



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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Gerardine Prendergast

2nd Sunday in Lent, Year A

28th February & 1st March 2026

Looking at the Readings

From the Ash Wednesday Mass we hear in the readings about fasting, prayer and almsgiving. From the second week of Lent, we enter the core teachings of Lent on sin and forgiveness; prayer and charity; baptism and penance; life, suffering death and resurrection. Yet from the earliest time of celebrating Lent we read the account of the transfiguration of the Lord. The event recorded in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke describe how Jesus was "Transfigured". He appeared in heavenly glory on a very earthly landscape to three Apostles: Peter, James and John. Deeper than the event is the mystery. The mystery of Christ's humanity and divinity, his death and resurrection, the disappointments and hopes of his followers. These three apostles were going to experience the horror of his execution but hold in the secret of their hearts this vision of his future glorification. In our living out the Lenten disciplines, liturgy and practices we do so with the vision of Easter.

Jesus gave them the order: "Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead." We cannot experience Easter until we have experience Good Friday, The fourth account of the Transfiguration is given in the second letter of St Peter. He is able to share his experience with his people: "He received honour and glory from God the Father, when a voice came to him from the transcendent glory, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. 2Pet 1:17-18.



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 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: No Mass in Cohuna Father attending P.R.F. Meeting

Friday 6th: 10.00am World Day of Prayer Cohuna at St Mary's *5.00pm World Day of Prayer Kerang St Patrick's
No Mass in Serpentine *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

- World Day of Prayer 6th March.
10.00am Cohuna 5.00pm Kerang
- **Lent booklet** and **Sandpiper** are available to be downloaded sandhurst.catholic.org.au
- Cohuna could you please let Bernadette know if you will **not** be available at Easter.
- Pyramid Hill could you please let Marianne if you will not be available at Easter.



Liturgical Calendar

The Catholic Sanctoral Calendar is the part of the Liturgical Calendar that honours saints, assigning specific feast days to different days of the year, complementing the main seasonal cycle (Proper of Time) with the feasts of Our Lord, Mary and saints (Proper of Saints). The Roman Martyrology 2025 lists over 7000 saints and blessed.

Special interest today are four saints on the 29th February: Pope St Hilary, died 29th February 468; St Oswald, Bishop of Worcester died 29th February 992; St Auguste Chapdelaine of Xilinixian, China was martyred on 29th February 1856 and Blessed Antonia Florence of Abruzzo, Italy died 29th February 1472. Their feast days, where observed, are celebrated of the 28th February in non-leap years.

Another calendrical oddity: 30th February was observed only three times: 1712 in Sweden to adjust to the new Gregorian Calendar and 1930 & 1931 in Russia, trying out a revolutionary but failed calendar.



On the Lighter Side

The snake and scorpion pictured here are desert creatures. Our Lord was with the wild beasts in the wilderness (Mark 1:13). These two creatures represent evil (Luke 11:11-12) and sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:56) and have been "strong and ancient symbols of Lent."

Rosters and Events			
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 28 th Feb. 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 7 th March 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Marilyn Fernandez	Commentator/POF:	Colleen Hampson
Reader:	Jeff Pacala	Reader:	Vincent Bartels
Gifts:	Bojo Family	Gifts:	Mateo Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson	Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 1 st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A		10.30am COHUNA Next Week 8 th March 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Marita Hancock	Commentator/POF:	Helen Keely
Reader:	Ileana Dayag	Reader:	Shaanie Webb
Gifts:	Liz Keely	Gifts:	Irene Trezise
Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan	Eucharistic Minister:	Peter Doyle
Altar Clean Up:	Liz Keely	Altar Clean Up:	Donna Egan
10.30am KERANG This Week 1 st March 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A		9.00am KERANG Next Week 8 th March 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A	
Welcomers:	D Schmidt	Welcomers:	E Bortolotto & F Roney
Commentator/POF:	M Lewis	Commentator/POF:	A Ginnivan
Reader:	A Kelly	Reader:	M Dagge
Gifts:	M Dagge & S Poole	Gifts:	D & T Greenwood
Eucharistic Minister:	M Cummins & W Hall	Eucharistic Minister:	D Greenwood & E Bortolotto
Sick & Housebound:	A Bortolotto & G Prendergast (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	M Messer & M Lewis (NH)
Power Point:	K Laughlin	Power Point:	R Kelly
Musicians:	Alicia, Hank, Tony, Men's Group	Musicians:	Mike, Hank, Tony, Ladies Group
Setting up the Altar:	Tops	Setting up the Altar:	Anne
Mowers: March:	D Greenwood	Mowers: March:	D Greenwood
Counters: March:	E Phillips & M Messer	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: Kath Foott Death Anniversaries: Kerang: John Roney, Win Kelly, Dawn Cullen, Elizabeth McCluskey, Betty Laughlin. Pyramid Hill: Gordan Lucas, Crispin Lozada, Thomas Ryan, Michael Johnston, Christine Bartolo, James Nervins, Frederick Gibson, John Muir. Cohuna:			
Weekend Masses for the 7th & 8th March 2026 Saturday 7th March: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 8th March: 10.30am Mass in Cohuna 9.00am Mass in Kerang			

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

PARISH SCHOOLS	
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First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22.

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**



Next week: 3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

7th & 8th March, 2026

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Responsorial Psalm: 94:1-2, 6-9
2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17-5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.