



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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4th Sunday in Lent, Year A

14th & 15th March 2026

Looking at the Readings

The Gospels of the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent and especially the proclamation of Christ's Passion and Death on Palm Sunday are long readings. The Passion is formatted into four voices: narrator, Christ, the dialogue of a single person and the dialogue of several persons or the crowd. I have seen this technic used for these other Gospels to assist the listener to better receive and be more engaged with it.

Noting the length of the passages, each Sunday a shorter form is given in the lectionary. However, these shorter texts lessen our experience of the power of the story and some important features for example the opening words of Jesus:

"As long as the day lasts, I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world."

It expresses Jesus' mission and identity and his words: **"I am the light of the world"** is one of the Gospel's great **"I Am"** exclamations.

As one of the seven signs in the Gospel of John, the author wrote this passage with great care with a short account of the miracle but long accounts of the reactions of the authorities and the people, and of the discourses on the meaning and consequences of the sign. Likewise, we should listen with great care and take the opportunity to read and reread the passage.

Unlike the readings during the Season of Ordinary Time and Feast days the first readings during Lent and Easter do not relate to the Gospel. The Lenten first readings present glimpses of the great moments in the history of salvation from creation (Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 first Sunday) to Abraham, Moses, Samuel and David (today) to the prophet Ezekiel (fifth Sunday) who prepares the people minds towards rising from the dead.

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

March

Wednesday 18th: 6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Thursday 19th: 9.00am Mass in Cohuna *12.30pm Feast of St Joseph Mass in Kerang
Friday 20th: 9.15am Mass in Kerang *5.30pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday 21st: 9.30am "The Harvest of the Spirit of God" Shepparton *6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Sunday 22nd: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang
Wednesday 25th: 10.00am Goals Familiarisation Workshop in Kerang **Combined Parishes** (No Mass Pyramid Hill)
Thursday 26th: 9.00am **No** Mass in Cohuna
Friday 27th: 9.45am Mass in Kerang at St Joseph's School *5.30pm Stations of the Cross in Kerang
Saturday 28th: **Palm Sunday** 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Sunday 29th: **Palm Sunday** 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang

April

Wednesday 1st: 6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Thursday 2nd: **Holy Thursday** 5.00pm Kerang *6.30pm Cohuna *8.00pm Pyramid Hill
Friday 3rd: **Good Friday** 1.00pm Pyramid Hill *3.00pm Kerang *3.00pm Ecumenical Service in Cohuna
Saturday 4th: **Easter Vigil** 6.00pm Pyramid Hill *7.45pm Kerang
Sunday 5th: **Easter Sunday** 8.30am Cohuna

Pope Leo's Intentions for March.

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Diocesan Formation Support Plan: Goals Familiarisation Workshop

Our Parish will offer a Goals Familiarisation Workshop on Wednesday, 25 March 2026, at 10:00 am at St Patrick's Church Kerang, facilitated by a member of the Diocesan Formation Team. The workshop will introduce participants to the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals and invite reflection on their meaning and significance for parish life. The workshop will also be an opportunity for participants to consider which goals could provide focus and direction for current and future parish planning.

On the Lighter Side

Before Mass the altar server asked the priest if he will use the longer Gospel. He said: "Yes". "That's good!" The server replied, "Because the shorter version leaves out the important line: 'I am the light of the world'."

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Sacramental Program of Reconciliation.

In Term 2 of this school year we hope to begin the preparation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is a sacrament generally celebrated when children are in Grade 3, but for those older students who may have missed the opportunity to celebrate, they are also most welcome to participate.

Please contact the School by Friday the 20th March.

ph: 5452 1426

World Day of

Prayer.



Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 14th March 2026 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 21st March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A
Commentator/POF: MaryAnne Domingo Reader: Anne Grogan Gifts: Magno Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi	Commentator/POF: Jeff Pacala Reader: Jezelyn Bermasa Gifts: J & J Bermasa Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA This Week 15th March 2026 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 22nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A
Commentator/POF: Brian Di Silva Reader: Betty McLoughlan Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight	Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Brian Di Silva Eucharistic Minister: Marg Learmonth Altar Clean Up: Marg Main
10.30am KERANG This Week 15th March 2026 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 22nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A
Welcomers: J Roberts & J Tuohey Commentator/POF: R Kelly Reader: P Hirst Gifts: T & G Kennedy Eucharistic Minister: J Ginnivan & W Hall Sick & Housebound: L Bland & K Laughlin (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Mike, Hank, Tony, Ladies Group Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: March: D Greenwood Counters: March: E Phillips & M Messer	Welcomers: L Wilson & C Scriven Commentator/POF: S Poole Reader: L Morrow Gifts: C Fagg & F Kelly Eucharistic Minister: K Laughlin & M Kelly Sick & Housebound: L Wilson & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: A Kelly Musicians: Mike, Hank, Tony, Val, Marie, Marita Setting up the Altar: Ellen Mowers: March: 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: Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Jackie Kennedy, Noah Pertz, Peter Murphy. Pyramid Hill: Mary Barry, Henry Lamprell, Martin Hoban, Lawrence Murphy, Alice Hynes, Mary O'Brien, Peter McCrae, Marie Carmody, Leo Gray. Cohuna: Charlei Bowman	
Weekend Masses for the 21st & 22nd March 2026 Saturday 21st March: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 22nd 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

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R.

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Next week: 5th Sunday of Lent Year A

21st & 22nd March, 2026

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm: 129

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:
Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.