

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.



PRAYER FOR PARISH RENEWAL

Heavenly Father,
we gather as a parish community,
seeking renewal and transformation.

Guide us with
your wisdom and grace,
as we journey together in faith.

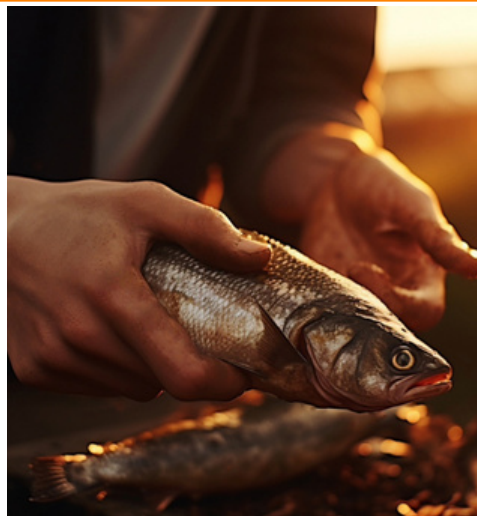
Renew our hearts, fill us with love,
compassion, and hope.
Inspire us to be instruments
of your peace, and lights
that shine in the darkness.

Grant us the wisdom and
discernment,
as we walk this path of renewal.
Bless each parishioner
with a willing spirit,
to serve and build
a vibrant parish family.

May our parish
be a place of love and unity,
Where your presence is felt,
and your Word is lived.
We ask this, through Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God –
pray for us
St. Joseph, pray for us.
St. Patrick, pray for us.
St. Mary Mackillop,
pray for us.

This prayer is officially approved by
Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay, DD,
Bishop of the Diocese of Sandhurst



"Have you anything
here to eat?"

Luke 24:36

LORD, WE TOUCH YOU TODAY!

In this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to meet the Risen Christ. He sets the hearts of his disciples at peace and opens their minds to understand the message of the Scriptures concerning his destiny of pain and glory. The Risen Lord continues to touch us and our lives as he did to his disciples after the resurrection. But the invitation to touch him and see his wounds and for us to recognise fully who he is for us came from him first.

Only in the Risen Christ can we make sense and oppose the many forms of death that threaten our existence. In this Eucharist, let us pray with all earnestness: "Lord, we touch you today."

Fr. Novilito Lim

Administrator
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CHILD SAFETY OFFICERS

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

PARISH OFFICE WEDNESDAY

(9.00am - 5.00pm)

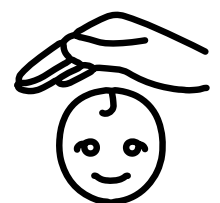
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We are a child safe parish. Any children young persons and vulnerable adults have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child Safety Officers at (03) 54521041



FIRST READING*Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15. 17-19***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles***You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7***(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

SECOND READING*1 John 2:1-5***A reading from the first letter of St John***Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours,
but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar,

refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said,
God's love comes to perfection in him.

The Word of the Lord.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:

make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL*Luke 24:35-48***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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GOSPEL FOCUS

PEACE BE WITH YOU

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, 'Peace be with you!' His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, 'Peace be with you!' recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the disciples 'where they are' - he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too!

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

POST-RESURRECTION ACCOUNTS

All four gospels include post-resurrection appearances of the risen Jesus. The gospel of Mark - historically, the first written - gives the briefest account of the resurrection discovery and it is only in a later addition to the gospel that a post-resurrection account appears. However, by the time the gospel of John was written, some 20-30 years later, the theological importance of the resurrection had gained more significance as it became more obvious that Jesus' return to the world was not going to happen within the foreseeable future. The gospel of John devotes two whole chapters to the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT?

IS 'LITERAL' WRONG?

Is there really something intrinsically wrong about a literal interpretation of scripture? Not at all! It is indeed an essential tool of any scriptural interpretation. It is of course important that we first and foremost understand the text as it is written - we have to have a literal understanding of the words that are used and what they mean. The problem arises when this is as far as we go. If we stop at this stage then we are shutting ourselves off from the richness of the scriptures. If we fail to dig below the surface then we are denying ourselves the opportunity of scrutinising our lives in the light of the scripture.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



Why did Jesus choose to cook fish after His resurrection?

Because He wanted to make sure His disciples knew He wasn't just a fishy tale!



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Greg Sunter

This week we again see something of the quirky nature of the selection of readings for the Sunday lectionary. This passage from the gospel of Luke immediately follows the magnificent story of the road to Emmaus and the risen Jesus' appearance to two disciples. Rather than hearing that story we have this account that follows; an account that is very similar to the passage of last week in which Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples and dispelled the doubts of Thomas. This week's reading is almost identical except that it does not place the blame of doubt on just one single disciple. Why select this reading as opposed to the Emmaus story? Perhaps the decision focused on the fact that this passage shows the risen Jesus appearing to all of the disciples and not just two.

