



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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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20th & 21st June 2026

Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah is a very colourful character in the Old Testament. He is a reluctant but inexhaustible prophet. He is a gentle soul but a persistent activist to bring God's message of repentance, conversation and justice for the poor. He had no followers like Isaiah, his own compatriots ridiculed him, the authorities tried to ignore him. The first reading today is known as the fifth Confession of Jeremiah, the others are in chapters 11, 25, 17 and 18. His former friends denounce him and plot against him. Jeremiah foresees the deliverance of the people by God and encourages them stand firm.

As Jesus is identified as the suffering servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus is also identified as the persecuted one we see in Jeremiah. In foreseeing his own trials and persecutions Jesus warns the apostles that they too would suffer trials and rejection. Jesus concludes with comforting words making real the presence and compassion of the Father



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 (12th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (Psalter Week 4)

Monday 22nd: (G) Ss John Fisher and Thomas More. 2 Kings 19:9-11. 14-21. 31-36 /Ps 47:2-4. 10-11. /John 8:12
Tuesday 23rd: (G) St Paulinus of Nola. 2 Kgs 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36/ Ps 47:2-4, 10-11/ Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday 24th: (W) Nativity of John the Baptist. Isaiah 49:1-6/ Ps 138:1-3. 13-15/Luke 1:57-66. 80
Thursday 25th: (G) 2 Kings 24:8-17/ Ps 78:1-5. 8-9/Matthew 7:21-29
Friday 26th: (G) 2 Kings 25:1-12/ Ps 136:1-6/Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday 27th: (G) St Cyril of Alexandria, Blessed Virgin Mary. Lam 2:2. 10-14. 18-19/

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.

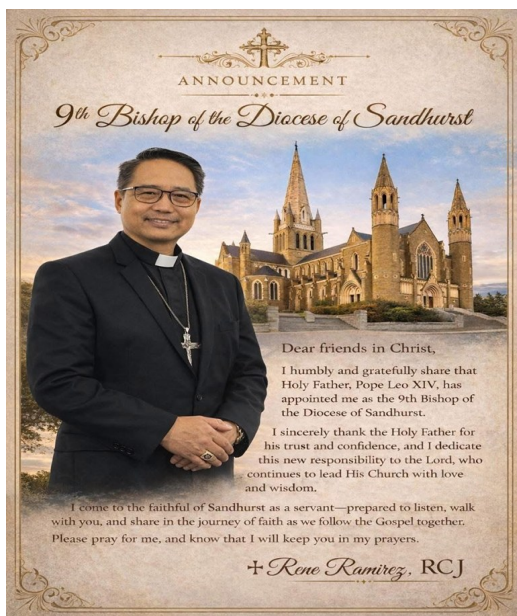
Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the next three Sundays form a continuous theme. Jesus is instructing the Twelve on mission. His mission now but also the mission they will inherit.

Chrisitan Mission will have its ups and downs, hence the Apostles will need preparation, understanding and prayer. The sequence of instruction begins with Jesus words: "Do not be afraid". Next week's instruction requires commitment and understanding. Week 13 Jesus offers prayer of thanksgiving to the Father and a promise to be with them in sharing the burden,

The first readings from the prophets tell of persecution and suffering on account of their mission but also welcome their will receive and the qualities of humility and meekness in the service of the Word.

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Bishop Rene's Episcopal Installation will be on the 30th July 2026 at the Cathedral in Bendigo.

Quote of the Day

"Victorious love shouts to the four winds
You who follow Jesus, do not fear what leads to death,
Rather fear to yield to fear.

The joy of the Lord is our rampart" *Cistercian chant*

Prayer for the Week

Dear Father, my heart and mind are flooded with fears.
Sometimes I am paralyzed. These fears are overwhelming;
they remain with me day and night.
You have told us not to fear, for you have overcome the world. So I cling to you, I trust in your promises, that you will never fail me, never forsake me.
In moments of such crippling fear, I choose to hold your hand. I know you have experienced the most fearful places, I know that you have risen again. In you all promises meet and new life begins.
You are my Savior, I hide in you, protected by your love, and sheltered by your grace. My Father. **Amen.**
St Therese of Lisieux

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

On the Lighter Side

Persecution and gossip are cousins. Sometimes you should tell people quite different stories about your life and what you have done, so that when they gossip to each about you they would argue about among themselves who is right.



Kerang's collection for 13th June \$1062.20

Rosters and Events

6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 20 th June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 27 th June 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Kate Wood	Commentator/POF:	Vincent Bartels
Reader:	Michaelle Domingo	Reader:	Richard Fernandez
Gifts:	S & S Magno	Gifts:	Patig Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Colleen Hampson	Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 21 st June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 28 th June 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Helen Keely	Commentator/POF:	Gabriel Dayag
Reader:	Marg Main	Reader:	Shaanie Webb
Gifts:	Shaanie Webb	Gifts:	Irene Trezise
Eucharistic Minister:	Bernadette Carter	Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Distefeno
Altar Clean Up:	Mary Wight	Altar Clean Up:	Marg Main
10.30am KERANG This Week 21 st June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 28 th June 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Welcomers:	L Wilson & C Scriven	Welcomers:	M Messer F Roney
Commentator/POF:	M Messer	Commentator/POF:	W Hall
Readers:	A Kelly	Readers:	M Dagge
Gifts:	R & A Kelly	Gifts:	C Fagg & F Kelly
Eucharistic Minister:	K Laughlin & Marie Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	R & A Kelly
Sick & Housebound:	L Bland & D Frantz (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	C Scriven M Lewis (NH)
Power Point:	L Schlitz	Power Point:	L Bland
Musicians:	Alicia, Tony & Maureen	Musicians:	Alicia, Tony & Ladies Group
Setting up the Altar:	Denise	Setting up the Altar:	Mardi
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., **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 Thamm

Death Anniversaries:

Kerang: Bette Douglass, Claire Spinks, Geoff Taylor, Reg Mowat, Ena Messer, Kevin Mannix, Inora Stals, Graeme Astbury.

Pyramid Hill: William Bagnall, Bill Storie, Michael L'Huillier, John Harley, Don Reddrop, Irene Delaney, Rosanne McCrae, John Boyd, Edward Herrick, Maud Herrick.

Cohuna: Lynette Hobby.

Next Weeks Mass Times 22nd to the 28th June 2026

Wednesday 24th:	6.00pm Pyramid Hill	
Thursday 25th:	9.00am Mass Cohuna	
Friday 26th:	9.15am Mass Kerang	
Saturday 27th:	6.00pm Pyramid Hill	
Sunday 28th:	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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!"

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men".

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Next week: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
27th & 28th June, 2026

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: 88:2-3, 16-19

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.

Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given.

There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and

everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.