



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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Pentecost Sunday, Year A

23rd & 24th May 2026

Looking at the Readings

Unlike most feast days the event of Pentecost is not found in the Gospel but in the first reading. The Acts of the Apostles starts with the Ascension of the Lord and the starting of the mission of the apostles and their communities. The reading begins with: "On the day of Pentecost ..." The day was a pre-existing feast day in the life of the Jewish nation and faith. Fifty days after the Passover and now fifty days after the Lord's Resurrection.

The Gospel does include an account of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles – even prior to Pentecost. This tells us several things. The Spirit comes at any time – not dependent on the calendar or our timetable. The Spirit comes for a variety of purposes. After the resurrection Jesus came among them, said: "Peace be with you!" He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." He brings peace and the authority to forgive sins. (John 20:19-23) The Spirit comes to give strength and the ability to communicate (Acts 2) and the Spirit comes to give us a variety of gifts (1 Cor 12:3)



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 (8th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (Palter Week 4)

Monday 25th: (W) Venerable Bede, Sts Gregory VII & Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi 1 Pet 1:3-9/ Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9-10/ Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday 26th: (G) St Philip Neri 1 Pet 1:10-16/ Ps 98:1-4/ Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday 27th: (G) St Augustine of Canterbury 1 Pet 1:18-25/ Ps 147:12-15,19-20/ Mk 10:32-45
Thursday 28th: (G) St Germanus 1 Pet 2:2-5,9-12/ Ps 100:2-5/ Mk 10:46-52
Friday 29th: (G) Pope St Paul VI 1 Pet 4:7-13/ Ps 96:10-13/ Mk 11:11-26
Saturday 30th: (G) St Joan of Arc Jude 17,20-25/ Ps 63:2-6/ Mk 11:27-33

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 ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1499 "By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ."

Don't forget Pyramid Hills 100th birthday celebrations this weekend. Mass will be at 10.30am on Sunday the 24th. Kerang will have a Saturday night Mass at 6.00pm. Cohuna's Mass time will be Sunday 8.30am as usual.

'An invitation to a **Thanks Giving Service** for teachers, school support workers, school councillors, bus drivers, lollipop people, office workers and anyone else who has helped as our local schools across the years, are invited to come along and celebrate. This invitation has been extended to all schools in the Kerang District. The service will be held at the Uniting Church on Sunday May 31st at 10.00 am and all are welcome.'

Cohuna 3 CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE \$300 each

Approx 2.4 metres in length.

PLEASE CONTACT Peter Doyle if interested

On the Lighter Side

A husband and wife are sitting in church. The preacher notices that the husband has fallen asleep and says to the wife, "Wake your husband up!" The wife answers, "You're the one who made him fall asleep, you wake him up!"

The Parish Council

The parish council is a vital organ in the life of the parish community. Its role is not merely administrative but deeply spiritual and pastoral. The council exists to assist the priest in ensuring the smooth running of parish affairs, fostering unity among parishioners, and guiding the parish toward growth in faith and service.

However, let us reflect on a bitter but necessary truth: The parish council is not a place for personal ambition, favouritism, or self-interest. It is not a platform to influence the priest for personal gain, nor is it a committee focused solely on parish finances. The effectiveness of a parish priest often depends on how faithfully the parish council fulfills its mission. Cont.....

Council members, you know your parish better than any newly appointed priest. You are the custodians of its history, traditions, and unique needs. It is your sacred duty to guide the priest with wisdom and charity, helping him to understand the community he serves. But let us be honest: how many parish councils truly carry out this responsibility with humility and faithfulness?

If the priest falters in his work, could it be because the council failed to provide honest and constructive advice? Did you allow him to misuse resources or prioritize less important matters? Did you focus more on financial matters than on spiritual growth and community development? The health of the parish is not solely the priest's responsibility; it reflects the collective efforts of the council and parishioners.

It is time to redirect our focus. As council members, your primary concern should not be financial benefits or personal recognition but the spiritual and physical growth of the parish. Ask yourself:

- Is there any new development in the parish since the priest's arrival?
- Are we collaborating effectively with him to introduce initiatives that strengthen the faith and welfare of our parishioners?
- Are we fostering transparency and unity, or are we contributing to division and mistrust?

