



# 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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**6th Sunday of Easter  
25th May, 2025 Year C**

## Looking at the Readings

Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week. This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of 'going away': Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today – inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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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

## Words of Pope Leo XIV

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St Augustine wrote: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I: 1,1).

In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. ... Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing, and, in the light of the resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them "as a shepherd guards his flock." (Jer 31:10).

*The homily in St Peter's Square 18 May, 2025.*

## Prayer for the Day

The Lord said, "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you."

## Baptism Registration Form. For all Parishes.

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Registration



## KERANG BANK DETAILS

BSB: 083 543 Acc. Number: 457 423 724 Please let Marianne know if you are changing to Direct Deposits ie. How much and how often so we can then allocate you a new number.

## COHUNA BANK DETAILS

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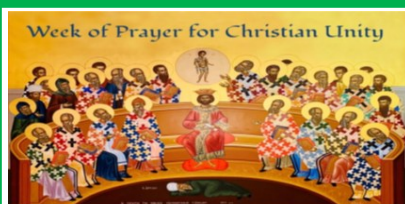
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## On the Lighter Side

*I asked the children, "We call God 'Our Father', so what should we call each other?"*

*They replied: siblings; friends; brothers and sisters; family.*

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**"Do you believe this?"**  
(John 11:26)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 1 – 8 June 2025  
Liturgies held at 5.30pm all welcome.  
The roster will be available on Sunday.

## Mass Offerings 5

### Missa Pro Populo.

In this last piece on Mass Offerings it is necessary to address Missa Pro Populo (Latin: Mass for the people) The term refers to the requirement of all Bishops and Parish Priests to say Mass for the people entrusted to them. Each celebration of Mass can be applied for a particular intention. The intention can be for the well-being of a living person or more or for the repose of souls who have died. This ancient tradition dates back to the second and third centuries of the Christian Era. Under the current (1983) Code of Canon Law, Bishops and Parish Priests are required to apply one Mass for all the people entrusted to them on each Sunday and Holy Day. They cannot receive a Mass offering for this Mass. In a nutshell priests offer Masses for the people weekly or more often.

*Wikipedia and Code of Canon Law*

## Combined Churches Gathering Pyramid Hill

On Saturday 31st May, we will be joined at our 6.30pm Mass at St Patrick's by members of the other Churches in Pyramid Hill.

Following Mass we will gather for fellowship and food.

Please bring a plate and stay and share with our friends from other faiths.

## 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.

## 'Happenings from the Kerang Parish Pastoral Council' May 2025

### Points discussed and decisions made:

**Planned Giving** – email personally a summary for the year behind us and allow people to choose any increase in their Planned Giving For those people who do not have email we will leave a personal letter on the front pew of the church for them.

**Mothers' Day** – a big thank you to Dora and Gerardine for organising the flowers and cards for our parishioners on Mothers' Day.

**School Relationship** – Kyra to see the Principal regarding the Bulletin being sent out to families at the school. Gerardine to also ask those families involved in the sacraments this year if they would like to be involved in church activities.

**Reconciliation Liturgy** – will be held this Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00pm. Everyone is invited to join in with the children taking this important step in their Catholic journey.

**Maintenance** – many thanks to Vin and Alan for pruning the roses, spraying the weeds and turning the sign around at the front of the Church to 'Love'.

**Meeting times** – the PPC will now meet every second Tuesday of the month, at 5.00pm, as Father Minh has mass at Pyramid Hill on a Wednesday evening.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our report.

