



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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Gerardine Prendergast

6th Sunday of Easter, Year A

9th & 10th May 2026

Looking at the Readings

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is a compact account of Philip the deacon's ministries of preaching, healing and exorcisms (see image below). The community expresses welcome, unity and joyful thanksgiving to him and later to Peter and John in Samaria.

The first alternative given for today's Gospel continues Christ's farewell discourse from last week, where he stresses the need to keep his commandments and his promise to send the "Advocate", the Holy Spirit. While Jesus repeats the word: "command" six times in this farewell discourse (John 14:15, 21, 23, 15:10, 12, 17) he only speaks of the command to love. Therefore, do we presume there are other commands? The Gospel is not a list of do's and don'ts but rather a revealing of God through his Son and the message of salvation.

Christ does give us a clue in his reply to Thomas's question we heard last week. Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Jesus, who has given his life for us so that we may have life, shows us his love and all that is needed to love ourselves and one another.



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

May 2026 6th Week of Easter, Year II) (Psalter Week 2)

Monday 11th	(W) St Ignatius of Laconi Acts 16:11-15/ Ps 149:1-6, 9/ Ja 15:26-16:4
Tuesday 12th	(W) Sts Nereus, Achilles & Pancras Acts 16:22-34/ Ps 134.1-3, 7-8/ Jn 16: 5-11
Wednesday 13th	(W) Our Lady of Fatima Acts 17:15.22-18.1/ Ps 148.1-2,18-14/ In 16:12-15
Thursday 14th	(R) ST MATTHIAS Ag. Feast Acts 1:15-17,20-26/ Ps 113:4-W/ De 15.9-17
Friday 15th	(W) St Isidore the Farmer Acts 189-18/ 7s 47:3-71 Je 16:20-23
Saturday 16th	(W):st. Simon Stock Acts 18:23-28 47:-2-3, 8-101 Jn16.23-28

Pope Leo's Intentions for May

That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Catechism. Do you remember ME?

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

1322 The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'"



Dear Friends,

The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month includes the solemnity of 'Our Lady, Help of Christians', who is the patroness of Australia. Usually held on 24th May, this year it will be commemorated on

Monday, 25th May. **[Sundays are ranked as the first holy day of all]** and because of its special importance, the Sunday celebration gives way only to solemnities or feasts of the Lord.] *Australian Catholics*, parent publication of *Parish Life*, previously published an article on '**Marian devotions around the world**'; however, one of the most common forms of devotion is to pray the Rosary.

Pope Leo XIV has expressed his love for the Holy Rosary many times since his elevation to the papacy just over a year ago. For the month of October 2025, he invited everyone to pray the Rosary every day for peace. Earlier this month (11th April), he led a Prayer Vigil for Peace at St Peter's Square, saying, 'Now joined in the prayer of the Holy Rosary, as we ask for the intercession of our Mother Mary, we wish to tell the whole world that it is possible to build peace, a new peace; that it is possible to live together with all peoples of every religion and every race; that we wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ, united as brothers and sisters, all united in a world of peace.' Pope Leo XIV led tens of thousands of Angolan Catholics in praying the Rosary on 19th April at the **Sanctuary of Mama Muxima**. **This month let us continue to ask for Mary's intercessions as we pray for peace.**

Rosary will be said at 9.00am on the 8th of May followed by Mass at 9.15am in Kerang.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Monday 18th May:	9.30am Northaven 5.30pm Baptist Church
Tuesday 19th May:	5.30pm Catholic Church
Wednesday 20th May:	5.30pm Uniting Church
Thursday 21st May:	5.30pm Anglican Church
Friday 22nd May:	5.30pm Eternity Centre
Sunday 24th May:	2.30pm Combined Service At the Eternity Centre

On the Lighter Side

Church parking lots have the best Sunday traffic jams.

Church bulletin jokes travel faster than Sunday homilies.

Faith and laughter go together.

Kerang's collection for 2nd May \$650.70

Rosters and Events																			
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 9 th May 2026 6 th Sunday of Easter, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 16 th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord, Year A																	
Commentator/POF:	Michaelle Domingo	Commentator/POF:	Marilyn Fernandez																
Reader:	MaryAnne Domingo	Reader:	Jeff Pacala																
Gifts:	Cenas Family	Gifts:	Bojo Family																
Eucharistic Minister:	Carmen Cauchi	Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Grogan																
10.30am COHUNA This Week 10 th May 2026 6 th Sunday of Easter, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 17 th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord, Year A																	
Commentator/POF:	Gabriel Dayag	Commentator/POF:	Marg Main																
Reader:	Marg Main	Reader:	Bernadette Carter																
Gifts:	Garry Farrant	Gifts:	Volunteer																
Eucharistic Minister:	Peter Doyle	Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth																
Altar Clean Up:	Marg Main	Altar Clean Up:	Helen Keely																
9.00am KERANG This Week 10 th May 2026 6 th Sunday of Easter, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 17 th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord, Year A																	
Welcomers:	J Roberts & J Tuohey	Welcomers:	M Dagge & G Mannix																
Commentator/POF:	M Messer	Commentator/POF:	G Prendergast																
Readers:	K Schlitz	Readers:	M Lewis																
Gifts:	M Dagge & S Poole	Gifts:	C Fagg & F Kelly																
Eucharistic Minister:	C Scriven & A Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	R Kelly & W Hall																
Sick & Housebound:	M Messer & K Laughlin (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	L Wilson & M Lewis (NH)																
Power Point:	R Kelly	Power Point:	L Bland																
Musicians:	Alicia, Tony, Ladies Group	Musicians:	Tony, Val, Marie & Marita																
Setting up the Altar:	Liz	Setting up the Altar:	Denise																
Mowers: May:	P Lloyd & J Mowat	Mowers: May:	P Lloyd & J Mowat																
Counters May:	F Roney & E Bortolotto	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., Cohuna Clare & Magie, Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts, Brian McLoughlan Pyramid Hill Margaret, Phil S., Terry W. and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital. Recently Deceased: Hank Frieling Death Anniversaries: Kerang: William Fahey, Peter Wilson, Dorothy Kelly, Glenys Evans, Leo Cassidy, Wanda Thornley, Patricia Hubble, Gillian Hastie. Pyramid Hill: David Larkins, Esme Leach, John Kelly Jnr., Stephanie Borg, Thomas Rudkins, Robert Stone, Sr A Murphy, Felix L'Huiller, Mary Fieldew, Annie Sloan, Tom Walshe, Leo Cassidy, Alice Ryan, Harry Bell. Cohuna: Mary Ryan, Luciano Sgarbossa, Rob Shanahan,																			
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20.

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Next week: The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

16th & 17th May, 2026

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: 46:2-3, 6-9

2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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