



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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The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

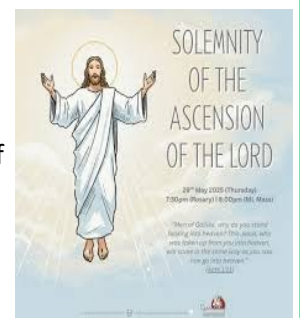
16th & 17th May 2026

Looking at the Readings

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally.

The message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost. © Greg Sunter



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 7th Week of Easter, Year IT) (Psalter Week 2)

Monday 18th (W) Pope St John I Acts 19:1-8/ Ps 68:2-7/ Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 19th (W) Pope St Peter Celestine V Acts 20:17-27/ Ps 68:10-11,20-21/ In 17:1-11

Wednesday 20th (W) St Bernardine of Siena Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30,33-36/ Jn 17:11-19

Thursday 21st (W) St Christopher Magallanes Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/ Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11/ In 17:20-26

Friday 22nd (W) St Rita of Cascia, Acts 25:13-21/ Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20/ Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 23rd (W) St John Baptist de Rossi Acts 28:16-20,30-31/ Ps 11:4-5,7/ Jn 21:20-25

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 SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

1420 Through the sacraments of Christian initiation, man receives the new life of Christ. Now we carry this life "in earthen vessels," and it remains "hidden with Christ in God." We are still in our "earthly tent," subject to suffering, illness, and death. This new life as a child of God can be weakened and even lost by sin.

1421 The Lord Jesus Christ, physician of our souls and bodies, who forgave the sins of the paralytic and restored him to bodily health, has willed that his Church continue, in the power of the Holy Spirit, his work of healing and salvation, even among her own members. This is the purpose of the two sacraments of healing: the sacrament of Penance and the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

On the weekend of this celebration Kerang will have a Saturday night Mass at 6.00pm. Cohuna's Mass time will be Sunday 8.30am as usual.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

*100th Birthday of
St. Patrick's Church*

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SUNDAY **24** AT 10:30 AM

2026

10:30 AM HOLY EUCHARIST
St. Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill
followed by a
SHARED LUNCH
St. Patrick's School, Pyramid Hill

✓ *Bring a plate to share.*
✓ *For enquiries contact Rachel Cain*

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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: 5.30pm Baptist Church

Tuesday 19th May: 9.30am Northaven
5.30pm Catholic Church (Plate)

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

Feast days often have specific foods: Turkey at Christmas, Hot Cross Buns on Good Friday, Shepherd's Pie on St Patrick's Day. What about Ascension Day? It was a widespread custom in many parts of Europe during the Middle Ages to eat fowl because Christ "flew" to Heaven. Pigeons, pheasants, partridges, graced the dinner tables.

Kerang's collection for 10th May \$899.40

Rosters and Events	
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 16th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord, Year A	10.30am PYRAMID HILL Next Week 24th May 2026 Pentecost Sunday, Year A
Commentator/POF: Marilyn Fernandez Reader: Jeff Pacala Gifts: Bojo Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan	Commentator/POF: Reader: Gifts: Eucharistic Minister:
8.30am COHUNA This Week 17th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 24th May 2026 Pentecost Sunday, Year A
Commentator/POF: Marg Main Reader: Bernadette Carter Gifts: Volunteer Eucharistic Minister: Marg Learmonth Altar Clean Up: Helen Keely	Commentator/POF: Ann-Marie Link Reader: Peter Doyle Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise
10.30am KERANG This Week 17th May 2026 The Ascension of the Lord, Year A	6.00pm KERANG Next Week 23rd May 2026 Pentecost Sunday, Year A
Welcomers: M Dagge & G Mannix Commentator/POF: G Prendergast Readers: M Lewis Gifts: C Fagg & F Kelly Eucharistic Minister: R Kelly & W Hall Sick & Housebound: L Wilson & M Lewis (NH) Power Point: L Bland Musicians: Tony, Val, Marie & Marita Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers: May: P Lloyd & J Mowat Counters May: F Roney & E Bortolotto	Welcomers: L Bland & M Lewis Commentator/POF: K Laughlin Readers: R Kelly Gifts: C Scriven & M Johnson Eucharistic Minister: J Hirst & F Kelly Sick & Housebound: A Makeham & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: G Prendergast Musicians: Mike, Tony and Maureen Setting up the Altar: Mardi Mowers: May: P Lloyd & J Mowat 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: Jim Kett, Val Keane, Bernie Hallinan, Billy Hall, Willow Haskett. Pyramid Hill: Lorraine Hamblin, Catherine Smith, John L'Huiller, Dominic Carroll, Elsie Duffy, Jack Duffy, Edith Stone, Osmond Bassett. Cohuna: Eileen Doyle,	
Next Weeks Mass Times 18th to the 24th May 2026 Wednesday 20th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill Thursday 21st: 9.00am Mass Cohuna Friday 22nd: 9.45am Mass at St Joseph's Grade 3 Kerang Saturday 23rd: 6.00pm Mass in KERANG Sunday 24th: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in PYRAMID HILL	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R.

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

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Second Reading

Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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