



Kerang, Cohuna and Pyramid Hill CATHOLIC PARISHES

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Combined Parish Pastoral Associate:

Palm Sunday, 2nd April 2023 Year A

Focus on the Readings

Palm Sunday's Mass contains four readings and the psalm. The first, a Gospel, relates to Palm Sunday's remembrance of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This year we proclaim Matthew's account which emphasises the fulfilment of the Hebrew scriptures and the reference to "Son of David". These elements are constantly recalled in this Gospel; remember the Gospel of Matthew is the only one that includes the visit of the Wise Men from the East with their royal and godly gifts. The first reading from the prophet Isaiah and the second reading are read every year (see left column).

The Reading of the Passion is lengthy and designed in the lectionary to be read in parts: Narrator, Jesus, Other dialogues and the Crowd in which the whole congregation may participate. Again Matthew's version is rich with quotes from the psalms and prophets.

"He is writing to believers in a doctrinal and quasi-liturgical style. He offers Christ's disciples some keys to understanding the passion. He wants to introduce his readers to the Christian understanding of the disconcerting events that led their Master and Lord to die on the cross. Thus by sharing the faith of the church they will be able to see the cross in the coherent whole of the divine salvation." (Days of the Lord v2 p225)

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.



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.

Mystery of Christ

The Second Reading this Sunday is noted as a hymn about Christ. Paul, writing to the Philippians, includes this very early Christian hymn. The text both reminds them of the humility and suffering of Christ but also of his victory over death and his glory. It is now a hymn for us to sing of our salvation that reaches out to everyone.

Christ reverses the sin of Adam. Adam sought to be god-like, Christ emptied himself to be a human being. But God raised him high so now Christ may raise up all. There is a strong connection with this hymn and the four servant songs in Isaiah.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2023 (continued)

Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow "him alone". Lent leads to Easter: the "retreat" is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord's passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection.

On the Lighter Side

The question 'When is Maundy Thursday?' reminds me of an old joke:

Where is the tiger's head? Three feet from his tail!

When is Maundy Thursday? Three days before Easter Sunday!



P.P.C. News and Parish Matters in Kerang

STATIONS IN THE PARK 7th April 2023

Kerang's combined Christian churches will stage the annual Good Friday observance of the Stations of the Cross in Atkinson Park this year.

The decision was made to abandon the walk between each of the town's churches to better accommodate citizens with mobility issues.

The symbolic 14 stations recognising Christ's journey to his crucifixion will be placed around the park.

The event will start at 10 am and will be followed by hot cross buns morning tea in one of the park shelters.

Independent Living Home:

St Patrick's, Kerang have one 2 bedroom Unit available to lease, if you are interested please see

Dennis Greenwood 0439 503 723 or Fr Dean at the Presbytery 5452 1041 or Sue Poole 5452 2976



HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES

Palm Sunday (1-2 April 2023)

- 1 April @ 6:30pm Mass - Pyramid Hill
- 2 April @ 8.30am Mass - Cohuna
- 2 April @ 10.30am Mass - Kerang

Holy Tuesday (4 April 2023)

- Christm Mass @ 11.00am (Bendigo)

Holy Thursday (6 April 2023)

- 4.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Pyramid Hill
- 6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Kerang
- 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Cohuna

Good Friday (7 April 2023)

- 10.00am: Ecumenical Stations of the Cross - Atkinson Park
- 3:00pm: Lord's Passion - Kerang (Fr. Dean to lead)
- 3.00pm: Ecumenical Lord's Passion - St. Mary's Cohuna (Rev. Sue to lead)
- 3.00 pm: Stations of the Cross - Pyramid Hill (Lay Led)

Holy Saturday (8 April 2023)

- 6.00pm: Easter Vigil - Cohuna
- 8.00pm: Easter Vigil - Pyramid Hill

Easter Sunday (9 April 2023)

- 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass - Kerang



Holy week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.

Pope Francis

This Week 2nd April 2023 10.30am

Welcomers: J Roberts & M Mowat

Please see page 5 for Readers and all Easter Rosters

Gifts: D & T Greenwood

Ministers: D Doyle & J Ginnivan

Sick/Elderly: M Niall & H Olcorn (NH)

Musicians: Alicia, Hank, Tony Men's Group

Power Point: R Kelly

Piety Shop: E Bland

Next Week 9th April 2023 10.30

Welcomers: L Bland & M Lewis

Comm/POF: A Ginnivan

Reader: K Laughlin

Gifts: T & G Kennedy

Ministers: M Cummins & E Bortolotto

Sick/Elderly: W Hall & G Prendergast (NH)

Musicians: Alicia, Hank, Tony Men's Group

Power Point: A Jenkins

Piety Shop: E Bland

Mowers for April: Stewie Clare Ken

Counters for April: M Messer & E Phillips

P.P.C. News and Parish Matters in 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 1st April, 2023 6.30pm

Next Week 1st April, 2023 6.30pm

Readers for Passion: Narrator Colleen Hampson
Other: Richard Fernandez
Reader: 1st & 2nd Psalm: Marilyn Fernandez
Prayers Intercession: Imelda Ross
Gifts: Pantig Family

Please see Page 5 for Rosters or Easter Week.

