



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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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

4th & 5th July 2026

Looking at the Readings

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the words of the Prophet Zechariah speaking of the final battle against evil. A time of rejoicing and gladness, symbolised by the playing of tambourines and the king not on a warhorse but riding on a donkey. He sees a future time of peace, a lasting peace to the ends of the earth. It is an interesting prelude to the gospel of today. Zechariah's oracle would fit very nicely into Palm Sunday.

The first half of Matthew chapter 11 which is omitted in the sequence of Sunday readings recounts his rejection by the crowds and their indifference to his message. Yet this passage today turns around those difficult times and presents us with the prayer of Christ to the Father and his words of encouragement to his faithful disciples. They were, and we are, the subjects of a just and victorious king, a humble and peace-loving master who is meek and carries our burdens. In him we find rest for our souls!



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 (14th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (Psalter Week 2)

Monday 6 th :	(G) St Maria Goretti. Hosea 2:16-18, Ps 144:2-9, Matthew 9:18-26
Tuesday 7 th :	(G) St Peter To Rot. Hosea 8:4-7, Ps 113B:3-10, Matthew 9:32-38
Wednesday 8 th :	(G) Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Ps 104:2-7, Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday 9 th :	(G) St Augustine Zhao Rong. Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9, Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, Matthew 10:7-15
Friday 10 th :	(G) Hosea 14:2-10, Ps 50:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17, Matthew 10:16-23
Saturday 11 th :	(W) St Benedict. Isaiah 6:1-8, Ps 92:1-2, 5, Matthew 10:24-33

Pope Leo's Intentions for July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation

The sacrament of the First Eucharist and Confirmation is celebrated when a child is in Year 4. This year the celebration will take place on Sunday 6th September at a 10:30am Mass.

The preparation for this program will take place at the school with Gerardine Prendergast, the Parish Sacramental Program leader, and Kiriilly Schlitz, St Joseph's RE Leader. If you need any more information please contact St Joe's 5452 1426 or St Pat's 5452 1041.

Prayer and AI

The avenues to exercise responsibility [international organisations and diplomacy] are sustained by prayer, and in turn nourish prayer. Indeed, for each of us, peace primarily comes from God, God who loves us all, unconditionally. It is a gift given by Jesus to his disciples on the day of Easter: "Peace be with you!" It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.... Let us never tire of praying for peace and of committing ourselves to achieving it in our relationships and in society. Since the Church in her social doctrine, has emphasised the protection of workers and the need to combat all forms of exploitation. Above all it is through their work that individuals develop many dimensions of their existence. In view of this, we can understand the great intuition of Saint Benedict of Nursia, who united prayer and work, showing daily activity to be a part of the human response to God's call.

Created in the image of the Creator, our own work in some way continues his: we contribute to the progress of society and the common good.

Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas nn 228 & 148.

The Prophet Zechariah

Not to be confused with Zechariah the husband of Elizabeth and father of John the Baptism of the Gospel, Zechariah the prophet was. In fact, two prophets: the first Zechariah wrote after the return from exile in Babylon (5th century BC) chapters 1-8 and the second Zechariah wrote in the time of Greek domination (3rd century BC) chapters 9-14. It is the Second Zechariah that appears only twice in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings but is quoted or alluded to 24 times in the Gospels.

Quote of the Week

Enlightened leadership is spiritual if we understand spirituality not as some kind of religious dogma or ideology but as the domain of awareness where we experience values like truth, goodness, beauty, love and compassion, and also intuition, creativity, insight and focused attention. *Deepak Chopra*



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Purchase a **personalised engraved brick** and leave your legacy for generations to come.

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

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Collect a form, complete your details, and return as instructed.

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

Kerang's collection for 28th June \$583.55

Rosters and Events

6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 4 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 11 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Jezelyn Bermasa	Commentator/POF:	Richard Fernandez
Reader:	Colleen Hampson	Reader:	Kate Wood
Gifts:	Correa Family	Gifts:	Cain Family
Eucharistic Minister:	Carmen Cauchi	Eucharistic Minister:	Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA This Week 5 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am COHUNA Next Week 12 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Commentator/POF:	Marg Main	Commentator/POF:	Anne-Marie Link
Reader:	Bernadette Carter	Reader:	Marg Main
Gifts:	Marita Hancock	Gifts:	Garry Farrant
Eucharistic Minister:	Marg Learmonth	Eucharistic Minister:	Peter Doyle
Altar Clean Up:	Helen Keely	Altar Clean Up:	Irene Trezise
10.30am KERANG This Week 5 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		9.00am KERANG Next Week 12 th July 2026 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	
Welcomers:	L Bland & M Lewis	Welcomers:	M Dagge & G Mannix
Commentator/POF:	R Kelly	Commentator/POF:	K Schlitz
Readers:	P Hirst	Readers:	M Messer
Gifts:	M Dagge & S Poole	Gifts:	T & G Kennedy
Eucharistic Minister:	A Makeham & M Cummins	Eucharistic Minister:	G Prendergast & J Hirst
Sick & Housebound:	M Messer & K Laughlin (NH)	Sick & Housebound:	A Kelly & D Frantz (NH)
Power Point:	Gerardine	Power Point:	M Lewis
Musicians:	Mike, Tony Val, Marie & Marita	Musicians:	Alicia, Tony & Men's Group
Setting up the Altar:	Tops	Setting up the Altar:	Liz
Mowers: July:	T McClelland	Mowers: July:	T McClelland
Counters July:	E Phillips & M Messer	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: Peter Rees, Abbey Trewin, Ian Pickering, Frank Quinn, Marge Hall, Fr Paul Ly, Alice Madin, Sheila Troop, Brian Cummins, Des Schmidt. Pyramid Hill: Ida Cassidy, Robert Kennedy, Sheela Carrick, Matthew Martin, Archibald McCrae, Mary Martin, Barry Peatling, Christine Ervin, Mary Demeo, Patricia Rudkins. Cohuna: Angela Lewis.			
Next Weeks Mass Times 6th to the 12th July 2026 Wednesday 8th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill Thursday 9th: No Mass Cohuna Friday 10th: 9.15am Mass Kerang Saturday 11th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill Sunday 12th: 10.30am Mass Cohuna 9.00am Mass Kerang			

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

**Next week: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11th & 12th July, 2026**

1st Reading:	Isaiah 55:10-11
Responsorial Psalm:	64:10-14
2nd Reading:	Romans 8:18-23
Gospel:	Matthew 13:1-9

Second Reading

Romans 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

