



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 of Easter, Year A

25th & 26th April 2026

Looking at the Readings

Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter — also called “Good Shepherd Sunday” — the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Let us explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes himself as the “good shepherd” (Jn 10:11). This expression refers to a shepherd who is perfect, authentic and exemplary, inasmuch as he is ready to give his life for his sheep, thus revealing God’s love. He is the Shepherd who draws us to himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows him. Neither the eyes of the body nor aesthetic sensibilities alone are sufficient to recognize this beauty; rather, contemplation and interiority are required. Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd’s gaze can say with confidence: “I trust him; life with him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty.”

What is most extraordinary is that, in becoming his disciple, one truly becomes “beautiful”; his beauty transforms us. As the theologian Pavel Florenskij wrote, asceticism does not produce a merely “good” person, but a “beautiful” one. Indeed, more than goodness, the distinctive trait of the saint is the luminous spiritual beauty that radiates from his or her life in Christ. In this way, the Christian vocation reveals itself in all its depth as a participation in the life of Jesus, by sharing in his mission and reflecting his beauty.

(Pope Leo XIV Message 25 March 2026)



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 4th Week of Easter

- 27 Monday:** (W) St Zita of Lucca Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/ Jn 10:11-18
28 Tuesday: (W) Sts Peter Chanel & Louis Mary de Montfort Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1-7/ Jn 10:22-30
29 Wednesday: (W) St Catherine of Siena Acts 12:24-13:5/ Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8/ Jn 12:44-50
30 Thursday: (W) Pope St Pius V Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27/ Jn 13:16-20
1 Friday: (W) St Joseph the Worker Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-11/ Mt 13:54-58.
2 Saturday: (W) St Athanasius Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1-4/ Jn 14:7-14

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?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1213: Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (vitae spiritualis ianua), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

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 (26th April) This Weekend.

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/>

Thank you all who stayed and helped with the Working Bee



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.



Bishop Rene's Episcopal Installation will be on the 30th July 2026 at the Cathedral in Bendigo.

ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

(part of the Anglican Church of Australia)
COHUNA BRANCH

Mothers Union, Cohuna Branch, wish to give your church members the opportunity to hear Rev. Faye Donaldson speak at our next meeting on Monday 27th April when Faye's topic will be "Women who were present at the crucifixion and resurrection".

The afternoon will commence at 2.00pm at the Cohuna Church and following Faye's address, we invite you to stay and enjoy afternoon tea and a chat. We hope you are able to come and join us.

With every blessing, Shirley Bruns, Secretary, Cohuna Branch.

On the 3rd of May, Kyra is going to give a 15 minute talk (after Mass) on **Strategic Management Priority Goals** for our Parish. Could you please have a think about our/your Goals for the Parish going forwards and discuss them on the day.

Kerang's collection for 19th April \$872.15

Rosters and Events			
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 25 th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 2 nd May 2026 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Jezelyn Bermasa	Commentator/POF:	Richard Fernandez
Reader:	Colleen Hampson	Reader:	Kate Wood
Gifts:	Cain Family	Gifts:	Domingo Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson	Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 26 th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 3 rd May 2026 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Brian Di Silva	Commentator/POF:	Helen Keely
Reader:	Betty McLoughlan	Reader:	Shaanie Webb
Gifts:	Liz Keely	Gifts:	Irene Trezise
Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth	Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan
Altar Clean Up:	Donna Egan	Altar Clean Up:	Mary Wight
10.30am KERANG This Week 26 th April 2026 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 3 rd May 2026 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Welcomers:	E Bortolotto & F Roney	Welcomers:	L Wilson & C Scriven
Commentator/POF:	P Hirst	Commentator/POF:	L Morrow
Readers:	F Kelly	Readers:	M Messer
Gifts:	L Morrow & G Prendergast	Gifts:	T & G Kennedy
Eucharistic Minister:	M Cummins & E Bortolotto	Eucharistic Minister:	M Lewis & K Laughlin
Sick & Housebound:	A Kelly & M Lewis (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	L Bland & G Prendergast (NH)
Power Point:	K Laughlin	Power Point:	K Schlitz
Musicians:	Alicia, Tony, Men's group	Musicians:	Mike, Tony, Maureen
Setting up the Altar:	Anne	Setting up the Altar:	Tops
Mowers: April:	C & L Bland	Mowers: May:	P Lloyd & J Mowat
Counters April:	M Kelly & G Prendergast	Counters May:	F Roney & E Bortolotto
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, Brian McLoughlan 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: Michael McGann, Rhoda Maud Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Barney Schmidt, Gary Dowd. Pyramid Hill: Frank Amarant, Elizabeth Carroll, Pat Mullins, John Walls, Carol Dingwall, Margaret Kennedy, Mary Walls, Laurence Cox, Eileen Gray, David Taylor, Stephanie Borg, Richard Piutrowska, Leo Lemmons. Cohuna: Mary Elizabeth Keely, Rita Keely, Leo Phyland, Kaye McGann			
Next Weeks Mass Times 27th April to the 3rd May 2026 Wednesday 29th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill Thursday 30th: 9.00am Cohuna Friday 1st: 9.45am Grade 4/5 School Mass at St Joseph's all welcome. Saturday 2nd: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 3rd: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang			

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. 36-41***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 22:1-6.***(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.)**

Gospel Acclamation*John 10:14***Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!**Second Reading***1 Peter 2:20-25***A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Gospel*John 10:1-10***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week: 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A**2nd & 3rd May, 2026**

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: 32:1-2,4-5,18-19

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

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