



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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2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

11th & 12th April 2026

Looking at the Readings

Because the focus of this week's gospel passage is usually placed on poor old doubting Thomas, we sometimes overlook the way the passage begins. The disciples are huddled in a room, 'for fear of the Jews'. Just a couple of weeks earlier they had been on top of the world. Jesus was enormously popular with the people, and the disciples, by association, were caught up in that affection. Their man, the one they had chosen to follow, was making waves and stirring the authorities. This, of course, made the disciples feel good to be around Jesus. However, in the space of just a few short days, their world had turned upside down. They were cowering in a closed up room, afraid for their lives in case those who handed Jesus over for death came for them as well. They'd already had an experience of the resurrected Jesus, yet they were still hiding and afraid. Into this fear and uncertainty steps Jesus who says, 'Peace be with you'. It is a reminder of Jesus calming the storm out on the lake – in the midst of turmoil and anxiety he brings peace and calm.

Thomas received bad press for years, labelled as 'Doubting Thomas' because he wasn't prepared to take someone else's word that Jesus had risen. However, despite his demand for evidence, once Jesus is before him, he abandons all his thoughts about placing his fingers in the wounds and proclaims, 'My Lord and my God!' This is an absolutely extraordinary statement of faith. For the very first time, someone recognises Jesus, not as Messiah, prophet or Lord, but as God. © Greg Sunter



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

April

Wednesday 8th: No Mass in Pyramid Hill

Thursday 9th: No Mass Cohuna School Holidays *PPC meeting in Kerang

Friday 10th: No Mass in Kerang

Saturday 11th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Sunday 12th: 9.00am Mass in Kerang *10.30am Mass in Cohuna *2.00pm The Divine Mercy Mass St Brendan's Shepparton

Wednesday 15th: 6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Thursday 16th: No Mass Cohuna School Holidays

Friday 17th: 9.15am Mass in Kerang

Saturday 18th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Sunday 19th: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang

Pope Leo's Intentions for April

For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Divine Mercy Sunday

**Come to the Feast of the Divine Mercy
this Easter
St Brendan's Catholic Church Sunday,
April 12th**



2.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation

3.00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - in song Benediction

3.30pm Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Jackson

4.30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy

CUPPA at the Pastoral Centre to follow. ALL WELCOME.

Contact: Tom Melis on 0431 706 296.

Pope Leo on Easter

The Paschal proclamation is the most beautiful, joyful and overwhelming news that has ever resounded in all of history. It is the quintessential "Gospel", which attests to the victory of love over sin and of life over death, and this is why it is the only thing capable of satisfying the demand for meaning that troubles our minds and our hearts. Human beings are inspired by an inner movement, striving beyond self, place and time. No contingent reality satisfies us. We tend towards the infinite and the eternal.



On the Lighter Side

Animals that undergo a metamorphosis such as a butterfly are Easter symbols of great antiquity. Images of these animals can be found carved into ancient tombs. One sarcophagus, a frog is shown, emerging from a pond nearby are carved the words: "in the twinkling of an eye" This is a reference to 1 Corinthians 15:52: "We shall be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet."



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Rosters and Events			
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 11 th April 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 18 th April 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Kate Wood	Commentator/POF:	Vincent Bartels
Reader:	Michaelle Domingo	Reader:	Richard Fernandez
Gifts:	Pantig Family	Gifts:	Correa Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	Carmen Cauchi
10.30am COHUNA This Week 12 th April 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 19 th April 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Shaanie Webb	Commentator/POF:	Marita Hancock
Reader:	Helen Keely	Reader:	Ilena Dayag
Gifts:	Garry Farrant	Gifts:	Brian Di Silva
Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan	Eucharistic Minister:	Bernadette Carter
Altar Clean Up:	Liz Keely	Altar Clean Up:	Helen Keely
9.00am KERANG This Week 12 th April 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 19 th April 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Welcomers:	M Dagge & G Mannix	Welcomers:	D Schmidt
Commentator/POF:	A Kelly	Commentator/POF:	M Dagge
Readers:	M Doyle	Readers:	C Scriven
Gifts:	A Makeham & D Schmidt	Gifts:	J & A Ginnivan
Eucharistic Minister:	A Bortolotto & J Hirst	Eucharistic Minister:	G Prendergast & M Lewis
Sick & Housebound:	M Niall & K Laughlin (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	E Bortolotto & D Frantz (NH)
Power Point:	L Bland	Power Point:	M Lewis
Musicians:	Mike, Hank, Tony, Ladies Group	Musicians:	Hank, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita
Setting up the Altar:	Ellen	Setting up the Altar:	Denise
Mowers: April:	C & L Bland	Mowers: April:	C & L Bland
Counters April:	M Kelly & G Prendergast	Counters April:	M Kelly & G Prendergast
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 Pavone (Echuca) Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Jean McCurdy, Dulcie Chamberlain, Will Lawson, Joe Murphy, Allan O'Brien, Carmel Schroeder, Vern Kelly, Peter McDonald, Sid Greenwood, Rita Smith. Pyramid Hill: Mons Augustus Lacey, Eileen Brasier, Fr Fredrick O'Connor, Mary Carey, Edmund Walls, Fredrick Moss, Kathleen Worsnop, John Brasier, Joseph Mathers. Cohuna: Dulcie Farrant.			
Weekend Masses for the 18th & 19th April 2026 Saturday 18th April: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 19th April: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang			

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

Responsorial Psalm

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Next week: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

18th January & 19th April, 2026

1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

Responsorial Psalm: 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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