



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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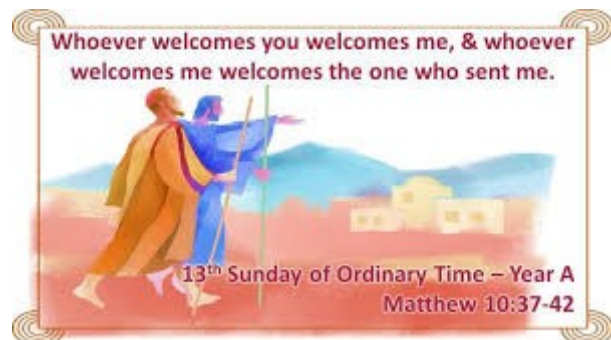
Combined Parish Pastoral Associate:
Gerardine Prendergast

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

27th & 28th June 2026

Looking at the Readings

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus states that the path of discipleship is a difficult one. It involves challenges and changed relationships. Jesus also instructs his followers that by losing their lives for his sake, they will find them. But what does it mean to 'lose' your life? In the context of discipleship, it means realizing that the things we value—comfort, status, even family—come second to Jesus and his word. Placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, before anything else, opens us up to receiving rich blessings from God. Today, let's reflect on where Jesus sits in our list of priorities. What might be preventing me from 'losing my life' for his sake?



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 (13th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (Psalter Week 5)

Monday 29 th :	(R) Ss Peter and Paul. Acts 12:1-11, Ps 33:2-9, Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday 30 th :	(G) Amos 3:1-8, 4:11-12, Ps 5:5-8, Matthew 8:23-27
Wednesday 1 st :	(G) Amos 5:14-15, 21-24, Ps 49:7-13, 16-17, Matthew 8:28-34
Thursday 2 nd :	(G) Amos 7:10-17, Ps 18:8-11, Matthew 9:1-8
Friday 3 rd :	(R) St Thomas Eph 2:19-22, Ps 116, John 20:24-29
Saturday 4 th :	(G) St Elizabeth Amos 9:11-15, Ps 84:9, 11-14, Matthew 9:14-17

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.

Prayer for the Day:

Father, Giver of Life, open my heart so that I will welcome others as You do. Dispel all that holds me back from giving freely to those I do not know well, to the strangers in my life. Help me to know the holiness that comes from acknowledging those I meet, from seeing others as eternal souls, and from sharing a place for them at my table. Here is where I will find Christ, Your Son. Amen.
(Adapted from The National Shrine of Saint Jude)



ST MARY'S SCHOOL COHUNA

**ST MARY'S SCHOOL COHUNA
100 YEAR CELEBRATION FUNDRAISER**

COMMOMORATIVE BRICK FUNDRAISER

Be part of our proud history as we celebrate **100 Years of St Mary's School Cohuna**
Purchase a **personalised engraved brick** and leave your legacy for generations to come.

WHY PURCHASE A BRICK?

- Honour your family name
- Celebrate your connection to St Mary's
- Support our Centenary celebrations
- Create a lasting tribute in our school grounds

HOW TO ORDER

Order forms available from the foyer of St Mary's Church.
Collect a form, complete your details, and return as instructed.

BUILD OUR FUTURE – ONE BRICK AT A TIME

Help us celebrate this incredible milestone and be part of something truly special.

For more information, please contact the school office.

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At St Mary's Cohuna all students have the right to feel safe and be safe all the time

'Happenings from the Kerang Parish Pastoral Council'

June Meeting 2026

Points discussed and decisions made:

Father Arun will be on annual leave from July 12th until August 13th. Father Des from Echuca will be taking mass in his absence.

We still have some people with outstanding WWC checks. As there have been many reminders their names will be removed from the volunteers list if this is not attended to in the next week.

PPC and Finance Committee members are due to update their Police Checks now. <https://www.crimcheck.org.au/check/CDOS>

9.00am mass will become an 8.30am mass once Fr Arun has returned from holidays. This will give Father Arun a chance to mix with our Parishioners. This will be a trial as it means we don't have to change anything else.

