



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.

First Sunday of Advent, 27th November, 2022 Year A.

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Focus on the Readings

The Readings today for the first week of Advent could very much fit into the liturgy of last Sunday, the Feast of Christ the King. They proclaim the coming of the eternal kingdom of God and of our necessary readiness. The Response to the Psalm is identical: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Psalm 121, though this week verses 6-9 are added (see below). Isaiah shares his great vision of the coming of the Lord with us. He combines Temple and Mountain as a symbol of the new kingdom and the Lord's presence. We prepare for the Peace of the Kingdom by our action of turning instruments of war to implements of farming. See the image on left: a blacksmith is hammering swords into pruning forks. St Paul adds to the allegory by encouraging his friends to be armed with the light of Christ. Our armour is Christ himself.

After the warnings in the Gospel to stay awake and not knowing the hour of the coming of the Lord, we are encouraged to be calm in our waiting and joyful in our life and faith.

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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 The Season of Advent

The history of the Season of Advent reveals great variations in its origins, length, meaning, symbols and practice. First arose in the Gallican churches about the fourth century from a sense of piety rather than from the liturgy. It was marked by fasting and penance. The season varied from three weeks to 40 days. When Rome adopted Advent 200 year later Advent varied from one fast day to about a week. Pope Gregory the Great (591-604) set Advent to be four weeks of preparation for the Feasts of Christmas, differentiating it from Lent. The Eastern Churches marked these days as preparation for the mysteries of the incarnation and epiphany and is marked by joy and festivity. The Ambrosian rite has six Sundays of Advent. The Syrian and Syro Malabar Rites have a "Season of Annunciation" of 3-4 weeks with Christmas within or outside the season.

Quote from Pope Francis

We see that the liturgical year is for us the possibility of growing in our knowledge of the mystery of Christ, immersing our life in the mystery of His Death and Resurrection, awaiting his return in glory. This is a true ongoing formation. Our life is not a random chaotic series of events, one following the other. It is rather a precise itinerary which, from one annual celebration of the His Death and Resurrection to the next, conforms us to Him, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Desiderio Desideravi (2022) n 64.

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On the Lighter Side

Christian Advent calendars start on the first Sunday of Advent and contain daily prayers and good deeds. Whereas the supermarket Advent calendars start on 1st December regardless and supply toys, chocolates, etc. for the consumer. Q: Which dangerous cookie was found in the advent calendar? A Ninja-bread man. Q: How did the elf on the shelf feel when he couldn't get chocolate from the advent calendar? A: Foiled!



Prayer for the 1st Week of Advent.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'
For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

P.P.C. News and Parish Matters Kerang

Sandpiper available. The link for e-News 51 is:

[Sandpiper e-News 51: 17 November 2022 \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

Gold Coin for Refugees tin will be at the North entrance to the Church. Monies raised will be used for food vouchers etc.

Sunday 27th November there will be a second collection for St Vincent de Paul.

HELPING OTHERS WITH THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS

School Chaplain position available in Barham.

2 days a week, 5.5 hours a day. If interested please ring 1300 792 856 admin@yourdream.org.au for more info.

Columban Calendars are available at the piety shop for \$10. These have been purchased by the St Patrick's Catholic Ladies. Please put money in the tin in the drawer of the cabinet. There are also **Religious Christmas cards** for sale at the piety store, Packs of 8 for \$2.50.

Kerang Community Carols.

Sunday 11th of December at Atkinson Park. 5.00pm family picnic & barbecue followed by carols at 7.00pm. **See notice board on north side for more details.**

This Week 27th November, 2022 10.30am

Welcomers: A & K Jenkins
Com./POF: W Hall
Readers: L Morrow
Gifts: E Lane & J Tuohey
Ministers: D & T Greenwood
Sick/Elderly: C Scriven & H Olcorn (NH)
Musicians: Mike, Hank, Tony & Maureen
Power Point: M Lewis
Piety Shop: C O'Donoghue

Next Week 4th December, 2022 10.30am

Welcomers: M Dagge & G Mannix
Com./POF: M Mowat
Reader: K Laughlin
Gifts: M Dagge & S Poole
Ministers: A Makeham & P Hirst
Sick/Elderly: M Mowat & G Prendergast (NH)
Musicians: Mike, Hank, Tony & Ladies Group
Power Point: K Schlitz
Piety Shop: E Bland

Mowing for November: Stewie, Clare, Ken
Counters for November: E Phillips & M Messer

Mowing for December: Paul, Frank, Denber
Counters for December: 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 26th November, 2022 6.30pm

Com./ POF: Allarah Ceballos
Reader: Richard Fernandez
Gifts: Bojo Family
Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson

Next Week 3rd December, 2022 6.30pm

Com./ POF: Marilyn Fernandez
Reader: Jahna Correa
Gifts: Bojo Family
Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson

November: Altar Cleaner: J Leed & M Scott **Church Cleaner:** Cenas Family
December: Altar Cleaner: Policarpio Family **Church Cleaner:** J Camacho

MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND 26th & 27th November, 2022

Saturday: 6.30pm Pyramid Hill
Sunday: 8.30am Cohuna
 10.30am Kerang

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Starting 29th November, 2022

**There are no week day Mass's as Fr Dean
will be away on retreat.**

MASS TIMES NEXT WEEKEND 3rd & 4th December, 2022

Pyramid Hill: 6.30pm
Cohuna: 8.30am
Kerang: 10.30am

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

Recently Deceased: Susana Verallo

Sick: Luciano Sgarbossa,
& those in the Hospitals.

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

Death Anniversaries:

Kerang:

Rebecca Walters, Jasmine Spark, Ian Taylor, Johannes Tilborghs, Elizabeth Simpson, Shirley Davey, James Doyle, Mary McKinley, Connie Roberts, Gerard Costello, Michael McCluskey, Peter Westland.

Pyramid Hill:

Bridget Mathews, Catherine Leahy, Jzac Cauchi, Maurice Crump, Norah Herrick, Annie Thomas, Margaret Dixon.

**1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AN ANOINTING MASS
WILL BE HELD AT 11:00AM IN KERANG.**

EVERY 2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

COHUNA 10.30AM MASS
 KERANG 9.00AM MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

■ **The word of the Lord.****Gospel Acclamation**

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Matthew 24:37-44**

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