



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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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13th & 14th June 2026

Looking at the Readings

It was at Rephidim that the Amalekites attacked Moses and the Israelites during the great exodus (Ex 17:13) The defeat of the Amalekites showed God's protection in answer to Moses' prayer and confirmed the covenant once more that God had chosen his people among all the nations. Today's first reading concludes with the words: "I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." These words we heard six weeks ago in St Peter's homily to the newly baptised (1 Pet 2:9). Yet it is to all the nations that the message of salvation must be preached.

There is both tension and harmony in the selection of Scripture reading this Sunday. The tension arises from establishing our identity, unity and mission in a complex world of conflict, disunity and interconnections. The harmony is found in the sense of being a consecrated people, a people that is the sheep of God's flock and whom God calls us by name.

The naming of the twelve is more than a count of the Apostles and getting to know them. This naming became a way for Christ to identify them as his own and as a call to mission. "Apostle" means: "One who is sent" Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom firstly to their own people (Matt 10:5) but eventually to all the nations (Matt 28:19).

The Gospel shows Christ's passion for his people and heartfelt desire to bring them with him: "He felt sorry for them ... so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."



We have a **"Children's Corner"** set up at the back of the Church. There are colouring pages and crayons/pencils that can be used 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.

The Parish Calendar & News

JUNE 2026 (11th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (Psalter Week 3)

Monday 15th (G) St Germaine Cousin 1 Kgs 21:1-16/ Ps 5:2-7/ Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday 16th (G) St Lutgardis 1 Kgs 21:17-29/ Ps 51:3-6,11,16/ Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday 17th: (G) St Gregory Barbarigo 2 Kgs 2:1,6-14/ Ps 31:20-21,24/ Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thursday 18th: (G) Sts Mark & Marcellian Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-7/ Mt 6:7-15
Friday 19th: (G) St Romuald 2 Kgs 11:1-4,9-18,20/ Ps 132:11-14,17-18/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday 20th: (G) St Adalbert of Magdeburg 2 Chr 24:17-25/ Ps 89:4-5,29-34/ Mt 6:24-34

Pope Leo's Intentions for June For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Pope Leo's 'Magnifica humanitas':

AI must serve humanity not concentrate power

Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together."

The opening words of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, summarize its underlying reasons and purpose.

Published on Monday, May 25, the Pope signed the encyclical on May 15, the 135th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*.

Pope Leo XIV has taken up the legacy of his predecessor, writing a social encyclical which addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence.

Divided into five chapters, *Magnifica humanitas* has an underlying premise: technology is not "a force antagonistic to humanity" (4), nor is it "inherently evil" (9). However, "technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it.

Therefore, Pope Leo XIV appeals for people to build "for the common good" and to "remain human," following a courageous mentality of shared responsibility and communion, so that the world "will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell" (16).



A special thanks to Kyra & Gerardine for participating in Western Deanery Forum, held on 2nd of June.

On 4th of June Cohuna had a parish council meeting, thanks for your attendance and cooperation. Kudos to Pyramid Hill parishioners, magnificently celebrated 100th celebration of the parish.

Pope Leo XIV on Mission & the Apostles

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

Message for 100th World Mission Day 2026

Quotes for the Day

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. *Mother Teresa*

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know. *William Wilberforce*

Cohuna 3 CHURCH PEWS FOR SALE \$300 each
Approx 2.4 metres in length.
PLEASE CONTACT Peter Doyle if interested

On the Lighter Side

Q: How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman?

A: By his net income.

Q: Why were Peter, James and John the best letter writers?

A: Because as fishermen they learned to drop a line.

Kerang's collection for 30th May \$1074.75

Rosters and Events

6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 13 th June 2026 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 20 th June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Anne Grogan	Commentator/POF:	Kate Wood
Reader:	Marilyn Fernandez	Reader:	Michaelle Domingo
Gifts:	Cauchi Family	Gifts:	S & S Magno
Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Grogan	Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson
10.30am COHUNA This Week 14 th June 2026 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 21 st June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Anne-Marie Link	Commentator/POF:	Helen Keely
Reader:	Ilena Dayag	Reader:	Betty McLoughlan
Gifts:	Liz Keely	Gifts:	
Eucharistic Minister:	Peter Doyle	Eucharistic Minister:	Bernadette Carter
Altar Clean Up:	Donna Egan	Altar Clean Up:	Mary Wight
9.00am KERANG This Week 14 th June 2026 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 21 st June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Welcomers:	J Roberts & J Tuohey	Welcomers:	L Wilson & C Scriven
Commentator/POF:	C Flynn	Commentator/POF:	M Messer
Readers:	S Poole	Readers:	A Kelly
Gifts:	L Morrow & G Prendergast	Gifts:	R & A Kelly
Eucharistic Minister:	Frank Kelly & W Hall	Eucharistic Minister:	K Laughlin & Marie Kelly
Sick & Housebound:	A Makeham & M Lewis (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	L Bland & D Frantz (NH)
Power Point:	A Kelly	Power Point:	L Schlitz
Musicians:	Tony Val, Marie & Marita	Musicians:	TBC
Setting up the Altar:	Liz	Setting up the Altar:	Denise
Mowers: June:	P Lloyd & J Mowat	Mowers: June:	P Lloyd & J Mowat
Counters June:	P & K Laughlin	Counters June:	P & K Laughlin

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

Sick: Kerang Lui Basile, Faye B., Kevin Thamm **Pyramid Hill** Margaret, Phil S., Terry W.
Cohuna Clare & Magie, Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts, Brian McLoughlan
 and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital.

Recently Deceased: Kevin Hallinan

Death Anniversaries:

Kerang: Bob Davey, Sal O'Donoghue, Plaxie Demsey, Stephen McGregor, Kath Colwell, Bill McLoughlan, Margaret Shepherd, Shane Murphy, Brom Lloyd, James Niall.

Pyramid Hill: Irene Pearce, Helen McCrae, William Martin, Eric Silvers, Peter Cox, Felix L'Huillier, Dominic Frattin, John Lacey.

Cohuna: Fred Wight.

Next Weeks Mass Times 15th to the 21st June 2026

Wednesday 17th:	6.00pm Pyramid Hill	
Thursday 18th:	9.00am Mass Cohuna	
Friday 19th:	9.45am Mass Kerang	Year 2 at St Joes School
Saturday 20th:	6.00pm Pyramid Hill	
Sunday 21st:	8.30am Mass Cohuna	10.30am Mass Kerang

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5.

**(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

**Next week: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
20th & 21st June, 2026**

1st Reading:	Jeremiah 20:10-13
Responsorial Psalm:	68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
2nd Reading:	Romans 5:12-15
Gospel:	Matthew 10:26-33

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.