings ends this Sunday, 2 April, so don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour. Please note the Sunday evening Mass will commence at 5.00pm from 2 April.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

To operate the computer and projector at Ss Peter and Paul, commencing 7.30am Easter Sunday, then monthly at the 8.00am Mass. Ph: Leonie Dewhurst on 0429 465 822.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Ss Peter and Paul Church, 16 April

An important reminder for Divine Mercy Sunday – this Sunday is the culmination of the Easter joy, remembering and celebrating God's infinite mercy, according to St Faustina. Pope St John Paul II recognised the significance of this celebration after studying St Faustina's urgent message of Divine Mercy. He established the feast day for our troubled world in the year 2000. Please come and celebrate this Universal Feast at Ss Peter and Paul Church on Sunday, 16 April at 1.30pm – 3.45pm. The celebration is a beautiful time of peace and joy. Reconciliation is included, and afternoon tea will be held afterwards. Mass will be held at 5.00pm.

NOVENA OF CHAPLETS OF DIVINE MERCY

A novena in preparation for the Feast Day of Divine Mercy is highly recommended to be commenced on Good Friday. Leaflets are available at the back of each church. Any enquiries to Ann – 0407 220 560 or Joan – 4232 2414.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CWL members welcome you to open meeting on Wednesday, 5 April at 1:30pm in the Kiama Meeting Room. Contact: Anne - 0418 207 860.

EASTER FUN DAY

Free Event – a big Easter celebration for the family. **Sunday, 2 April, 1.00pm – 4.00pm at Kiama Anglican Church**. Doughnut van, giant Easter egg hunt, movie zone, art and craft, tea and coffee, kid's fun zone. All welcome!

KIAMA COMBINED CHURCHES EASTER DAWN SERVICE

Sunday, 9 April
6.00am at Blowhole Point, Kiama
Please bring a chair to sit on.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Our young parishioners are currently being prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word on Thursday, 15 June at 7:00pm. Confirmation marks the continuation of their journey first begun at Baptism. During Confirmation candidates will be anointed by Bishop Brian Mascord and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to be strengthened in their faith. We began preparations for the Sacrament with their parents at the Parent Information Night on Wednesday, 22 March. We continue this preparation with a Commitment Mass at Ss Peter and Paul Church this Saturday, 1 April at 6.00pm and Sunday, 2 April at 5:00pm. All parishioners are invited to attend either of the two Masses to support the candidates and their families. Please keep these children in your prayers at this time.

Colleen Easton
Confirmation Coordinator

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.

PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A

2 APRIL 2023

ENTRANCE

Mt 21: 1-11

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'. This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

The word of the Lord.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

*** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

*** Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me.
   They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
   'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
   let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
   a band of the wicked beset me.
   They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
   I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
   They cast lots for my robe.
   O Lord, do not leave me alone,
   my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
   and praise you where they are assembled.
   'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
   all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
   Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

Mt 26:14 – 27:66

The Passion and death of Jesus.

Due to the length of the Gospel the reading will not be published this week.

READINGS FOR 9 APRIL

Easter Sunday – Year A/1

1ST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43;

PSALM: Ps 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (*R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

2ND READING: Col 3:1-4;

GOSPEL: Jn 20:1-9