However, what this account gives us that last week's account from the gospel of John did not, is a powerful message about understanding scripture. In the final verses of the passage, Jesus reveals to the disciples that his presence with them is what he'd been talking about when he'd spoken about the fulfilment of the scriptures. And then, 'He opened their minds to understand the scriptures.' This is an important gospel indication that the scriptures are to be read for understanding and for meaning. It is an imperative that we delve into the scriptures and look for meaning rather than a surface, literal interpretation that is prominent in much of society today. When we only read the scriptures 'literally' i.e. accepting the exact wording as literally true, we deny the depth and breadth of the scriptural messages that are conveyed through image, metaphor, irony and other forms of figurative speech as well as ignoring the rich contextual information that is often hidden within and behind the text. Jesus' enlightenment of the disciples makes plain the importance of 'understanding' scripture not just blindly accepting it.

QUESTIONS FOR ADOLESCENTS

- Q. Why were the disciples so reluctant to believe that Jesus had risen?
- Q. How does the gospel writer emphasise the 'physical' nature of Jesus' resurrection?
- Q. Why is it important to 'understand' the scriptures, not just literally?
- Q. In what ways is a literal interpretation of scripture attractive for some people?

QUESTIONS FOR ADULTS

- Q. What elements of this passage do you find surprising, challenging or comforting?
- Q. What message do you take from Jesus' words, 'Peace be with you!'?
- Q. Why do you think the gospel writer emphasises the 'physical' nature of Jesus' resurrection?
- Q. Where do you see a 'literal' interpretation of scripture being applied today?
- Q. Why is a deeper 'understanding' of scripture important?

Greg Sunter has worked in Catholic Education (Brisbane) for many years, most recently as a member of the Religious Education team and Mission and Formation team. He has extensive experience of praying with young people and forming others to lead prayer with young people. He is the author of books on adolescent faith, is a regular speaker at youth and evangelisation conferences, and is a retreat and reflection facilitator and presenter. His areas of interest include religious education, theology, scripture, spirituality, Catholic ethos, prayer, and ministry with young people.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH - KERANG

90 Nolan Street, Kerang, Victoria, 3579

This WEEK 14th April 2024

Welcomers: **J Roberts & M Mowat**
Comm/POF: **L Bland**
Reader/other: **K Laughlin**
Gifts: **C Scriven & M Johnson**
Ministers: **K Laughlin & C Scriven**
Sick/Elderly: **A Makeham & H Olcorn (NH)**
Power Point: **A Kelly**
Musician: **Alicia, Hank, Tony, Val & Marie**

Next WEEK 21st April 2024

Welcomers: **L Bland & M Lewis**
Comm/POF: **A Kelly**
Reader: **K Schlitz**
Gifts: **A Makeham & A Baulch**
Ministers: **A Kelly & R Kelly**
Sick/Elderly: **W Hall & H Frantz (NH)**
Power Point: **A Jenkins**
Musician: **Alicia, Hank, Tony, Ladies Choir**

Mowers for April: **Aaron, Chris & Liz**

Counters for April: **E Phillips & M Messer**

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

- Bernadette is home!!!
- Lui Basile

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Alan O'Brien, Maureen Murphy,
Carmel Schroeder, Vern Kelly,
Peter McDonald, 'Sid' Greenwood,
Rita Smith, Jeffery Battye,
James Johnston, Sr. Agnes Canning
Tina Robertson, Kathleen Troy

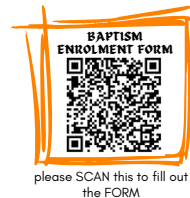
MASS SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

14-20 Apr 2024

* SUNDAY *	* Mass *	* 9.00am *
* TUESDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *
* WEDNESDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *
* THURSDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *
* FRIDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *

MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

* SUNDAY *	* 21 April 2024 *	* 10.30am *
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ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - KERANG

Principal: Mr. Chris Mitchell
ph: (03) 5452 1426

St Joseph's School is open to all who seek a Catholic Education for their children and who are willing to support the values and purposes of Catholic Education.

The school conducts events such as 'Come & See St Joseph's' in Term 2 and 'Flying into Foundation' in Term 3 each year and families are always welcome to book a school tour with the principal at anytime.

