



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 Baptism of the Lord, Year A

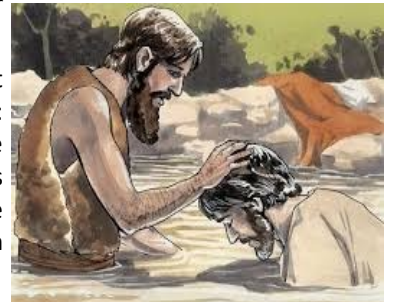
10th & 11th January 2026

Looking at the Readings

Have you noticed that when Jesus Christ does something, it is not for himself but for others? He feeds 5000, not because he is hungry, but the people are, he calms the storm, not because he is afraid but the disciples are, he sits down to meals to converse with the scribes, the pharisees, the tax collectors and sinners. He is baptised by John not for himself, even John recognised that, but for others. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "Jesus loaded the burden of mankind's guilt upon his shoulders: he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan, ... by stepping into the place of sinners" Similarly, Christ died on the cross for others, taking the sins of the world and put them to death. He rose from the dead for us to gain new life.

We may look at Christ's baptism on two levels, the first that he gave example to those on the shore of the Jordan: baptism is a sign of conversion which all must heed and by entering the water he gave water that potency for the sacrament yet to come. On the deeper level he aligned his humanity with our humanity, his divinity as manifested by the coming of the Spirit upon him with the divine life we receive through the coming of the Holy Spirit in our Baptism and Confirmation.

The words of the Lord, through the Prophet Isaiah, enumerates three titles of the Messiah: Servant, Chosen One and Spirit endowed. The words of God heard at Christ's Baptism: 'This is my Son, the Beloved' do overlap and help the hearer accept Christ's standing and servant-son and his mission of bring love to God's people.



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 News

Baptism Registration Form. For all Parishes.

Please SCAN this form to complete Baptism
Registration



New Web Page.

Over the last 12 months we have been working with PACEM to have a new Web Page, and after 8 months of not getting very far Fr Arun has given the OK to do it.

Please use www.kerangcatholicparishes.org as our new web site. You can access Mass times and the latest Bulletins. We are still learning how to navigate so keep checking and let us know what you think or if you have something to add to it.

The old one will work but we will not be updating it with news and the weekly Bulletins.

All parish groups need to get together and take a photo and send it over with a little blurb of what you are doing and what you wish to do and we will include this in the page.

Adoration.

Fr Arun is happy to have Adoration if there are people interested in coming along. Could you please let us know if you are interested, maybe once a month, what suits you best.

Anointing Mass in Kerang will start again on Friday 6th of February at 11.00am. All Welcome.

Ash Wednesday is the 18th of February. Lenten Groups will be starting on Friday the 20th and Tuesday the 24th. Please keep your eyes out for the sheets to put your names on or contact Carmel Flynn 0408 509 891 or Gerardine 0438 061 675 for more information.



Prayer for the Day

This prayer captures the different strands expressed in the three readings of the feast for this year, Cycle A.

God of the covenant, you anointed your beloved Son with the power of the Holy Spirit to be light for the nations and release for captives.

Grant that we who are born again of water and the Spirit may proclaim with our lips the good news of his peace and show forth in our lives the victory of his justice.

Quotable Quote

Christ receives the sacrament of enlightenment, or rather he enlightens us with his brilliance. ... Let us go down into the water with him, so that we may come up with him. *St Gregory of Nazianzus*

On the Lighter Side



A family of three generations were baptised together: grandparents first, parents and finally the children. The three-year-old did not scream or resist, he saw that it was OK and happily followed the older ones.

Liturgical Jottings

Baptismal Font

The Collect of the Second Sunday of Easter has an interesting clause: "that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed" Do we know the place of the font we were baptised? Or more importantly do we understand the importance of going into the water of baptism and then raising out representing dying to sin and raising to new life?

