



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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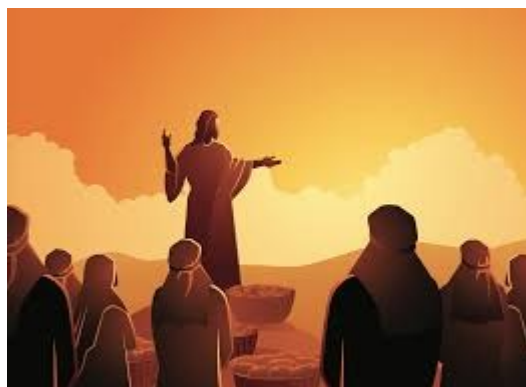
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**5th Sunday of Easter
18th May, 2025 Year C**

Looking at the Readings

The fourth Gospel is the last to be composed; commentators agree the Gospel we have was completed after the death of John the Apostle. It emphasises the "Works of Jesus", often as signs and the "Words of Jesus." From the beginning we read that Christ is the Word made Flesh and that He is glorified by the Father and the Holy Spirit. The cross is regarded as a sign of his glory rather than an instrument of execution. The Gospel today is read in the light of the author's approach: "the Son will be glorified" and the giving of the new commandment of love. While love of neighbour is found in the Old Testament and in sacred texts of other faiths, Jesus adds to the commandment: "As I have loved you." Love has the horizontal dimension in that we love neighbour and even our enemies and the vertical dimension in that we enjoy the love of Father, Son and Spirit and we come to the peace and unity in God. The symbol of the Cross also has both the horizontal and vertical dimensions.

We find our Christian identity by our love and charity and by the church's mission and ministry. From Jesus' words we have the sense of: "the now but not yet." Now he will be glorified, but soon he will return in radiant glory. Now we have his love and grace, soon we will be taken up with him into eternal life.



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

Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians Patroness of Australasia, Feast Day on Saturday 24 May

Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen as Patroness of Australasia by the First Provincial Synod, convened by Archbishop Bede Polding, in Sydney in 1844. The fledgling colonies needed Mary's help at that time, as the nation does today. We are helped through Mary's powerful intercession, and through the example of her life that we find in the Gospel.

(Source: Universalis)

Prayer for the week

O God, who constantly feed and strengthen the Church with your Sacraments, grant to us, who have been nourished at the heavenly table, that, by obeying your teachings of love, we may become for the human family a life-giving leaven and a means to salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion, Mass for the Church A,

Roman Missal

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Registration



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On the Lighter Side

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. *Charles M. Schulz*

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. *Winston Churchill*

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From Good Man to Valiant Man: Dr. Allan Meyer

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10 weekly sessions

First Session: 27th May, 2025 Time: 7.30pm

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Address: Kerang Baptist Church, 57 Fitzroy Street
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Mass Offerings 4

The concept of a Mass offering goes back to the early Church; it is a gift given to a priest as a sign of gratitude for him including a particular intention during a Mass. The intention might be for a sick friend, the repose of the soul of a loved one, or indeed, any need. In the early Church a 'Mass offering' was not money, but an offering of farm produce as a sign of thanks and a way of uniting the fruits of one's labour to the Mass.

An offering is giving a part of ourselves. Of course, we unite our hearts to the offering of every Mass.

The notion of the Mass offering to support the priest to live is integral. Traditionally the Mass offering was an amount which would allow the priest to live for that day. Now most clergy receive a stipend from the parish or diocese. Where the church is poor, priests rely on this support to enable their ministry of the Word of God and the sacraments.

Men's Breakfast Kerang



Saturday 24th
May 2025



8:00am



Kerang Uniting
Church Hall



Guest Speal
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.

To the Parishioners of St. Mary's Cohuna

We have placed a book in the foyer for parishioners to write the anniversary's of the death of people they would like to be placed in the bulletin.

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Rosters and Events		
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 17 th May 2025 5 th Sunday of Easter Year C		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 25 th May 2025 6 th Sunday of Easter Year C
POF: Richard Fernandez Reader: Kate Wood Gifts: Cain Family Eucharistic Minister: C Cauchi		POF: Ayeshia Domingo Reader: Mayanne Domingo Gifts: Cenas Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA This Week 18 th May 2025 5 th Sunday of Easter Year C		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 25 th May 2025 6 th Sunday of Easter Year C
Commentator/POF: Pam Carmody Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Betty McLoughlan Altar Clean Up: Betty McLoughlan		Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Brian D'Silva Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Helen Keely
10.30am KERANG This Week 18 th May 2025 5 th Sunday of Easter Year		10.30am KERANG Next Week 25 th May 2025 6 th Sunday of Easter Year C
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		Welcomers: J Roberts & J Tuohey Commentator/POF: W Hall Reader: L Wilson Gifts: L Morrow & G Prendergast Eucharistic Minister: K Laughlin & M Cummins Sick & Housebound: E Bortolloto & H Olcorn (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Alicia, Tony, Hank & Mens Group Setting up the Altar: Mardi 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: Robert Shanahan 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: Val Keane, Bernie Hallinan, John Wood, Billy Hall, Willow Hasket, Wayne Cameron, Eileen Doyle, Peter Hanley. Pyramid Hill: Thomas Rudkins, Robert Stone, Sr. A. Murphy, Felix L'Huiller, Mary Fieldew, Annie Sloan, Tom Walsh, Leo Cassidy, Alice Ryan, Henry Bell, Lorraine Hamblin, Catherine Smith.		
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 21st May: 6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill Thursday 22nd May: 9.00am Mass Cohuna Friday 23rd May: 9.15am Mass Kerang Weekend Masses for the 24th & 25th of May: Saturday 24th May: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 25th 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, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 14, 21-27*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-13. 1*

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading *Revelation 21: 1-5*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 13:24*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. **Amen.**

Next Weeks Readings 25th May 2025 6th Sunday of Easter Year C

1st Reading: Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29

Psalm: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

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