



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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

17th & 18th January 2026

Looking at the Readings

Last week the Church celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, The Gospel account this year came from Matthew. In other years from Mark (year B) and Luke (year C). The Gospel according to St John does not have an actual account of Jesus' Baptism. Today's Gospel comes close, giving us John the Baptist's recollection of the event, or rather the effect of the Baptism in which Christ's identity is confirmed by the coming down of the Holy Spirit. John is able to declare that Christ is the Chosen one of God. (John 1:34)

Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Servant of God, and more than a servant, the Light of the nations (Is 49:5-6). In scripture servant and son are often interchangeable. Servant is also twinned with other words that help understand the identity of Christ: Servant-Leader, Servant-Shepherd, Holy Servant. Isaiah speaks of God calling the people, my servant, Israel. Not only the Messiah to come but the people also to be servants and light of the nations.

St Paul also refers to the mission that God has given him: "I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle" (1Cor 1:1). It is God who chooses Christ, Israel, Paul and all believes. We are called here and now to be servants of the mission of the Good News.



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 News

Baptism Registration Form. For all Parishes.

Please go to <https://www.catholicparish.app/kerang>
Documents and Forms, open the **Baptism Enrolment Form**
print it and send it back to the office.



New Web Page. Sorry for confusion this in the new web address.

Please use <https://www.catholicparish.app/kerang> as our new web site. You can access Mass times and the latest Bulletins. We are still learning how to navigate so keep checking and let us know what you think or if you have something to add to it.

The old one will work but we will not be updating it with news and the weekly Bulletins.

All parish groups need to get together and take a photo and send it over with a little blurb of what you are doing and what you wish to do and we will include this in the page.

Adoration.

Fr Arun is happy to have Adoration if there are people interested in coming along. Could you please let us know if you are interested, maybe once a month, what suits you best.

Anointing Mass in Kerang will start again on Friday 6th of February at 11.00am. All Welcome.

Mass Intention envelopes have been placed each side of the Church for your use.

Ash Wednesday is the 18th of February. Lenten Groups will be starting on Friday the 20th and Tuesday the 24th. Please keep you eyes out for the sheets to put your names on or contact Carmel Flynn 0408 509 891 or Gerardine 0438 061 675 for more information.



Prayer for the Week

God of the covenant, you anointed your beloved Son with the power of the Holy Spirit to be light for the nations and release for captives.

Grant that we who are born again of water and the Spirit may proclaim with our lips the good news of his peace and show forth in our lives the victory of his justice.

Quote for the Week

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. 1 Corinthias 1:3

On the Lighter Side



Two Corinthians bump into each other on a street during a terrible rainstorm.

First Corinthian: I've never seen it rain like this. I think I'm going to need an ark.

Second Corinthian: You're in luck. I KNOW A GUY.

Two Corinthians are waiting in the unemployment line. One is reading the Bible.

First Corinthian: Ah! Looking for inspiration?

Second Corinthian: What? No. I heard there was a Job in here."

Liturgical Jottings

Second Reading

St Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth is read in segments from today to the sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time right up to the beginning of Lent. Normally the second reading is not connected to the other two readings. The gospel complements or completes the first reading. This year, however, the second reading fits very neatly with the first reading and the Gospel. Today the readings bridge the Christmas, Epiphany, the Lord's Baptism with the beginning of the Ordinary Season by announcing the identities and missions of Christ and St Paul. In the fourth Sunday's readings Zephaniah speaks of humility; Jesus' sermon on the Mount is addressed to the humble and weak. St Paul reminds the Corinthians that Jesus chose the weak and humble. On the Fifth Sunday the Light of Christ and Truth and on the Sixth God's Law and Wisdom complete this series.

Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 17th Jan. 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 24th Jan. 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Anne Grogan Reader: Marilyn Fernandez Gifts: Cauchi Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi	Commentator/POF: Kate Wood Reader: Michaelle Domingo Gifts: Pantig Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA This Week 18th Jan. 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 25th Jan. 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Brian De Silva Reader: Shaanie Webb Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Donna Egan	Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag Reader: Betty McLoughlan Gifts: Brian Di Silva Eucharistic Minister: Marg Learmonth Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight
10.30am KERANG This Week 18th Jan. 2026 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 25th Jan. 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: E Bortolotto & F Roney Commentator/POF: F Kelly Reader: K Schlitz Gifts: C Scriven & M Johnson Eucharistic Minister: M Lewis & J Ginnivan Sick & Housebound: M Niall & H Olcorn (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Tops Mowers: January: Paul Laughlin Counters: January: A & T Bortolotto	Welcomers: J Roberts & J Tuohey Commentator/POF: W Hall Reader: M Lewis Gifts: A Makeham & D Schmidt Eucharistic Minister: C Scriven & K Laughlin Sick & Housebound: W Hall & G Prendergast (NH) Power Point: R Kelly Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Maureen Setting up the Altar: Anne Mowers: January: Paul Laughlin Counters: January: A & T Bortolotto
With St Patrick, St Mary & St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the: Sick: Lui Basile, Faye B., Hank Clare & Magie. Margaret, Phil S., Terry W., P. Preston and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital. Recently Deceased: Peter Basile, Thelma Forner Death Anniversaries. Kerang: Simon Donnelly, Pat Murphy, Leo Fletcher, Melissa Foot, Fr Frank Larsen, Pat Noonan, Barry Hall, Marie Coughlan, Elsie McKnight, Marie Keenan. Pyramid Hill: Henry Scrivers, Colin Woods, John Young, Lila Lacey, Catherine Foley. Cohuna: Agnes Kotsiakos	
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 21st January: No Mass Thursday 22nd January: 9.00am Cohuna Friday 23rd January: 9.15am Mass Kerang Weekend Masses for the 24th & 25th January 2026 Saturday 24th January: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 25th January: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in Kerang	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

PARISH SCHOOLS	
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First Reading*Isaiah 49:3. 5-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified';
 I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,
 my God was my strength.
 And now the Lord has spoken,
 he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 to gather Israel to him:
 'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
 to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors
 of Israel;
 I will make you the light of the nations
 so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10.*

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
 and he stooped down to me;
 he heard my cry.
 He put a new song into my mouth,
 praise of our God. **(R.)**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
 but an open ear.
 You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
 Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
 that I should do your will.
 My God, I delight in your law
 in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed
 in the great assembly.
 My lips I have not sealed;
 you know it, O Lord.

Next week: 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**24th & 25th January, 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Responsorial Psalm: 26:1, 4, 13-14

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 1:1-3***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 1:14. 12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
 He enabled those who accepted him
 to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel*John 1:29-34***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

