



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 Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

3rd & 4th January 2026

Epiphany Symbols

The Star: Gives light and guidance. Christmas lights remind us of the Light of Christ. The Star on top of the Christmas tree brings God's creation and Christ's salvation into our hearts and minds.

Three Gifts: Gold a gift from a king to the King; Incense is burnt to honour God. The gift of incense is given to honour the divinity of Christ; Myrrh is an ointment for anointing the dead. It reminds us of Christ's humanity and our mortality.

The House: The star stopped over the house where the wise men entered. It was not a stable. Epiphany is a time to bless houses. The house, a family home, is the place of safety, growth and love.



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



Message from Fr Brian Boyle. (It is actually part of his Midnight Mass homily)

Again, this year, 2025, dear friends, we focus on the Christ Child, depicted in this crib in Sacred Heart Cathedral, depicted in many other churches in the same way. We see again the poverty, the obscurity in which this child was born, a fringe dweller greeted by outsiders like shepherds, deliberately identifying with the poor of the world. The child comes again, this year 2025, into a fractured and violent world. Again, with his message of hope, of love, and of healing.

The story of the birth of Jesus is the story that love always wins out, despite evidence to the contrary. That light will ultimately triumph over darkness. God does not give up on us.

Let us return again to the church of Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. Anywhere you stand in Barcelona, you can see the church on the skyline. It's quite an impressive monument; it's a symbol of the constant presence of the divine in this great city of Barcelona, a symbol that God continues to dwell among us as one of us, born again in the Christ Child 2025.

So dear friends, I wish all of you, your families, and your friends, a most blessed and peaceful Christmas 2025. Thank you.

Brian Boyle,
(Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle, Administrator, Diocese of Sandhurst).



Looking at the Readings

The Prophet Isaiah, most quoted in this Advent Christmas season, presents one of the major themes of the Epiphany mystery: Light "Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come." With this light we are able to see around us and see the glory of the Lord.

St Paul, in the second reading, shared another aspect of the mystery: Apostles and pagans now share the same grace and inheritance.

Matthew in the gospel for this feast relies on the Prophet Micah (5:1) who recognised Bethlehem where the shepherd leader will come and on Isaiah that from the East everyone will come bearing gifts of gold and incense (Is 60:6). While the scriptures are fulfilled, the people of the present age come to experience the saving presence of God here and now.

Liturgical Jottings

Epiphany and Ourselves

It is easy to regard the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord as a past event, a cultural festival and as a liturgical presentation. The Feast is rich with symbolism, curious in its origins and its personages and deeply theological in the mysteries of Christmas, Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord.

But where do we fit with it other than in Christmas pageants? We may ask the questions: "What are the Magi (the wise men) to us today? How can we relate to the incarnation of the Lord? What are the demands on us?"

The Magi fulfil the prophecies of Old that all nations will acknowledge the power and reign of God. We are in the mix of the nations and its people to recognise God with us and that he has become flesh and bone like us. The incarnation teaches God lives with us and Christ's divinity teaches us we have that spark of divine life within us. Every Christian is to be a wise person in their time and space. Every Christian is to be a light to the world, and to follow the star and the cross of Christ to eternal life.

Quote of the Saints

It concerns the salvation of all humanity that the Infancy of the Mediator between God and human beings was now being made known to the whole world, even while it was still confined to this meagre little village. He had chosen the nation of Israel and—from that nation—one family, in particular, as the one from which to take up the nature of all humanity. Still, he did not want the beginnings of his appearance to remain hidden within the confines of his mother's house. Instead, he wanted to be acknowledged right away by all, since he had seen fit to be born for all.
Pope St Leo I, sermon 31 on 6 January 441

Prayer for Today

May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, and the fullness of Christ's message live within us.

Cf Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15a,16a



The Lighter Side

As well as a major Feast Day, epiphanies can happen at any time. "I never made any one of my discoveries through the process of rational thinking."

Albert Einstein

Rosters and Events			
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 3 rd Jan. 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 10 th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	MaryAnne Domingo	Commentator/POF:	Jeff Pacala
Reader:	Anne Grogan	Reader:	Jezelyn Bermosa
Gifts:	S & S Magno	Gifts:	J Bermasa and J Balajadia
Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson	Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 4 th Jan. 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A		10.30am COHUNA Next Week 11 th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Marita Hancock	Commentator/POF:	Helen Keely
Reader:	Helen Keely	Reader:	Ileana Dayag
Gifts:	Liz Keely	Gifts:	Irene Trezise
Eucharistic Minister:	Betty McLoughlan	Eucharistic Minister:	Peter Doyle
Altar Clean Up:	Liz Keely	Altar Clean Up:	Betty McLoughlan
10.30am KERANG This Week 4 th Jan. 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A		9.00am KERANG Next Week 11 th Jan. 2026 The Baptism of the Lord, Year A	
Welcomers:	M Dagge & G Mannix	Welcomers:	D Schmidt & H Olcorn
Commentator/POF:	C Scriven	Commentator/POF:	C Flynn
Reader:	W Hall	Reader:	M Messer
Gifts:	C Fagg & F Kelly	Gifts:	A & E Bortolotto
Eucharistic Minister:	W Hall & D Greenwood	Eucharistic Minister:	M Kelly & P Hirst
Sick & Housebound:	A Makeham & K Laughlin (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	D Greenwood & D Frantz (NH)
Power Point:	G Prendergast	Power Point:	M Lewis
Musicians:	Mike, Tony Ladies Group	Musicians:	Alicia, Tony, Val & Marie
Setting up the Altar:	Denise	Setting up the Altar:	Mardi
Mowers: January:	Paul Laughlin	Mowers: January:	Paul Laughlin
Counters: January:	A & T Bortolotto	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: Margaret Dunne Death Anniversaries. Kerang: Jack Kelly, Patricia Linton, Cliff Mowat, Triss McGrath, Monica Shuttleworth, Albert Hawker, Bill Monaghan, Joan Schmidt, Therese Suter, Sr Kathleen Murphy, Matthew Flynn. Pyramid Hill: Steve Tuohey, Mary Rhodes, Edmund Mullane, John Findlay, Jane Ervine, James Exton, Peter Nicholson, Geoffrey Chappell, Margaret Cassidy, Edith Boyd, Julia Woods. Cohuna:			
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 7th January: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill Thursday 8th January: 9.00am Cohuna Friday 9th January: 9.15am Mass Kerang Weekend Masses for the 10th & 11th January 2026 Saturday 10th January: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 11th January: 10.30am Mass in Cohuna 9.00am Mass in Kerang			

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading*Isaiah 60:1-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13*

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R.)**

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. **(R.)**

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**

Next week: Baptism of the Lord Year A**10th & 11th January, 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 28:1-4, 9-10

2nd Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Second Reading*Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 2:2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 2:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.