Kyra Laughlin Chairperson PPC Kerang

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Rosters and Events		
<b>6.30pm PYRAMID HILL</b> This Week 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025    6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C		<b>6.30pm PYRAMID HILL</b> Next Week 31 <sup>th</sup> May 2025    The Ascension of the Lord Year C
<b>POF:</b> Ayeshia Domingo <b>Reader:</b> Mayanne Domingo <b>Gifts:</b> Cenas Family <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Anne Grogan	<b>POF:</b> Marilyn Fernandez <b>Reader:</b> Jeff Pacala <b>Gifts:</b> Bojo Family <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Colleen Hampson	
<b>8.30am COHUNA</b> This Week 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025    6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C		<b>8.30am COHUNA</b> Next Week 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2025    The Ascension of the Lord Year C
<b>Commentator/POF:</b> Helen Keely <b>Reader:</b> Marita Hancock <b>Gifts:</b> Brian D'Silva <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Bernadette Carter <b>Altar Clean Up:</b> Helen Keely	<b>Commentator/POF:</b> Gabriel Dayag <b>Reader:</b> Helen Keely <b>Gifts:</b> Garry Farrant <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Margaret Learmonth <b>Altar Clean Up:</b> Irene Trezise	
<b>10.30am KERANG</b> This Week 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025    6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year		<b>10.30am KERANG</b> Next Week 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2025    The Ascension of the Lord Year C
<b>Welcomers:</b> J Roberts & J Tuohey <b>Commentator/POF:</b> W Hall <b>Reader:</b> L Wilson <b>Gifts:</b> L Morrow & G Prendergast <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> K Laughlin & M Cummins <b>Sick &amp; Housebound:</b> E Bortolloto & H Olcorn (NH) <b>Power Point:</b> M Lewis <b>Musicians:</b> Alicia, Tony, Hank & Mens Group <b>Setting up the Altar:</b> Mardi <b>Mowers: May</b> Chris Liz <b>Counters: May</b> P & K Laughlin	<b>Welcomers:</b> M Messer & F Roney <b>Commentator/POF:</b> M Messer <b>Reader:</b> S Poole <b>Gifts:</b> L Bland & D Jordan <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> A Kelly & M Cummins <b>Sick &amp; Housebound:</b> P Hirst & D Frantz (NH) <b>Power Point:</b> K Schlitz <b>Musicians:</b> Mike, Tony, Hank & Ladies Group <b>Setting up the Altar:</b> Liz <b>Mowers: June</b> Dennis <b>Counters: June</b> M Kelly & G Prendergast	
<b>With St Patrick, St Mary &amp; St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the:</b> <b>Recently Deceased:</b> <b>Sick:</b> 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. <b>Kerang:</b> Tess Wurf, Margaret Thamm, June Bowden, Margaret Nolen, Butch McGrath. <b>Pyramid Hill:</b> John L’Huiller, Dominic Carroll, Elsie Duffy, Jack Duffy, Edith Stone, Osmond Bassett, Kevin Dee, Margaret Ervin, Stephan Maher. <b>Cohuna:</b>		
<b>Week Day Masses:</b> <b>Wednesday 28th May:</b> 6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill <b>Thursday 29th May:</b> 9.00am Mass Cohuna <b>Friday 30th May:</b> 9.15am Mass Kerang		
<b>Weekend Masses for the 31st May &amp; 1st June:</b> <b>Saturday 31st May:</b> 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill <b>Sunday 1st June:</b> 8.30am Mass in Cohuna    10.30am Mass in Kerang		
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Kerang:</b> Fr. Minh will be available on Friday before or after Mass and during the day or Saturday morning.	<b>Cohuna:</b> Fr. Minh will be available on Thursday each week after morning Mass and during the day.	<b>Pyramid Hill:</b> Fr. Minh will be available on Wednesday and also Saturday evening either before or after 6.30pm Mass
PARISH SCHOOLS		
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## Opening Prayer/Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 15:1-2. 22-29*

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

This is the word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God

## Responsorial Psalm

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

### (R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him.

### (R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

## Second Reading

*Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23*

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me **Jerusalem**, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

This is the word of the Lord.

## Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*John 14:23*

### Alleluia, alleluia!

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

### Alleluia!

## Gospel

*John 14:23-29*

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Next Weeks Readings 1st June 2025

### The Ascension of the Lord C

**1st Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel:** Luke 24:46-53

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