



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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3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

18th & 19th April 2026

Looking at the Readings

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. On the road to Emmaus, two disciples are walking and feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They say how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that! © 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

Sunday 19th: 3rd Week of Easter, Year II) (Psalter Week 3)
Monday 20th: Pope St Anicetus, Acts 6:8-15/ Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30/ In 6:22-29
Tuesday 21st: St Anselm, Acts 7:51-8:1/ Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17, 21/ Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday 22nd: Pope St Soter Acts 8:1-8/ Ps 66:1-7/ Jo 6:35-40
Thursday 23rd: Sts George & Adalbert Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9,16-17.20/ Ja 6:044-51
Friday 24th: St Fidelis of Sigmaringen Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1-22 In 6:52-59
Saturday 25th: ST MARK, Ex, Feast, 1 Pet 5:5-14/ Ps 89:2-3,6-7,16-17/ Mk. 16:15-20

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.

Catechism. Do you remember ME?

How many sacraments are there?

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH;

Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven:

1. Baptism,
2. Confirmation (or Chrismation),
- 3.the Eucharist,
4. Penance,
5. the Anointing of the Sick,
6. Holy Orders
7. Matrimony.

The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life. (source Catechism of the Catholic Church)

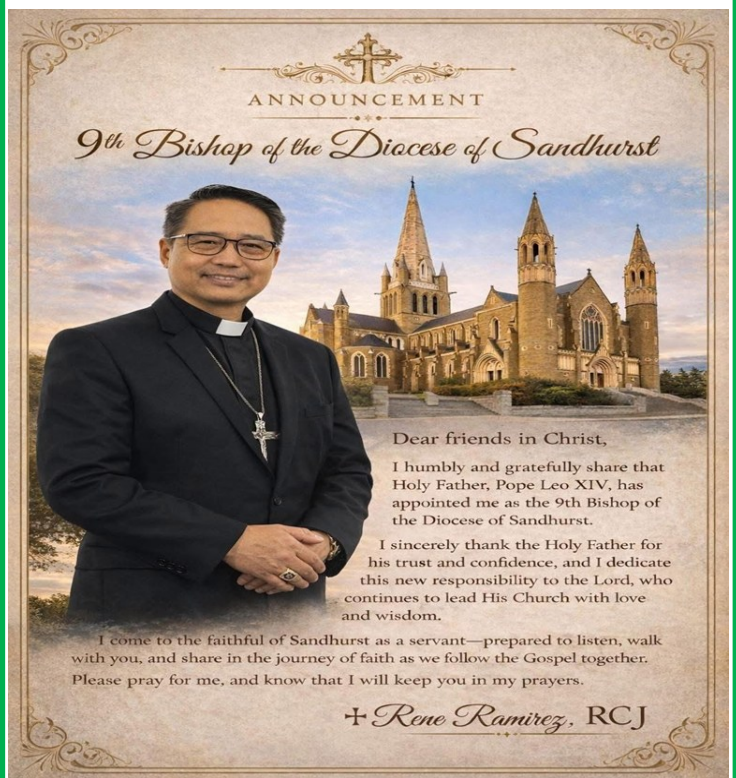
St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kerang appreciates and welcomes all new parishioners. Kindly provide your details on the yellow sheets at the entrances to the Church so we can share the bulletin with you via email.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal (26 April)

Support the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians by donating to Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.

Your tax-deductible donation will support the educational costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians and help build tomorrow's Church. <https://pay.divinity.edu.au/payments/donation/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

On the weekend of this celebration Kerang will have a Saturday night Mass at 6.00pm. Cohuna's Mass time will be Sunday 8.30am as usual.



Thank you very much for your generous donations!
\$720.00 for Caritas. God bless you Maria Lewis.

Rosters and Events																			
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Commentator/POF:	Vincent Bartels	Commentator/POF:	Jezelyn Bermasa																
Reader:	Richard Fernandez	Reader:	Colleen Hampson																
Gifts:	Correa Family	Gifts:	Cain Family																
Eucharistic Minister:	Carmen Cauchi	Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson																
8.30am COHUNA This Week 19 th April 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 26 th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A																	
Commentator/POF:	Marita Hancock	Commentator/POF:	Brian Di Silva																
Reader:	Ilena Dayag	Reader:	Betty McLoughlan																
Gifts:	Brian Di Silva	Gifts:	Liz Keely																
Eucharistic Minister:	Bernadette Carter	Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth																
Altar Clean Up:	Helen Keely	Altar Clean Up:	Donna Egan																
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Welcomers:	D Schmidt	Welcomers:	E Bortolotto & F Roney																
Commentator/POF:	M Dagge	Commentator/POF:	P Hirst																
Readers:	C Scriven	Readers:	F Kelly																
Gifts:	J & A Ginnivan	Gifts:	L Morrow & G Prendergast																
Eucharistic Minister:	G Prendergast & M Lewis	Eucharistic Minister:	M Cummins & E Bortolotto																
Sick & Housebound:	E Bortolotto & D Frantz (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	A Kelly & M Lewis (NH)																
Power Point:	M Lewis	Power Point:	K Laughlin																
Musicians:	Hank, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita	Musicians:	Alicia, Hank, Tony, Men's group																
Setting up the Altar:	Denise	Setting up the Altar:	Anne																
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: Anne Telfer Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Sr Agnes Canning, Tina Robertson, Kit Troy, John Fagg, Desmond Hallinan, Bernie Noonan, Margaret Petzke, Brian Flemming. Pyramid Hill: Andrew Ryan, Noreen Carlos, Harry Austin, Clarice Bartels, Amalia Bull. Cohuna: Paul Clavin.																			
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

PARISH SCHOOLS	
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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11.

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake.

Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.