Barb Cooper has joined the PPC. We welcome Barb with open arms.

Ron's Timeline of the history of our church to be moved to outside our main door so it is available for people to read at any time.

The Sacramental Program for St Joseph's children will start in term 3 with 7 students and maybe 2 from other schools.

The second Western Deanery Forum was held in Bendigo with Father Arun, Gerardine and myself attending. The Chancery outlined the many ways they can help parishes implement the Strategic Mission and Pastoral goals. (SMP)

St Joseph's Principal and staff have agreed to trial a 'Family Day Mass', which was suggested to help us with our SMP goals. Hopefully they will be held once a term with the first one happening on Sunday, August 23rd. The students will be involved in presenting some parts of our mass.

Music at our church was discussed and investigations will be made into the elements of our organ and keyboard.

An 'Appreciation Board' or 'Recognition Board' was discussed with regard to 'Hank's Corner'. This would allow us to add plaques of appreciation in the future as there are many people who give their time and skills.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our report.

Kyra Laughlin Chairperson PPC Kerang

Kerang's collection for 21st June \$745.25

Rosters and Events

6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 27 th June 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 4 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Vincent Bartels	Commentator/POF:	Jezelyn Bermasa
Reader:	Richard Fernandez	Reader:	Colleen Hampson
Gifts:	Patig Family	Gifts:	Correa Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Marianne Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	Carmen Cauchi
8.30am COHUNA This Week 28 th June 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am COHUNA Next Week 5 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Gabriel Dayag	Commentator/POF:	Marg Main
Reader:	Shaanie Webb	Reader:	Bernadette Carter
Gifts:	Irene Trezise	Gifts:	Marita Hancock
Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Distefeno	Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth
Altar Clean Up:	Marg Main	Altar Clean Up:	Helen Keely
10.30am KERANG This Week 28 th June 2026 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am KERANG Next Week 5 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Welcomers:	M Messer F Roney	Welcomers:	L Bland & M Lewis
Commentator/POF:	W Hall	Commentator/POF:	R Kelly
Readers:	M Dagge	Readers:	P Hirst
Gifts:	C Fagg & F Kelly	Gifts:	M Dagge & S Poole
Eucharistic Minister:	R & A Kelly	Eucharistic Minister:	A Makeham & M Cummins
Sick & Housebound:	C Scriven & M Lewis (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	M Messer & K Laughlin (NH)
Power Point:	L Bland	Power Point:	Gerardine
Musicians:	Alicia, Tony & Ladies Group	Musicians:	Mike, Tony Val, Marie & Marita
Setting up the Altar:	Mardi	Setting up the Altar:	Tops
Mowers: June:	P Lloyd & J Mowat	Mowers: July:	T McClelland
Counters June:	P & K Laughlin	Counters July:	E Phillips & M Messer

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:

Death Anniversaries:

Kerang: Hilda and Michael Doyle, Geoff O'Donoghue, Teresa Jacobs, Stephen Catley, Ronnie Crawford, Alan Catley, Joan Taylor, Jean Chadwick, Lena Melrose, Keith Whitwood, Jim Roberts, Josie Curcio, Mitchell Scriven.

Pyramid Hill: Ambrose Herrick, Lino Martino, Ray Rosenow, Patricia Kavanagh, Anges Hoban, John Bagnell, Doreen McCrae, John Leahy, Fr Bob Drake, Gerald Ryan, Jackie Fitzgerald, William Bartels, Jean Ervin, Ellie Dingwall.

Cohuna: Rose Matters, Marie Smith.

Next Weeks Mass Times 29th June to the 5th July 2026

Wednesday 1st July: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill
Thursday 2nd: No Mass Cohuna
Friday 3rd: 9.15am Mass Kerang
Saturday 4th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill
Sunday 5th: 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

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Next week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
4th & 5th July, 2026

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Responsorial Psalm: 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his
marvelous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

