



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

Easter Vigil, Year A

4th & 5th April 2026

Looking at the Readings

On Holy Thursday we saw that God is the one who passes over; on Good Friday we recognised that Jesus is our real Passover. Today we contemplate our own passing over. Holy Saturday is a time of liminality; an in-between time. We are no longer in one place, but we have not yet arrived at the other. We are in the crossing. We are moving from darkness into light, from death to life, and we do this by passing through the waters of baptism.

In the dark of the night, we are called to follow God into the unknown. If we can do this, if we can risk all and leave behind the life to which we have grown accustomed, we will be able to survive in this period of liminality. The vigil readings end with a promise of regeneration. The waters that at first threatened us, can rejuvenate us. We now stand at the threshold of a new creation. The period of liminality is over. Our next step is into the waters of baptism, there to be recreated, to be born anew, to die and to rise in Christ.

Through baptism we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like those who heard the proclamation of the women, we are called to faith through the words of others. When we respond, our passing over will be complete and we will be embraced by Christ our True Passover.

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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

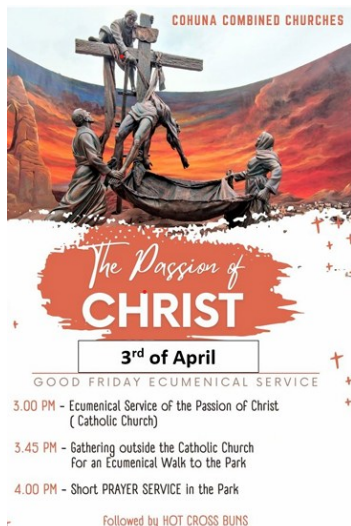
April

Wednesday 1st: NO 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 *Ecumenical Service 3pm St Mary's
Saturday 4th: **Easter Vigil** 6.00pm Pyramid Hill *7.45pm Kerang
Sunday 5th: **Easter Sunday** 8.30am Cohuna
Wednesday 8th: No Mass in Pyramid Hill
Thursday 9th: No Mass Cohuna School Holidays
Friday 10th: No Mass in Kerang
Saturday 11th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill
Sunday 12th: 9.00am Mass in Kerang *10.30am Mass in Cohuna *2.00pm The Divine Mercy Mass St Brendan's Shepparton

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.



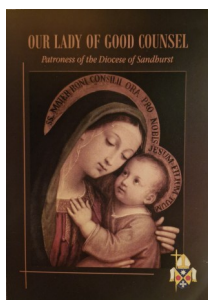
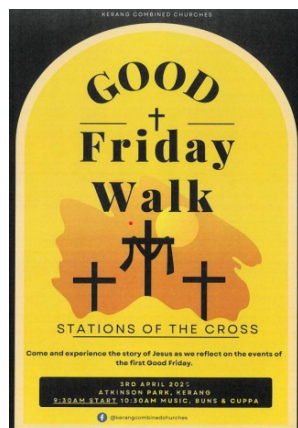
COHUNA Combined Churches

Kerang Combined Churches

Good Friday Walk

Atkinson Park 9.30am

Followed by Music and Hot Cross Buns & Cuppa



These prayer cards are available at the side of the Church to pray for a New Bishop of Sandhurst. Please take one.



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

On the Lighter Side

Easter eggs and the Easter bunny are not pagan symbols as sometimes is written. Eggs are likened to the tomb of Christ. They crack open to bring forth new life. Rabbits are associated with the dawn; they are thought to spend the night keeping watch for the first light of the morning. You may have seen them munching merrily in your garden in the wee hours of the morning. Strange as it sounds Christians on Easter Eve are likened to rabbits; we keep vigil throughout the night in anticipation of the resurrection of all creation. (Steve Erspamer, SM)

