



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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Palm Sunday, Year A

28th & 29th March 2026

Looking at the Readings

This year we proclaim the Passion of The Lord according to the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew addresses himself to a gathering of believers. In a doctrinal and quasi-liturgical style, he offers Christ's disciples some keys to understanding the passion. He wants to introduce his readers to the Christian understanding of the disconcerting events that led their Master and Lord to die on the cross. Thus, they will be able, by sharing in the faith of the Church, to situate the cross within the coherent whole of the divine salvific plan (Matt 26:14-27:66).

Sometimes, Matthew is content to state "it is written" or else "to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet." No, all that has happened is not due to blind chance. We must enter with faith into the painful passion of Jesus, because it inaugurates the new world where God wants his Son's disciples to live."

Matthew's Passion crowns the Gospel he presents to us. It is within the faith of the Church that the evangelist shows Jesus as the stone rejected by the builders becoming the cornerstone of the Church. More than any other writer of his time, Matthew seems to have measured the chasm opening between the Synagogue and the community of the Lord Jesus' disciples. Had not his Master promised that a new people would produce the fruits of the vine planted by God (see 21:43)? But the Church too must nonetheless remain watchful; it, too, could one day forget its Lord by becoming unfaithful to his Gospel. (Days of the Lord v2 p225,6)



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

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 *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: 6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Thursday 9th: No Mass Cohuna School Holidays

Friday 10th: 9.15am Mass in Kerang

Saturday 11th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Sunday 12th: 9.00am Mass in Kerang *10.30am Mass in Cohuna

Pope Leo's Intentions for March.

For disarmament and peace

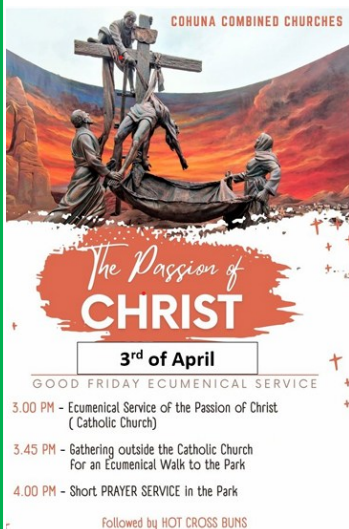
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

COHUNA Combined Churches

The Passion of Christ 3rd April 3pm St Mary's Church

Followed by 3.45pm Ecumenical Walk to the Park

4pm Short Prayer Service in Park & Hot Cross Buns



KERANG Combined Churches

Good Friday Walk

Atkinson Park 9.30am

Followed by Music, Hot Cross Buns & Cuppa



Donations for Project Compassion

A reminder to return your donation envelopes/boxes by 2nd April Holy Thursday for Project Compassion. Thank you for your generosity.
Maria Lewis Parish Coordinator.

ST JOSEPH'S ENROLMENTS FOR 2027 Enrolments are now open for 2027. School tours are taking place on Monday 30th March. To book a time please visit our website www.sjkerang.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office on 54521426 for more information.

Passion of the Lord Prefaces

Our Roman Missal (2010) contains a preface for the Eucharistic Prayer for Palm Sunday and two more for weekday Masses in the final weeks of Lent meditating on the Passion of Christ. The new Missal of the Congregation of the Passion has three more, the Carthusian Missal has two more and the Ambrosian Rite has four, which three came from the Roman Missal.

Many themes are presented to help meditate on the passion, death and resurrection of Christ: his suffering and humility, his obedience and innocence, his willingness to save us, his love and offer of forgiveness even for his executioners, the power of the cross, the pride of the foe, cause of our salvation and most conclude with our preparation for Easter and celebrating joy and life. The prayer for the week in the next column gives poetic-like image of the wonder of the cross and connection with the sin of Adam and Eve and our own redemption.

Easter Mass

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

Good Friday: 11.00am Cohuna 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

God shows up on a donkey: "With monstrous head and sickening cry and ears like errant wings, the devil's walking parody on all four-footed things." *G. K. Chesterton*

The devil's walking parody is our Lord's Popemobile!

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Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 28th March 2026 Palm Sunday, Year A	6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 4th April 2026 The Easter Vigil, Year A
Commentator/POF: Anne Grogan Reader: Marilyn Fernandez Gifts: Cauchi Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson	Commentator/POF: Mary Anne Domingo Reader: Anne Grogan Gifts: S & M Magno Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly
10.30am COHUNA This Week 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 5th April 2026 Easter Sunday, Year A
Commentator/POF: Marg Main Reader: Bernadette Carter Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Betty McLoughlan Altar Clean Up: Helen Keely	Commentator/POF: Ann-Marie Link Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise
10.30am KERANG This Week 29th March 2026 Palm Sunday, Year A	7.45 PM KERANG Next Week 4th April 2026 The Easter Vigil, Year A
Welcomers: M Messer & F Roney Commentator/POF: L Wilson Reader: G Prendergast Gifts: A & E Bortolotto Eucharistic Minister: A Kelly & W Hall Sick & Housebound: C Scriven & G Prendergast (NH) Power Point: K Schlitz Musicians: Alicia, Hank, Tony, Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers: March: D Greenwood Counters: March: E Phillips & M Messer	Commentator/POF: M Doyle Readers: K Laughlin, M Dagge, F Kelly Candles: M Messer, P Bortolotto, A Bortolotto, K Schlitz Gifts: C Scriven, M Johnson Eucharistic Minister: E Bortolotto & F Kelly Thurible: T Bortolotto Sick & Housebound: TBC Power Point: G Prendergast Musicians: Alicia, Hank, Tony, Mike, Marie Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: April: C & L Bland Counters April: M Kelly & G Prendergast
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: Bill McGrath (Clare McCurdy's brother) Death Anniversaries: Kerang: Sr Therese Packer, Eddie Farrer, Ethel Kassulke, Tilly Thamm, Lorna Catley, Peter O'Donoghue, Mary Nolen, Lillian Shepard. Pyramid Hill: Ellen Guthrie, Charles Wood, Vincent Kelly, Jack Pola, Williams Matthews, Janine Gall, James Hynes, Simeon Confield, Gerald Holland, Bess Wood, Katherine Noonan. Cohuna: Charlie Bowman	
Weekend Masses for the 4th & 5th April 2026 Saturday 4th April: 6.00pm Vigil Mass in Pyramid Hill 7.45pm Vigil Mass Kerang Sunday 5th April: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading*Isaiah 50:4-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24.***(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading*Philippians 2:6-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are,
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every
tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Philippians 2:8-9***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**Gospel***Matthew 26:14 – 27:66***The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.**

Please see your Missal for the Passion readings, it is
too long for this space.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week: Easter Vigil Year A**4th & 5th April, 2026**

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1, 26-31
Responsorial Psalm: 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24. 35
2nd Reading: Exodus 14:15, 15:1
3rd Reading: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10