



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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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

31st January & 1st February 2026

Looking at the Readings

There was a humorous play on the Beatitudes: The disciples asked: “Did they have to remember them?” and “Is it going to be on the exam paper?” The short answer is that we do not have to remember them. But we have to live them! By living them, the Beatitudes become a way of life for us, they are part of our being and essential to our right relationships with God and one another.

The Book of the Prophet Zephaniah is only read twice on Sundays over the three year cycle. It contains three chapters, mainly on the denunciation of the sins of society and the consequences of their wrongdoing. But the sternness and severity is tempered in the last chapter, our reading today. It is instructive and uplifting. Zephaniah give a spiritual connotation to poverty by aligning it with humility and integrity. No longer are riches seen as a blessing and poverty as a curse.

Certainly, Jesus turned such a concept upside-down by beginning the Sermon on the Mount with: “Blessed are the poor ...!” Imagine the shock of the crowds when they first heard this.



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.



Ash Wednesday.

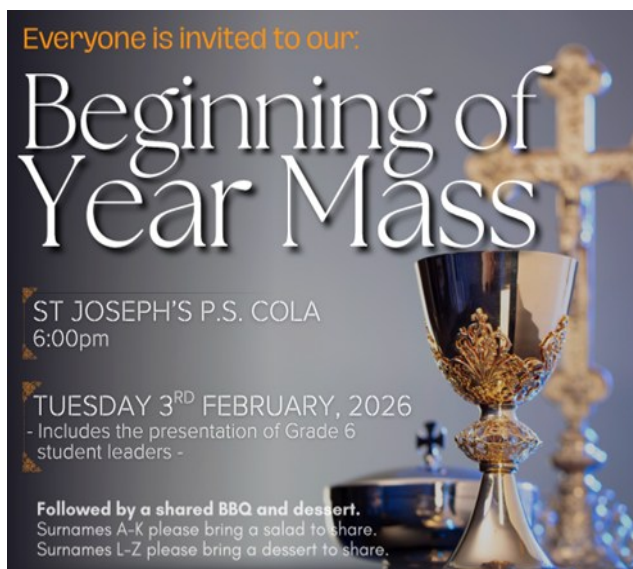
On Tuesday the 17th the School will burn the palms at the Church.

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 in Kerang will be starting on Wednesday the 18th at 10.30am and Tuesday the 24th at 7.00pm.

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.



St Mary's School Beginning of Year Mass will be on Thursday 12th of February at 5.30pm.

Zephaniah's Song of Joy.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; driven your enemies away.

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. ... The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.

He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Zeph 3:14-17. Third Sunday of Advent Year C

Pope Leo XIV on the Beatitudes

The Beatitudes bring with them a new interpretation of reality. They are both the path and the message of Jesus the Teacher.

At first glance, it seems impossible to declare as blessed those who are poor, or those who hunger and thirst for justice, the persecuted or the peacemakers. Yet, that which seems inconceivable in the world's thinking is filled with meaning and light when brought into contact with the Kingdom of God.

Homily on All Saints Day, 1 Nov 2025.

On the Lighter Side

In jest we hear of the eleventh commandment or the wise women from the East visiting Bethlehem. Now comes the ninth Beatitude: "Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves; we shall never cease to be amused."

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels from the fourth Sunday to the ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time form a sequence, or rather a great sequence. It contains the first and largest discourse of Jesus over three chapters. Also known as the Sermon on the Mount, it starts with the "Beatitudes", which is today's gospel. This passage serves as an introduction and a reference point to the rest of Christ's instruction to the disciples.

This great sequence starts with the words: "Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. ... This is what he taught them" (Matt 5:1-2) and concludes with "When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished." (Matt 7:28-29).

He taught them with mercy and compassion, firmness and authority and about faith and living the faith daily. Unfortunately, we will not hear the last three instalments of the 7th—9th Sundays due to Lent. Easter, Pentecost and Feast of the Trinity interrupting this sequence. But we can find them in our Sunday Missals and the Bible.

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Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 31st Jan. 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 7th Feb. 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Vincent Bartels Reader: Richard Fernandez Gifts: Correa Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson	Commentator/POF: Jezelyn Bermasa Reader: Colleen Hampson Gifts: Cain Family Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 1st Feb. 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am COHUNA Next Week 8th Feb. 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Marg Main Reader: Bernadette Carter Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Betty McLoughlan Altar Clean Up: Marg Main	Commentator/POF: Betty McLoughlan Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Helen Keely
10.30am KERANG This Week 1st Feb. 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9.00am KERANG Next Week 8th Feb. 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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: Mike, Hank, Tony & Ladies Group Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: February: R Frantz Counters: February: T & D Greenwood	Welcomers: M Messer & F Roney Commentator/POF: M Doyle Reader: R Kelly Gifts: L Morrow & G Prendergast Eucharistic Minister: J Hirst & F Kelly Sick & Housebound: A Kelly & K Laughlin (NH) Power Point: K Schlitz Musicians: Mike, Hank, Tony, Val & Marie Setting up the Altar: Ellen 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: Thora McAlister, Margaret Scriven, Beryl McLeish, Fr Matthew O'Hagan, Doug Harry, Patrick Cullen, Lorraine Billman, Maurice Teasdale, Frank O'Brien, Thomas Peck, Isabel Murphy, Francis Foott. Pyramid Hill: Frankie Lowe, Jim Watson, Fr Matthew O'Hagan, Anita Bartels, Catherine McDonald, John Powell, Jim Holland. Cohuna: Charles & Eileen Johnson,	
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 4th February: 6.00pm Pyramid Thursday 5th February: No Mass Friday 6th February: 11.00am Anointing Mass Kerang 6.00pm Mass Serpentine Weekend Masses for the 7th & 8th February 2026 Saturday 7th February: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 8th February: 10.30am Mass in Cohuna 9.00am Mass in Kerang	

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Please approach Fr Arun before or after Mass.

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First Reading*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13***A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter

on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;
and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 1:26-31***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called:
how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word,
how many were influential people, or came from noble families?
No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by
human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose
what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks
common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen –
those who are nothing at all to show up those who are every-
thing. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but
you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing
he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and
our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him
boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 145:7-10.*

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

**Gospel Acclamation***Matthew 5:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and
was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what
he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and
speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A**7th & 8th February, 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: 111:4-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16