



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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**4th Sunday of Easter
11th May, 2025 Year C**

Looking at the Readings

The Gospel today is the third “instalment” of the reading on the Good Shepherd. The first two instalments are read on Fourth Sundays of Easter in cycles A & B. Hence this Sunday is called “Good Shepherd Sunday”. In the Sundays of Ordinary Time and major feast days the first reading from the Old Testament relates to the Gospel. In Easter and Lent, not so. There are no readings from the Old Testament during Easter Season, since the first readings are from the Acts of the Apostles that describe the Apostles’ proclamation of the Risen Lord Jesus and the growth of early Christian communities that gather in prayer, celebrate baptisms and the “Lord’ Supper” and minister in charity to one another.

The image, however, of the Good Shepherd developed by Christ in John’s Gospel has several Old Testament precedents. Jeremiah 23:1-6 (read on 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle C on 20 July 2025), Ezekiel 34:11-6 (read on the feast of the Sacred Heart this year and on the feast of Christ the King next year.). On each of these days the reading is followed by Psalm 22(23), the Lord is my Shepherd. The Psalm Response today is “We are his people, the sheep of his flock.” (Ps 99:3)

This Psalm relates to the Gospel which, this year focuses on the people. The people listen to his voice, receive life and unity and enjoy the sense of belonging to God. His Son leads them. In a nutshell the Good Shepherd gives life to his 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 done 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

Did You Remember?

The Second Reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:9,14-17 is very much the same as the First Reading on the Feast of All Saints (Friday 1 Nov 2024 - Apoc 7:2-4, 9-14) except today verse 17 is included: "Because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water." The scene described in John's vision is portrayed in a complex 15th-century polptych altarpiece in St Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium.

Prayer for the week

God, the true Shepherd, thank you for your care and protection. Today, I will do what I can to help your work. Make me aware of the people in my life who are weak, injured, straying, or lost. With your help, I will do what I can to strengthen them, heal them, and bring them back to you. Perhaps, I too can be more like a shepherd, than like a sheep that merely follows the crowd or gets lost. (source: Catholic Youth Bible, appropriate for Vocations Sunday)

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Registration



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On the Lighter Side

"It is the duty of a good shepherd to shear his sheep, not to skin them." Tiberius"

To the Parishioners of St. Patrick's Kerang,

Thank you for your very generous donation of \$657.80 collected during Lent. We appreciate your continued support!

Maria Lewis



Mass Offerings 3

In the Mass the Body of Christ, the entire Church, is offered to the Holy Trinity. With Christ, the Church is offered whole and entire. It unites itself to his intercession with the Father for all" (CCC §1368).

If we are to actually participate in this sacrificial action of the Church, the 'entire Christ' – Head and Body – then, we have also to offer our hearts, our very lives to God. This interior participation in the Eucharist is vital, and it is the essence of the 'active participation' called for by Vatican II. Therefore, "Christians, in all their actions, are called to offer true worship to God. The Eucharist, since it embraces our everyday existence makes possible, day by day, the progressive transfiguration of all those called by grace to reflect the image of the Son of God" (*Sacramentum Caritatis*, §71).

Men's Breakfast Kerang



Saturday 24th
May 2025



8:00am



Kerang Uniting
Church Hall



Guest Speaker
confirmed



Donation to
cover costs



March 2025 marked the centenary of the **Young Christian Workers** founded in Belgium by Cardinal Joseph-Leon Cardijn.

A small group of former YCW members, Monsignor Frank Marriott, Tricia Blanks and Margaret Watson, invite you to remember your time in the YCW.

You are invited to Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 13th July, at 11.00am, celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Monsignor Frank Marriott, followed by lunch at the Golden Square Hotel.

Please see flyers at the church door for further information, with RSVP details.

GOLDEN JUBILEE:

Fr Michael Morley's 50 years of priestly ministry in our Diocese is on Friday 23rd May. The parish are celebrating this occasion at Mass on Sunday 25th May at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church, Yarrowonga and invite parishioners throughout the Diocese to join us.

This will be followed by a luncheon in the Endeavour room at Club Mulwala. Meals and Drinks at Club prices.

We would appreciate anyone wishing to attend to reply by Wednesday 21st May by contacting Debbie Friedlieb on 0421 520954 or by email debfriedlieb@gmail.com

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Rosters and Events		
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 10th May 2025 4th Sunday of Easter Year C		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 17th May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter Year C
POF: Jezelyn Bermosa Reader: Colleen Hampson Gifts: Cain Family Eucharistic Minister: C Hampson		POF: Richard Fernandez Reader: Kate Wood Gifts: Domilgo Family Eucharistic Minister: C Cauchi
10.30am COHUNA This Week 11th May 2025 4th Sunday of Easter Year C		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 18th May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter Year C
Commentator/POF: Brian D'Silva Reader: Peter Doyle Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight		Commentator/POF: Pam Carmody Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Betty McLoughlan Altar Clean Up: Marg Main
9.00am KERANG This Week 11th May 2025 4th Sunday of Easter Year		10.30am KERANG Next Week 18th May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter Year C
Welcomers: M Dagge & G Mannix Commentator/POF: C Flynn Reader: R Kelly Gifts: A Makeham & J Tuohey Eucharistic Minister: P Hirst & R Kelly Sick & Housebound: J Hirst & M Lewis (NH) Power Point: L Bland Musicians: Tony, Hank, Val & Marie Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers: May Chris Liz Counters: May P & K Laughlin		Welcomers: D Schmidt & H Olcorn Commentator/POF: F Kelly Reader: T Tasca Gifts: J & A Ginnivan Eucharistic Minister: J Ginnivan & M Lewis Sick & Housebound: A Kelly & K Laughlin (NH) Power Point: G Prendergast Musicians: Alicia, Tony, Hank & Maureen Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: May Chris Liz Counters: May P & K Laughlin
With St Patrick, St Mary & St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the: Recently Deceased: Margy Mowat, Maria Magdelene Bich Van Sick: Lui Basile, Faye B. Jo Richardson Clare & Magie. Margaret, Phil S. Terry W. and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital. Death Anniversaries. Kerang: Peter Wilson, Dorothy Kelly, Glenys Evans, Leo Cassidy, Wendy Thornely, Geoff Wishart, Patricia Hubble, Chas Shirley, Gillian Hastie, Jim Kett. Pyramid Hill: John Merrigan, James O'Neill, Mary Carmody, John Doyle, Alexander McCrae, John Sykes, Terry McManus, Fr Basile Thomas, David Larkins, Esme Leach, John Kelly Jnr, Stephanie Borg.		
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 14th May: 6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill Thursday 15th May: 9.00am Mass Cohuna Friday 16th May: 9.15am Mass Kerang Year 4/5 and Year 1 Weekend Masses for the 17th & 18th of May: Saturday 17th May: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 18th May: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in Kerang Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Kerang: Fr. Minh will be available on Friday before or after Mass and during the day or Saturday morning.	Cohuna: Fr. Minh will be available on Thursday each week after morning Mass and during the day.	Pyramid Hill: Fr. Minh will be available on Wednesday and also Saturday evening either before or after 6.30pm Mass
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Opening Prayer/Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. For ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:1-3. 5

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.' elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 10:27-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Next Weeks Readings 11th May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter Year C

1st Reading: Acts 14: 21-27

Psalm: 144:8-13

2nd Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

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