Several baptisms in the Early Church are attested in the Acts of the Apostles. Mostly lacking detail, but we do read of the Ethiopian being baptised in a stream by Philip (Acts 8). Baptisteries were often separate buildings, like the ones in Ravenna, Florence or St Lydia's at Philippi in Greece. Now Baptisteries may be a chapel in a church or a baptismal font at the front door or on the sanctuary. Some are ankle or knee deep for immersion or raised bowl (round or octangular) for water to be poured over the head.

Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 10th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 17th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A
Commentator/POF: Jeff Pacala Reader: Jezelyn Bermosa Gifts: J Bermasa and J Balajadia Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly	Commentator/POF: Anne Grogan Reader: Marilyn Fernandez Gifts: Cauchi Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi
10.30am COHUNA This Week 11th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 18th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A
Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Ileana Dayag Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Betty McLoughlan	Commentator/POF: Brian De Silva Reader: Shaanie Webb Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Donna Egan
9.00am KERANG This Week 11th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 18th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A
Welcomers: D Schmidt & H Olcorn Commentator/POF: C Flynn Reader: M Messer Gifts: A & E Bortolotto Eucharistic Minister: M Kelly & P Hirst Sick & Housebound: D Greenwood & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Alicia, Tony, Val & Marie Setting up the Altar: Mardi Mowers: January: Paul Laughlin Counters: January: A & T Bortolotto	Welcomers: E Bortolotto & F Roney Commentator/POF: F Kelly Reader: K Schlitz Gifts: C Scriven & M Johnson Eucharistic Minister: M Lewis & J Ginnivan Sick & Housebound: M Niall & H Olcorn (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Tops Mowers: January: Paul Laughlin Counters: January: A & T Bortolotto
With St Patrick, St Mary & St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the: Sick: Lui Basile, Faye B., Hank Clare & Magie. 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: Hilary Bates, Keith Millar Death Anniversaries. Kerang: Stephen Shepard, Carmel Quinn, Tyrer Watson-Daniel, Frank Mannix Snr., Fr Peter Quinn, Dot Westland, Gaye Messer, Clare Fogarty, Clare McCurdy, Fr Michael Murphy. Pyramid Hill: Mons John Duffus, Jack Flynn, John Fitzgerald, Justin Martin, Bridget Norman, Bert Wood, Mary Woods, David Ervin, James Sims. Cohuna:	
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 14th January: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill Thursday 15th January: 9.00am Cohuna Friday 15th January: 9.15am Mass Kerang Weekend Masses for the 17th & 18th January 2026 Saturday 17th January: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 18th January: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in Kerang	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading*Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold,
 my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
 I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true
 justice to the nations.
 He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard
 in the streets.
 He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the
 wavering flame.
 Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver,
 nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth,
 for the islands are awaiting his law.
 I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
 I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
 I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of
 the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives
 from prison, and those who live in darkness from the
 dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Responsorial Psalm***Ps 28:1-4. 9-10.***(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
 give the Lord glory and power;
 give the Lord the glory of his name.
 Adore the Lord in his holy court. **(R.)**

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
 the Lord on the immensity of waters;
 the voice of the Lord, full of power,
 the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **(R.)**

3. The God of glory thunders.
 In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
 The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord sits as king for ever. **(R.)**

Next week: 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**17th & 18th January, 2026****1st Reading:** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6**Responsorial Psalm:** 39:2, 4, 7-10**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3**Gospel:** John 1:29-34**Second Reading***Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I
 have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not
 have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who
 fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.
 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it
 was to them that the good news of peace was brought by
 Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must
 have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about
 Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John
 had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with
 the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with
 him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had
 fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation***Mark 9:8***Alleluia, alleluia!**

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was
 heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!**Gospel***Matthew 3:13-17***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by
 John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism
 from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus
 replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that
 we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.'
 At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water,
 and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of
 God descending like a dove and coming down on him.
 A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved;
 my favour rests on him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.