



Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill CATHOLIC PARISHES

Vision-Mission: A welcoming faith-filled Community, guided by the Holy Spirit Strengthened through the celebration of the Holy Mass, developing our strong and caring foundation.

As you take your next step, remember our past and present ancestors.

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1st Sunday in Lent, Year A

21st & 22nd February 2026

Looking at the Readings

The readings leading up to the Gospel speak on how sin and death entered into the world and had plunged humankind into a gloomy state that seemed inescapable. Between the two readings, however, is the classic penitential Psalm: "Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned" (Ps 50). For with sin comes mercy.

The first Sunday of Lent each year presents the gospel of the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness according to Matthew (this year), Mark or Luke.

Each Evangelist gives their own take of Jesus encounter with temptation. One of the common elements to all three is that "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness," (Matt 4:1, Mark 1:12, and Luke 4:1). Yet "being led" has overtones of free choice and invitational gesture. Yet again being led into the wilderness to be tempted is evocative of the sentence in the Lord's Prayer where we entreat God "Lead us not into temptation." (Matt 6:13). Jesus overcame the wiles of the evil one. Our forty days of Lent in following Christ are days of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.



We have a "Children's Corner" set up at the back of the Church. There are colouring pages and crayons/pencils that can be used at the little table or taken back to where their parents are seated.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child Safety Officers (03) 5452 1041.

The Parish Calendar & News

February

- Saturday 21st:** 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Sunday 22nd: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang
Tuesday 24th: 10.00am - 3.00pm Western Deanery Forum, Quarry Hills *7.00pm Lenten Group (Kerang)
Wednesday 25th: 10.30am Lenten Group (Kerang) *6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Thursday 26th: 9.00am Mass in Cohuna
Friday 27th: 9.15am Mass in Kerang *5.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 28th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

March

- Sunday 1st:** 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang
Tuesday 2nd: 7.00pm Lenten Group (Kerang)
Wednesday 4th: 10.30am Lenten Group (Kerang) *6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Thursday 5th: 9.00am Mass in Cohuna
Friday 6th: 10.00am World Day of Prayer this year in Cohuna at St Mary's Kerang's time to be notified
 6.00pm Serpentine Mass *NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Saturday 7th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Sunday 8th: 9.00am Mass in Kerang *10.30am Mass in Cohuna

Pope Leo's Intentions for February.

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Kerang

- For Nola to start thinking about the **Easter Rosters**, could you please let her know if you are **not** going to be available.
- If you wish to increase or decrease your pledge amount for **P.G.** could you please do it in writing and send to Kerang Office. Thank you.
- Footy Tipping** is on again this year, contact Lainey 0447 521 583

Everyone

- Open invitation to the **Western Deanery** meeting on the 24th of February at Quarry Hills. Book with QR code.
- Lent booklet** and Sandpiper are available to be downloaded sandhurst.catholic.org.au



Last Saturday we welcomed Xaliah May Anne Mckenzie daughter of Kierra Mckenzie into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism.



'Happenings from the Kerang Parish Pastoral Council' February 2026

Points discussed and decisions made:

The 'Caritas Project' has begun and there will be boxes and envelopes available at the tables either side of the doorways of the church. Please collect if you wish to participate.

'Ash Wednesday' on Wednesday 18th -look for Mass times in the Bulletin.

'World Day of Prayer' on Friday March 6th and it is our turn to host all the local churches. A meeting to be held to determine details.

PPC meetings this year to be held bimonthly, with dates set on the second Thursday of the month: **April 9th, June 11th, August 13th, October 8th and December 10th.**

Constitution to be reviewed after the Western Deanery meeting in Bendigo later this month.

Lenten group to begin this month.

Approach St Joseph's Primary School to see if we can gain some parents to join the PPC.

'Working with Children' updates are due for some people so if yours has expired please update online. If you are having trouble doing this please call into the Parish Office and our staff will help out.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our notes and please contact the Parish Office if you have any queries or suggestions.

Kyra Laughlin, Chairperson PPC Kerang

On the Lighter Side

It's Lent already! If you made a New Year's resolution, and failed to keep it, Lent is a great opportunity to try again. It will be easier. A year is 365 days; Lent is only 40 days.

Rosters and Events			
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 21 st Feb. 2026 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 28 th Feb. 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Michaelle Domingo	Commentator/POF:	Marilyn Fernandez
Reader:	MaryAnne Domingo	Reader:	Jeff Pacala
Gifts:	Cenas Family	Gifts:	Bojo Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Grogan	Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson
8.30am COHUNA This Week 22 nd Feb. 2026 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 1 st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Shaanie Webb	Commentator/POF:	Marg Main
Reader:	Helen Keely	Reader:	Bernadette Carter
Gifts:	Brian De Silva	Gifts:	Liz Keely
Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth	Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan
Altar Clean Up:	Betty McLoughlan	Altar Clean Up:	Marg Main
10.30am KERANG This Week 22 nd Feb. 2026 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 1 st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A	
Welcomers:	M Dagge & G Mannix	Welcomers:	D Schmidt
Commentator/POF:	L Bland	Commentator/POF:	M Lewis
Reader:	S Poole	Reader:	A Kelly
Gifts:	R & A Kelly	Gifts:	M Dagge & S Poole
Eucharistic Minister:	T Greenwood & A Bortolotto	Eucharistic Minister:	T Greenwood & A Makeham
Sick & Housebound:	P Hirst & D Frantz (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	A Bortolotto & G Prendergast (NH)
Power Point:	G Prendergast	Power Point:	K Laughlin
Musicians:	Hank, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita	Musicians:	Alicia, Hank, Tony, Men's Group
Setting up the Altar:	Mardi	Setting up the Altar:	Tops
Mowers: February:	R Frantz	Mowers: March:	D Greenwood
Counters: February:	T & D Greenwood	Counters: March:	E Phillips & M Messer
With St Patrick, St Mary & St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the: Sick: Kerang Lui Basile, Faye B., Hank Cohuna Clare & Magie, Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts Pyramid Hill Margaret, Phil S., Terry W., P. Preston and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital. Recently Deceased: Peter Doyle, Kath Richards Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Col Jacobs, Mary Hollard, Mary Fahey, Des Jorgensen, Matthew Murphy, Aileen Linton. Pyramid Hill: Fr William Ryan, Arthur Cassidy, Pat Maher, Thomas Bagnell, Brian Doyle. Cohuna:			
Weekend Masses for the 28th February & 1st March 2026 Saturday 28th February: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 1st March: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in Kerang			

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading*Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7***A reading from the book of Genesis**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17.***(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

**Next week: 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A****28th February & 1st March, 2026**

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4
Responsorial Psalm: 32:4-5, 18-20, 22
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Second Reading*Romans 5:12, 17-19***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:4***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**Gospel***Matthew 4:1-11***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.