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Rosters and Events			
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 4 th April 2026 The Easter Vigil, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 11 th April 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Mary Anne Domingo	Commentator/POF:	Kate Wood
Reader:	Anne Grogan + 2	Reader:	Michaelle Domingo
Gifts:	S & M Magno	Gifts:	Pantig Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Grogan	Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 5 th April 2026 Easter Sunday, Year A		10.30am COHUNA Next Week 12 th April 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Ann-Marie Link	Commentator/POF:	Shaanie Webb
Reader:	Marita Hancock	Reader:	Helen Keely
Gifts:	Irene Trezise	Gifts:	Garry Farrant
Eucharistic Minister:	Peter Doyle	Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan
Altar Clean Up:	Irene Trezise	Altar Clean Up:	Liz Keely
7.45pm KERANG This Week 4 th April 2026 The Easter Vigil, Year A		9.00am KERANG Next Week 12 th April 2026 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	M Doyle	Welcomers:	M Dagge & G Mannix
Readers:	K Laughlin, M Dagge, F Kelly	Commentator/POF:	A Kelly
Candles:	M Messer, P Bortolotto, A Bortolotto, K Schlitz	Readers:	M Doyle
Gifts:	C Scriven, M Johnson	Gifts:	A Makeham & D Schmidt
Eucharistic Minister:	E Bortolotto & F Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	A Bortolotto & J Hirst
Thurible:	T Bortolotto	Sick & Housebound:	M Niall & K Laughlin (NH)
Sick & Housebound:	TBC	Power Point:	L Bland
Power Point:	G Prendergast	Musicians:	Mike, Hank, Tony, Ladies Group
Musicians:	Alicia, Hank, Tony, Mike, Marie	Setting up the Altar:	Ellen
Setting up the Altar:	Liz	Mowers: April:	C & L Bland
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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: Andrew Kelly			
Death Anniversaries:			
Kerang: George Linton, Mary McLoughlan, Maisie Murphy, Lily Murphy, John Hewitt.			
Pyramid Hill: Graeme McDonald, Fr Timothy Scott, Francis Martin, Fr Martin Heffernan, Jeanette Peacock, Edith McKay, Francis Gregory, John Ervin.			
Cohuna: Bill Phyland, Emmie James, John O’Brien.			
Weekend Masses for the 11 th & 12 th April 2026			
Saturday 11 th April:		6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill	
Sunday 12 th April:		10.30am Mass in Cohuna 9.00am Mass Kerang	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading

Gen 1:1. 26-31

A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. God said, 'Let us make man in our own image, in the likeness of ourselves, and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild beasts and all the reptiles that crawl upon the earth.' God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them. God blessed them, saying to them, 'Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth and conquer it. Be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven and all living animals on the earth.' God said, 'See, I give you all the seed-bearing plants that are upon the whole earth, and all the trees with seed-bearing fruit; this shall be your food. To all wild beasts, all birds of heaven and all living reptiles on the earth I give all the foliage of plants for food.' And so it was. God saw all he had made, and indeed it was very good.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24.*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe. **(R.)**
2. You founded the earth on its base, to stand firm from age to age. You wrapped it with the ocean like a cloak: the waters stood higher than the mountains. **(R.)**

Second Reading *Exodus 14:15 – 15:1*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry to me so? Tell the sons of Israel to march on. For yourself, raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and part it for the sons of Israel to walk through the sea on dry ground. I for my part will make the heart of the Egyptians so stubborn that they will follow them. So shall I win myself glory at the expense of Pharaoh, of all his army, his chariots, his horsemen. And when I have won glory for myself, at the expense of Pharaoh and his chariots and his army, the Egyptians will learn that I am the Lord.'

Then the angel of the Lord, who marched at the front of the army of Israel, changed station and moved to their rear. The pillar of cloud changed station from the front to the rear of them, and remained there. It came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. The cloud was dark, and the night passed without the armies drawing any closer the whole night long. Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove back the sea with a strong easterly wind all night, and he made dry land of the sea. The waters parted and the sons of Israel went on dry ground right into the sea, walls of water to right and to left of them. The Egyptians gave chase: after them they went, right into the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his own horsemen. In the morning watch, the Lord looked down on the army of the Egyptians from the pillar of fire and cloud, and threw the army into confusion. He so clogged their chariot wheels that they could scarcely make headway. 'Let us flee from the Israelites,' the Egyptians cried 'the Lord is fighting for them against the Egyptians!' 'Stretch out your hand over the sea,' the Lord said to Moses 'that the waters may flow back on the Egyptians and their chariots and their horsemen.' Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and, as day broke, the sea returned to its bed. The fleeing Egyptians marched right into it, and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the very middle of the sea. The returning waters overwhelmed the chariots and the horsemen of Pharaoh's whole army, which had followed the Israelites into the sea;

.....not a single one of them was left. But the sons of Israel had marched through the sea on dry ground, walls of water to right and to left of them. That day, the Lord rescued Israel from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. Israel witnessed the great act that the Lord had performed against the Egyptians, and the people venerated the Lord; they put their faith in the Lord and in Moses, his servant. It was then that Moses and the sons of Israel sang this song in honour of the Lord:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24.*

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

3. You make springs gush forth in the valleys: they flow in between the hills. On their banks dwell the birds of heaven; from the branches they sing their song. **(R.)**
4. From your dwelling you water the hills; earth drinks its fill of your gift. You make the grass grow for the cattle and the plants to serve man's needs. **(R.)**

Third Reading *Romans 6:3-11*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23*

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Gospel *Matthew 28:1-10*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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