



Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill CATHOLIC PARISHES

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Vision-Mission: A Vibrant Catholic Community, guided by the Holy Spirit Strengthened through the Eucharist, developing our strong and caring foundation.

As you take your next step, remember our past and present ancestors.

The Ascension of the Lord 21st May, 2023 Year A.

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Focus the Readings

The first and second readings and the responsorial psalm of the feast of the Ascension of the Lord are the same each year. The new lectionary provides an alternative second reading. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives the historical account of the Ascension, the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians gives a theological insight into the mystery of Christ's Ascension. The Matthean account (this year, cycle A) presents the final dialogue with the Apostles. Christ gives them instructions and farewell reassurance. There is no mention of the Ascension. The gospels according to Mark and Luke do and the Gospel of John does not mention the Ascension.

Within Luke's account (Acts 1:1-11) distinct features are included about the Ascension: the Lord instructs them to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit and be witnesses to the reign of God. Christ's ministry began in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41) and ends there (Luke 24:47,53, Acts 1:4) but the Apostles, beginning in Jerusalem are to go out to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

St Paul's words to the Ephesians are full of encouragement for them and enthusiasm for the glory and power of the risen and ascended Lord. What Christ Jesus has achieved we have the hope to share now and at the fullness of time. This hope must impel us be witnesses to his peace and forgiveness. Come, Lord Jesus!

On the Lighter Side: A drill instructor yells, "Forward, march!" The entire ranks begin to move, except one recruit. So the drill instructor yells in his ear, "Is this thing working?" "Sir, yes, sir!" "Then why didn't you march when I gave the order?" "Sir, I didn't hear you call my name." The great commission given by Jesus at his Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone's name on it. He says, "Go! Make disciples! Teach!" It is your mission and my mission.

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:

Kerang: Kyra Laughlin. Cohuna: Peter Doyle Pyramid Hill: Anne Grogan

They can be contacted through the Presbytery Office:

Telephone (03)5452 1041 and look for the Child Safety Officers.

Let us also pray for Catholic Parishes of Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill:

St Patrick's Parish (90 Nolan St, Kerang)
St Mary's Parish (King George St, Cohuna)
St Patrick's Parish (5 Victoria St., Pyramid Hill)
St Joseph's Church (19 Chapel St., Serpentine)



Children's Corner

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.

Liturgical Jottings *Ascension Communicantes*

Eucharistic Prayer I (the Roman Canon) has special insertions for the major solemnities. Called “Proper Forms of the *Communicantes*” the prayer within the Eucharistic prayer which begins with: “In communion with those whose memory we venerate” has a variation for the Feast of the Ascension.

“Celebrating the most sacred day on which your Only Begotten Son, our Lord, placed at the right hand of your glory our weak human nature, which he had united to himself, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, ...”

The prayer is addressed to the Father, calls to mind the mystery of Christ’s incarnation, unity with humanity, ascension into heaven and his glorious reign within the Godhead.

There is also a proper form of the *Communicantes* for the feast of Pentecost when using the Roman Canon. These insertions are not in the other Eucharistic Prayers.

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Pope Francis’ words on the Ascension

Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus’ absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. ... We are never alone: the Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God’s love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us. Many thanks. General Audience 17 April 2013.

P.P.C. News and Parish Matters Kerang



There will be a second collection in all 3 Churches this weekend to support Laudato Si’

Independent Living Home:

St Patrick’s, Kerang have one 2 bedroom Unit available to lease, if you are interested please contact Dennis Greenwood 0439 503 723 or Fr Dean at the Presbytery 5452 1041 or Sue Poole 5452 2976

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

A light Supper will be provided each night.

Monday 22nd May “Uniting Church 7.00pm
Tuesday 23rd May “Eternity Centre” 7.00pm
Wednesday 24th May “Baptist Church” 7.00pm
Thursday 25th May “Anglican Church” 7.00pm
Friday 26th May “Catholic Church” 7.00pm

This Week 21st May, 2023 10.30am

Welcomers: D Schmidt & J Flynn
Com./POF: L Wilson
Reader: W Hall
Gifts: A & E Bortolotto
Ministers: F Kelly & AKelly
Sick/Elderly: M Messer & K Laughlin (NH)
Musicians: Hank, Tony, Val & Marie
Power Point: A Jenkins

Next Week 28th May, 2023 10.30am

Welcomers: J Tuohey & E Lane
Com./POF: S Poole
Reader: M Mowat
Gifts: A Makeham & A Baulch
Ministers: C Scriven & A Jenkins
Sick/Elderly: L Bland & M Lewis (NH)
Musicians: Mike, Hank, Tony, Maureen
Power Point: R Kelly

Mowers for May: Paul, Frank, Denber **Counters for May:** F Roney & E Bortolotto

P.P.C. News and Parish Matters Pyramid Hill

- Every 4th SUNDAY of the month – we have our Second Collection

Direct Debit Bank details: St Patrick’s Catholic Parish. BSB: 633000 Account: 169340536

If you have any News or Parish Matters please let Marianne know by Wednesday @ stpatker@bigpond.com. Thank you.

This Week 20 th May, 2023 6.00pm	Next Week 27 th May, 2023 6.00pm
Com./ POF: Ilena Dayag Reader: Jess Bojo Gifts: Mateo Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson	Com./ POF: Rose Pavo Reader: Jeff Pacala Gifts: S & S Magno Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi
May: Altar Cleaner: Bojo Family	Church Cleaner: Bonifacio Magan
MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND 20 th & 21 st May, 2023	<p>With St Patrick, St Mary & St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the:</p> <p>Recently Deceased: Luciano Sgarbossa</p> <p>Sick, those in the Hospitals and the elderly and the Residents in the Nursing Homes and Retirement Villages in our district.</p> <p>Death Anniversaries:</p> <p><i>Kerang:</i> Tina Davidson, Tim Devine, Willow Haskett, Wayne Cameron, Eileen Doyle, Betty Barnes, Irene Hamilton, Thomas Craig, Tess Wurf, Margaret Thamm, Norman McConnell, Francis Craig, June Bowden.</p> <p><i>Pyramid Hill:</i> Jack Duffy, Edith Stone, Osmond Bassett, Kevin Dee, Margaret Ervin, Stephen Maher, Marian Byrne, Peter Sebire, Craig Naughton, Jack Niemann, Nellie Guthrie.</p> <p>New envelopes are being prepared so if you wish to change to Direct Deposits please let Marianne know so we wont print your envelope, and you will have a new number.</p> <p>Kerang bank details are BSB 083543 Acc. No. 457423724</p>
<p>Laudato Si' Weekend</p> <p>Saturday 20th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill</p> <p>Sunday 21st: 8.30am Cohuna 10.30am Kerang</p>	
<p>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Starting 23rd May, 2023</p>	
<p>Wednesday 24th: 9.15am Kerang 12.30pm St Mary's School Mass</p> <p>Friday 26th: 10.15am St Joseph's School Class Room Mass</p>	
<p>MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND 27th & 28th May, 2023</p>	
<p>Pentecost Weekend</p> <p>Saturday: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill</p> <p>Sunday: 8.30am Cohuna 10.30am Kerang</p> <p>1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AN ANOINTING MASS WILL BE HELD AT 11:00AM IN KERANG.</p> <p>EVERY 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:</p> <p>COHUNA 10.30AM MASS KERANG 9.00AM MASS</p>	

FIRST READING

Acts 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.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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

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

- 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.)**
- 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.)**
- 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.)**

SECOND READING

Eph 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.

■ This is the word of the Lord.**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**

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