Enrolment enquiries are welcome and interested families are asked to contact the school office on (03)54521426 or admin@sjkerang.catholic.edu.au



ST. MARY'S PARISH - COHUNA

93-95 King George Street, Cohuna, Victoria, 3568

This Week 14th April 2024

Comm/POF **Betty McLoughlan**
Reader **Marg Main**
Gifts **Irene Trezie**
Euch Minister: **Jarrold Mullavey**
Altar Clean Up **Donna Egan**

MASS SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

14-21 Apr 2024

* SUNDAY *	* Mass *	* 10.30am *
* TUESDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *
* THURSDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *
* FRIDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *
* SATURDAY *	* NO MASS *	* * *

Next WEEK 21th April 2024

Comm/POF **Jarrold Mullavey**
Reader **Tiffany Calamcam**
Gifts **Brian D'Silva**
Euch Minister: **Bernadette Carter**
Altar Clean Up **Mary Wight**

MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

* SUNDAY *	* 21 April 2024 *	* 8.30am *
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RECENTLY DECEASED

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

- Bill Pyland

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

- Elderly and Residents of Cohuna Nursing Home and Retirement Village and patients in Cohuna Hospital

- If you wish for a loved one to be prayed for please let me know and I can start a diary with all the names in it. Just need Month, Date and Name.

SCHOOL



ST. MARY'S COHUNA

Principal: Mr. Jarrold Mullavey

Phone: (03) 5456 2062



ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL-COHUNA

Principal: Mr. Jarrold Mullavey
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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH - PYRAMID HILL

5 Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill, Victoria, 3575

ROSTERS

This WEEK 13th April 2024

Comm/POF	Vincent Bartels
Reader	Colleen Hampson
Gifts	Matea Family
Each Minister:	Carmen Cauchi

MASS SCHEDULES THIS WEEK

13-20 April 2024

* SATURDAY * * Mass * * 06.30pm *

Next WEEK 20th April 2024

Comm/POF	Ray Lhord Ocampo
Reader	Allarah Ceballos
Gifts	S & S Magno
Each Minister	Colleen Hampson

MASS SCHEDULE NEXT WEEK

* SATURDAY * * Mass * * 06.30pm *



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RECENTLY DECEASED

DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Edmund Walls, Fredrick Moss, Kathleen Worsnop, John Brasier, Joseph Mathers, Andrew Ryan, Noreen Carlos, Harry Austin

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

- Margaret, Phil S.
- Terry W.
- P. Ocampo
- all the sick members of the community

WE JOYFULLY WELCOME THE NEW MEMBER(S) INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST!

SCHOOL

At St. Patrick's, we love being part of the Pyramid Hill Parish and wider community. We provide a contemporary curriculum that develops the intellect, imagination, spirituality, social skills, wellbeing and physical growth of each learner, in the context of the Catholic faith tradition. Our school is currently taking enrolments and enquiries from interested families are welcome at any time. Please contact the school via email at principal@sppyramidhill.catholic.edu.au or by phone on 54557220 to arrange a visit or a brochure.



ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL-PYRAMID HILL

Principal: Mr. John O'Connor
ph: (03) 5455 7220



Dear Parishioners of Kerang, Cohuna, and Pyramid Hill,

Peace! How are you all? I want to extend my sincerest apologies for my absence among you in recent days. However, please understand that this decision was made with the utmost consideration for our collective well-being.

Since April 2nd, I have been participating in a week-long seminar aimed at personal and professional development. This seminar has provided me with a valuable opportunity to undergo psychological testing, allowing me to gain insights into my personality traits, strengths, and areas for improvement. Through a series of talks and individual sessions, I have been exploring how I handle stress and pressure, and how I can better serve you, my dear parishioners, based on these insights.

I am joined in this endeavor by fellow priests on sabbatical leave from different dioceses across the Philippines. The seminar has been both refreshing and encouraging, and I am confident that the lessons learned here will enhance my ministry and allow me to better serve our community.

While physically separated from you, please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I miss our time together dearly, especially the camaraderie we share. Rest assured, I am committed to returning to you as a better person and a more effective minister.

As the seminar draws to a close this Friday, I will be taking some additional time to visit my grandmother, who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on April 17th. Family holds a special place in my heart, and I cherish the opportunity to be with her on this joyous occasion.

I will continue to keep you updated on my progress and eagerly anticipate our reunion. Please keep me in your prayers as I embark on this journey of growth and renewal.

In the love of Christ and Mary,

Dean

OUR LADY OF SORROW PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

26 October - 07 November 2024

DAY 1 DEPARTURE

26

DEPARTS MELBOURNE

DAY 2 PARIS ARRIVAL

27

ARRIVES IN PARIS

Welcome to Paris. One group arrival transfer included from Paris international airport. An orientation tour before heading to the hotel. (depending on flight arrival times).
Meal(s): Dinner.