April: Altar Cleaner: Dayag Family

Church Cleaner: Iuis Salas

MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND

1st & 2nd April 2023

Saturday 1st: 6.30pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 2nd: 8.30am Cohuna
10.30am Kerang

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Starting 4th April 2023

Tuesday 4th: 11.00am Chrism Mass in Bendigo

Wednesday 5th: 9.15am Kerang

Thursday 6th: 2.00pm Stations of the Cross
St Mary's School
4.00pm Pyramid Hill
6.00pm Kerang
7.30pm Cohuna

Friday 7th: 10.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Atkinson Park Kerang
3.00pm Lord's Passion in all Churches

Saturday 8th: 6.00pm Easter Vigil Cohuna
8.00pm Easter Vigil Pyramid Hill

Sunday 9th: 10.30am Kerang

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND

8th & 9th of April 2023

Saturday 8th: 8.00pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 9th: 10.30am Kerang

With St Patrick, St Mary & St Joseph,
let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer
for the:

Recently Deceased: Charles Bowman

Sick: Luciano Sgarbossa,
& those in the Hospitals,

Elderly and the Residents in the Nursing Homes
and Retirement Villages in our district.

Death Anniversaries:

Kerang:

Mary Nolen, Craig Hawken, Lillian Shepard,
Ivy Seivers, Dr Hatherley, George Linton,
Mary McLoughlan, James Macauley,
Maisie Murphy, Lily Murphy,
Archbishop Frank Little.

Pyramid Hill:

Janine Gall, James Hynes, Simeon Canfield,
Gerald Holland, Bess Wood, Katherine Noonan,
Graeme McDonald, Fr Timothy Scott,
Francis Martin.

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Acc. No. 457423724

**Please let Marianne know if you are changing
to Direct Deposits ie how much and how often
so I can then allocate you a new number.**

FIRST READING

Is 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
 So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
 he provides me with speech.
 Each morning he wakes me to hear,
 to listen like a disciple.
 The Lord has opened my ear.
 For my part, I made no resistance,
 neither did I turn away.
 I offered my back to those who struck me,
 my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
 I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
 The Lord comes to my help,
 so that I am untouched by the insults.
 So, too, I set my face like flint;
 I know I shall not be shamed.

■ **This is the word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

- All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
- Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
- They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
- I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**



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SECOND READING

Phil 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
 But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

■ **This is the word of the Lord.****Gospel Acclamation**

Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**GOSPEL****Matthew 26:14 27:66**

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St Patrick's Primary, Pyramid Hill
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 Fr. Dean 0401 337 433 (Pyramid Hill)

Anointing of the Sick contact the Presbytery: 5452 1041

To the parishioners of St Patrick's. Thankyou all for almost 9 years of friendship. Yours is a wonderful parish and we treasure the memories we made there; we are very grateful to have been made so welcome in 2014 and miss Kerang very much. Your parish is certainly one to be valued. We are happily settled in Dubbo, our decision to leave was not made lightly but renewing friendships and having the grandsons just up the road from us is a blessing. Thank you for the farewells, cards and visits, and the accolades we received. Thank you for the Masses, prayers and rosaries, for the food and the friendships given to us during and after Gerry's illness, we were and continue to be so very grateful. May God bless you all, Christine and Gerry O'Donoghue

Palm Sunday April 2nd

Welcomers J Roberts M Mowat

Commentator T Greenwood

Reader A Jenkins

Gospel Jesus: Fr Dean **Commentator:** T Greenwood **Other:** C Scriven **Crowd:** K Schlitz

Procession of Gifts D & T Greenwood

Ministers of Communion D Doyle J Ginnivan

Sick & Housebound M Niall H Olcorn (NH)

Power Point R Kelly

EASTER WEEK

Holy Thursday 6.00pm 6th

Commentator/Prayers W Hall

Oils A Baulch Marion & Lisa Cummins

Reader S Poole

Procession of Gifts E Lane & J Tuohey **Project Comp.** M Lewis

Ministers of Communion A Bortolotto K Laughlin

Washing Feet Mardi, Lainie, Kyra, Mike, Marion, Lisa, Liz, Maureen, Vin, Faye Thurible P Bortolotto Candles Mardi & Lainie

Power Point M Lewis

Good Friday 3.00pm 7th

Commentator M Mowat **Reader** M Dagge **Passion Crowd:** C McCurdy **Other:** M Messer

Commentator: P Hirst

Prayers of the Faithful L Morrow

Procession of Gifts M Dagge & S Poole

Ministers of Communion M Cummins A Jenkins C

Cross Bearer Bortolotto

Power Point K Schlitz

CFC Victoria invites you to their

Christian Life Program



*It's all about the
Love of God*

The Journey to Rediscovering God's Love

15 April 2023 | 7pm
St Patrick's Pyramid Hills Parish
5 Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill 3575

Contact: Bro Burt & Ileen Dayag - 0490 829 997
Bro Jojo & Sheryl Bertos - 0467 368 787
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What is the Christian Life Program (CLP)?

The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. It runs for a total of 5 separate sessions, usually held once a week. Most sessions consist of three basic ingredients: a teaching, a group discussion, and a time for fellowship. Each session would normally last for about 2.5 to 3 hours.

15 April 2023

Talk 1: God's Love
Talk 2: Who is Jesus Christ?

22 April 2023

Talk 3: Repentance and Faith
Talk 4: Loving God and Neighbor

29 April 2023

Talk 5: The Christian Family

6 May 2023

Talk 6: Empowered by the Holy Spirit

13 May 2023 (includes Graduation)

Talk 7: Growing in the Spirit
Talk 8: Transformation in Christ