



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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Gerardine Prendergast

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

24th & 25th January 2026

Looking at the Readings

Beginning his ministry, Jesus took over from where John the Baptist left off by preaching: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." We hear these words **repent** and **Kingdom of God** many times in Matthew's Gospel. There is a sense of urgency: **close at hand**, the four Apostles left their nets and boats and **immediately** followed him'

Also, Jesus emphasises the movement from darkness to light, evil to goodness that is part of the first reading from the Prophet Isaiah: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light ..." and quoted by Matthew in the gospel today.

Jesus words and actions are **generously generalised** by Matthew: it is not just a few who are healed or a few who hear the word but **all** who were sick, the crowds, **all** kinds of diseases, **all** of Galilee and finally at his Ascension: "go out to **all** the nations". What was the mission of Jesus then became the mission of the Apostles and eventually becomes the mission of the whole church. This is expressed succinctly in the following prayer.



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.



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.

On Tuesday the 17th the School will burn the palms at the Church.

Ash Wednesday the 18th of February Mass will be at 9.15am in Kerang.

Cohuna will be 12.00pm and Pyramid Hill 6.00pm.

Lenten Groups will be starting on Friday the 20th and Tuesday the 24th.

Please keep your 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 salvation,
the splendour of your glory
dispels the darkness of earth,
for in Christ we behold the nearness of your kingdom.
Now make us quick to follow where he beckons,
eager to embrace the tasks of the gospel.

Quote from Pope Leo XIV

"Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God's love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ's grace," CNS 22 May 2025

Day of Prayer: Australia Day 26 January

The Prayers and Readings carry many intentions for the land, the people old and new, the nation, for peace and justice, shelter and safety and blessing. Symbols of Australia may decorate the church: native plants, local artwork and aboriginal artefacts, southern cross, native animals, national flags and music.

On the Lighter Side

Why is dark spelt with a K and not a C?
Because you cannot see in the dark!

After God created 24 hours of alternating darkness and light, one of the angels asked him, "what are you going to do now?" God said, "I think I'm going to call it a day."

Matthew's Gospel

During the Season of Ordinary Time cycle A Gospel of St Matthew is proclaimed on every Sunday. From this Sunday we hear of the beginning of Jesus' ministry in Galilee and on the last Sunday of the Year the end of his ministry in Jerusalem. The passages are from Chapters 4 to 24.

Earlier chapters tell of the Nativity of the Lord that are read during Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Season and the latter chapters on his death and resurrection that are read during the Passion-Easter Season.

Only five chapters are missing from this semi-continuous reading of the first Gospel. We hear these missing episodes mainly in cycle C from the Gospel according to Luke.

Matthew's Gospel is written for a Christian Jewish community with many Old Testament quotes from prophets and allusions about Adam, Abraham Moses, David and the Law. Jesus is depicted as the new Moses presenting the new Law.

Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 24th Jan. 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 31st Jan. 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Kate Wood Reader: Michaelle Domingo Gifts: Pantig Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan	Commentator/POF: Vincent Bartels Reader: Richard Fernandez Gifts: Correa Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson
8.30am COHUNA This Week 25th Jan. 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 1st Feb. 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag Reader: Betty McLoughlan Gifts: Brian Di Silva Eucharistic Minister: Marg Learmonth Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight	Commentator/POF: Marg Main Reader: Bernadette Carter Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Betty McLoughlan Altar Clean Up: Marg Main
10.30am KERANG This Week 25th Jan. 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 1st Feb. 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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	Welcomers: L Wilson & C Scriven Commentator/POF: M Messer Reader: A Ginnivan Gifts: J & A Ginnivan Eucharistic Minister: R Kelly & F Kelly Sick & Housebound: J Hirst & M Lewis (NH) Power Point: A Kelly Musicians: Alicia, Hank, Tony & Ladies Group Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: February: R Frantz Counters: February: T & D Greenwood
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: Death Anniversaries. Kerang: Leslie Schmidt, James Jordan, Michael Cummins, Ken Freeman, Noreen Collins, Carolyn Rankins. Pyramid Hill: Margaret Guinnane, Nonie Carmody, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Terrence Byrne, Jack Ervin. Cohuna: Joseph Matters	
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 28th January: 6.00pm Pyramid Thursday 29th January: 9.00am Cohuna Friday 30th January: 9.15am Mass Kerang Weekend Masses for the 31st January & 1st February 2026 Saturday 31st January: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 1st February: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in Kerang	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading*Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14.***(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Next week: 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**31st January & 1st February, 2026**

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Responsorial Psalm: 145:7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 4:12-17***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