DAY 3 PARIS SIGHTSEEING

28

CROWN OF THORNS GAZING

Enjoy an easy and relaxed morning at your leisure. This afternoon we put the joy in joie de vivre when you embark on a panoramic city tour. Delve into the highlights of Paris with a local guide. Your sightseeing will take you past the Champs-Élysées, the Arc de Triomphe and the 'Iron Lady' herself, the Eiffel Tower and a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral to see the crown of thorns brought from the Holy Land believed to be the Crown of Thorns Jesus worn during his crucifixion. Finish your sightseeing with a one-hour Seine River cruise.
Meal(s): Breakfast, Dinner.
Hotel(s): Paris Hotel

DAY 4 PARIS TO LOURDES

29

LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS. You are transferred to the station where you board your TGV train to Lourdes. On arrival embark on a walking tour with your Travel Director to gain a real sense of the devotion that pilgrims over the centuries have felt for this place. **This evening presents an opportunity to join a procession, a truly magical and moving experience.** MEAL (S): (B,D)

DAY 5 LOURDES

30

ENCOUNTER MARY IN PERSONAL WAY: Today is a day at your leisure to explore Lourdes as you wish. Note: No coaching services available today.
Meal(s): B,D

DAY 6 LOURDES - SPAIN

31

SANTANDER

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: Today travel to **Santo Toribio De Liebana Monastery, Spain** - to venerate the "Holy Cross" reflecting on Mary at the foot of the Cross.
Meal(s): B,D

DAY 7 SANTANDER - AVILA

1

VISIT THE RELICS OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA

Continue our journey to Avila. Avila, the perfectly preserved eleventh-century walls surrounding the old town and the mystic writer Santa Teresa, who was born here and whose shrines are a must-see for all Catholic pilgrims! Meal(s): B,D

DAY 8 AVILA - SALAMANCA

2

Next stop is Salamanca. On arrival walk the streets of one of the oldest Universities in Europe, the University of Salamanca, built in 1218.
Meal(s): B,D

DAY 9 FATIMA

3

EXPERIENCE THE PRESENCE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Today is dedicated to Fatima. Follow the road taken by pilgrims over the last 100 years to the Shrine at Fátima, site of a celebrated religious miracle.
Meal(s): B,D.

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per person as per itinerary**

IT INCLUDES MEAL, ** AIRFARE AND HOTEL ACCOMODATION

DAY 10 FATIMA - SANTAREM- LISBON

4

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF SANTAREM

After a moving experience in Fatima, stop in **Santarem**. The town is hosting one of the most visited Eucharistic Miracle Shrines in Europe! Visit the "The Miracle Church", Church of Saint Stephen for a mass
Meal(s): B,D.

DAY 11 LISBON TO ROME

5

This morning the group will be transferred to Lisbon airport for our onward flight to Rome. On arrival in Rome, the group will be transferred to the hotel.
Meal(s): B,D.

DAY 12 ROME

6

ST. PETER'S BASILICA AND THE PIETA

A highlight today with a visit to Vatican City with a Local Expert. The dome of St. Peter's Basilica looms over the expansive St. Peter's Square - the impressive backdrop for time spent learning about the world's smallest country. Entrance to the Vatican Museum and Sistine chapel is included, to see Michelangelo's mournful Pietà up close.
Meal(s): B,D.

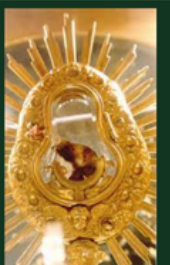
DAY 13 DEPARTURE

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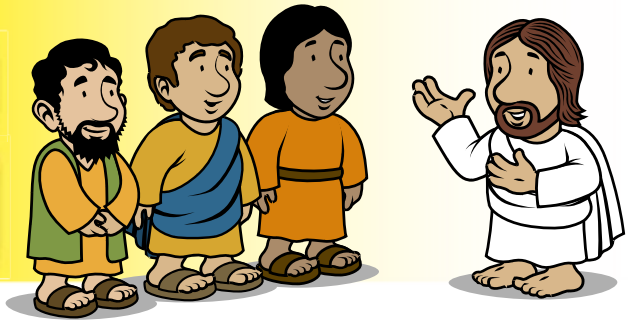
Farewell Rome today and the end of our Spiritual Journey. (B)



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Jesus rose from the dead



3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B

When Jesus appeared to his disciples he was not a ghost, but truly alive! How did Jesus help the disciples believe that he had risen from the dead? Write or draw your answer.



Jesus asked that the Good News be spread from Jerusalem to every nation. Unscramble the following words about the Good News.

esJus vases = _ _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _

elvo = _ _ _ e

doGo sewN = _ _ _ _ _ w _

gvforie niss = f _ _ _ _ _ n _

reefdom = _ r _ _ _ o _

naltree fl ei = e _ _ _ _ a _ _ _ f _ =

gealhin h _ _ _ _ _

There is something that Jesus asks us to do for him. To find out what that is, colour all the shapes that contain a dot the same colour. Colour the remaining shapes using different colours.

