



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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5th Sunday in Lent, Year A

21st & 22nd March 2026

Looking at the Readings

The Gospel reading, long as it is, contains some wonderful lines for us to ponder:

'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory,' v4. Often, we see death as an end, but in Jesus' eyes it is a new beginning and the glory of God for it showed forth God's care, mercy and power.

'I am the resurrection and the life.' v25. The fourth Gospel has seven "I am" terms that Jesus expresses. "I am the light of the world" (9:5) on the fourth Sunday of Lent and today. Each of these "I am" proclamations assist our understanding of Jesus' ministry and link Jesus to the Old Testament revelation of God. Jesus asked Martha does she believe this. It is a question that all Christian must answer.

'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,' This is a remarkable profession of faith by Martha and also made by Peter (Matt 16:16). It is this faith that the church is founded on and continues to profess.

'Jesus wept;' is the shortest verse in the New Testament. Pope Leo I wrote that it expresses his humanity, raising Lazarus shows his divinity.

'Unbind him, let him go free.' On the surface Jesus gave a practical and physical direction. Deeper more spiritual meaning links the binding clothes that were left in Christ's tomb, that came the sign of the resurrection and linked with Christian baptism. The baptised are freed from sin (earthly ties) to walk in the light of the resurrection and in freedom of God's children. We need to discard things that bind us.

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

Sunday 22nd: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang
Wednesday 25th: 10.00am Goal Formalisation Work Shop in Kerang **Combined parishes** *6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Thursday 26th: 9.00am **No** Mass in Cohuna
Friday 27th: **9.45am Mass in Kerang at School Yrs 5 & 6** *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
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.

Migrant Jubilee Cross on its way to Sandhurst

Arriving next month at St Brendan's, Shepparton (16-24 March), then St Kilian's, Bendigo (24-31 March). Over the coming weeks, keep an eye out for special [e-News](#) stories celebrating migrants in our Diocese and the many ways their faith, culture and commitment have enriched our communities. You're also warmly invited to be part of the journey by joining one of the Jubilee celebrations as the Cross passes through – more info to come.

Chrism Mass I Mass of the Holy Oils 11:00 am

Tuesday 31 March, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

You are warmly invited to join Sandhurst priests, religious, and faithful from every parish, when the whole Diocese gathers in communion as one Body in Christ. The principal celebrant will be Archbishop Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia. At this Mass priests and religious renew their vows, and all the faithful are invited to renew their baptismal promises, celebrating our shared life and mission as the Church in Sandhurst. A sausage sizzle and light refreshments in the Cathedral grounds will follow Mass.

Lenten Preface III

This Year, the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays in Lent the Gospels and the Prefaces are linked. Today the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus from the grave is simply expressed in the preface for the fifth Sunday in Lent.

In four short lines the mysteries of the Incarnation of Christ, his humanity and divinity and his ministry to the living and the dead and "sacred mysteries to new life are all mentioned.

They serve as a teaching and as a foretaste of the effects of Baptism, which is New Life through Christ's own resurrection from the dead!

All prefaces conclude with the invitation to join in praise, thanks, adoration and exultation with the company of Angels and Saints.

On the Lighter Side

The raising of Lazarus has prompted various applications, such as the Lazarus syndrome and a few jokes.

'Lazarus software retrieves lost data on your computer but does not help if your dog eats your homework.'

And on the reverse side: 'I don't have a dog, but I do have a dog app on my phone that eats my homework.'

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Easter Mass

Holy Thursday: 5.00pm Kerang 6.30pm Cohuna
8.00pm Pyramid Hill

Good Friday: 1.00pm Pyramid Hill
3.00pm Kerang

Easter Vigil: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill 7.45pm Kerang

Easter Sunday: 8.30am Cohuna

Rosters and Events			
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 21 st March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 28 th March 2026 Palm Sunday, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Jeff Pacala	Commentator/POF:	Anne Grogan
Reader:	Jezelyn Bermasa	Reader:	Marilyn Fernandez
Gifts:	J & J Bermasa	Gifts:	Cauchi Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Grogan	Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson
8.30am COHUNA This Week 22 nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 29 th March 2026 Palm Sunday, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Gabriel Dayag	Commentator/POF:	Marg Main
Reader:	Marg Main	Reader:	Bernadette Carter
Gifts:	Brian Di Silva	Gifts:	Liz Keely
Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth	Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan
Altar Clean Up:	Marg Main	Altar Clean Up:	Helen Keely
10.30am KERANG This Week 22 nd March 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 29 th March 2026 Palm Sunday, Year A	
Welcomers:	L Wilson & C Scriven	Welcomers:	M Messer & F Roney
Commentator/POF:	S Poole	Commentator/POF:	L Wilson
Reader:	L Morrow	Reader:	G Prendergast
Gifts:	C Fagg & F Kelly	Gifts:	A & E Bortolotto
Eucharistic Minister:	K Laughlin & M Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	A Kelly & W Hall
Sick & Housebound:	L Wilson & D Frantz (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	C Scriven & G Prendergast (NH)
Power Point:	A Kelly	Power Point:	K Schlitz
Musicians:	Mike, Hank, Tony, Val, Marie, Marita	Musicians:	Alicia, Hank, Tony, Men's Group
Setting up the Altar:	Ellen	Setting up the Altar:	Denise
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: Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Ivan Forko, Peter Bakker, Marie Scriven, Antonio Bortolotto, Sulpicia Arcuino, Adam Duffy, Lloyd Ritchie, Lisa O'Neil, Alan Melrose, Carmel Brown. Pyramid Hill: William Woods, Mary Wood, Leonard Doherty, Sarah Bohan. Cohuna:			
Weekend Masses for the 28th & 29th March 2026 Saturday 28th March: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 29th 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*Ezekiel 37:12-14***A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 129.*

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Next week: Palm Sunday Year A**28th & 29th March, 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
Responsorial Psalm: 21:8-9, 17-29, 23-24
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
Gospel: Matthew 26:14—27:66

Second Reading*Romans 8:8-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 11:25. 26***Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**Gospel***John 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Please see your Missal for the full reading, it is too long for this space.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.