Remember, you are not the priest's supervisors but his collaborators. You are called to support him, not to control or manipulate him. A good council advises the priest with love and respect, ensuring he remains focused on his mission while wisely managing the resources entrusted to him.

If parish councils fail in their duty, the parish suffers. But when they fulfill their role faithfully, the entire community flourishes. Let this be a wake-up call for every council member to renew their commitment to the Church and to the priest they are privileged to assist.

And to you our beloved parish priests, as shepherds of God's people, your leadership must reflect humility, love, and service. Listen to your parish Council, they are not your subordinates but your collaborators, bringing valuable insights about the community you serve. Lead with discernment, ensuring decisions prioritize the spiritual growth of the parish over personal comfort or prestige. Avoid favouritism, remain transparent in all dealings, and maintain proper boundaries in relationships. Above all, let prayer and personal holiness guide your ministry, for a priest rooted in Christ inspires the flock to grow in faith and unity. Remember, leadership is not control; it is service. God bless you in your sacred mission.

Priestly ordination anniversary of Fr. Arun Korlakanti on 24th of May. (Ordained on 24th May 2018)

Congratulations

Kerang's collection for 17th May \$749.40



Rosters and Events			
10.30am PYRAMID HILL This Week 24 th May 2026 100 year Birthday Pentecost Sunday, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 30 th May 2026 Most Holy Trinity, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	TBN	Commentator/POF:	MaryAnne Domingo
Reader:	TBN	Reader:	Anne Grogan
Gifts:	TBN	Gifts:	S & S Magno
Eucharistic Minister:	TBN	Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 24 th May 2026 Pentecost Sunday, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 31 st May 2026 Most Holy Trinity, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Ann-Marie Link	Commentator/POF:	Shaanie Webb
Reader:	Peter Doyle	Reader:	Marita Hancock
Gifts:	Liz Keely	Gifts:	Irene Trezise
Eucharistic Minister:	Bernadette Carter	Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Distefano
Altar Clean Up:	Irene Trezise	Altar Clean Up:	Liz Keely
6.00pm KERANG This Week 23 rd May 2026 Pentecost Sunday, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 31 st May 2026 Most Holy Trinity, Year A	
Welcomers:	L Bland & M Lewis	Welcomers:	D Schmidt & N Webb
Commentator/POF:	K Laughlin	Commentator/POF:	C Scriven
Readers:	R Kelly	Readers:	L Wilson
Gifts:	C Scriven & M Johnson	Gifts:	L Bland & J Tuohey
Eucharistic Minister:	J Hirst & F Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	M Cummins & E Bortolotto
Sick & Housebound:	A Makeham & D Frantz (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	W Hall & G Prendergast (NH)
Power Point:	G Prendergast	Power Point:	K Laughlin
Musicians:	Mike, Tony and Maureen	Musicians:	Alicia, Tony & Men’s Group
Setting up the Altar:	Mardi	Setting up the Altar:	Anne
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., Pyramid Hill Margaret, Phil S., Terry W. Cohuna Clare & Magie, Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts, Brian McLoughlan and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital.			
Recently Deceased:			
Death Anniversaries:			
Kerang: Eileen Doyle, Peter Hanley, Lisa O’Neil, Margaret Thamm.			
Pyramid Hill: Kevin Dee, Margaret Ervin, Stephan Maher, Marian Byrne, Peter Sebire, Cath Naughton, Jack Niemann, Nellie Guthrie, John Ervin, Ron Gibson.			
Cohuna: Eileen Doyle, Bryce Ibbs.			
Next Weeks Mass Times 25 th to the 31 st May 2026			
Tuesday 26th:	6.00pm Children’s First Reconciliation, all welcome Kerang		
Wednesday 27th:	6.00pm Pyramid Hill	Thursday 28th:	9.00am Mass Cohuna
Friday 29th:	9.15am Mass Kerang		
Saturday 30th:	10.30am Kerang		
Sunday 31st:	8.30am Mass 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 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34.

**(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,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven:
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Next week: The Most Holy Trinity, Year A
30th & 31st May, 2026**

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18