



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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

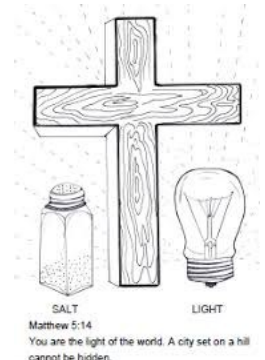
7th & 8th February 2026

Looking at the Readings

The first reading from the book of Isaiah comes from a much longer discourse in which the Lord is addressing several issues to the "nations" as they come out of exile, resettling in their homeland and rebuilding the Holy City, Jerusalem. This excerpt addresses the re-establishment of prayer and fasting as a noble religious practice. But through the Prophet, the Lord reminds them that fasting has both spiritual and social dimensions. There must be a "desire" for the external ritual of fasting and a "desire" for compassion for the poor.

The Lord's demand for integrity and charity may seem overwhelming for the just person. This passage has only half the *incipit* (see the column to the left). To whom is the Lord speaking? Who is "you"? It is the people, the whole nation not just individuals. The whole nation is exhorted to true fasting and compassion to the poor. Thus, it is very reminiscent of the Gospel of last week, the Beatitudes.

The conclusion of the first reading also resounds with the conclusion to the Beatitudes "Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven" Matt 5:12a, and to the sentiment expressed in the Gospel today: "You are the light of the world" Matt 5:14 and in the first reading: "Your light will rise in the darkness." (Is 58:10)



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.

Next Tuesday 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 put your names on the sheets in the Church 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.

Weekday Mass at St Mary's Cohuna will begin on the 19th of February at 9.00am with the school.

Pope Leo's Intentions for February.

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Save the Date: World Day of Prayer, 6th of March.

Quotes of the Day

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle.

St Francis of Assisi

Prayer for the Week

Blessed are those who see in each one Your light:

In their houses, they are sources of light.

Blessed are those who are forgiven:

In their turn, they radiate peace.

Blessed are those who open their hands and give:

The joy of God shines upon them.

Commission Francophone Cistercienne

On the Lighter Side

The Light of the World (US, 2025) is an animated movie that follows Jesus' life from ministry beginnings through crucifixion, resurrection, as seen through the eyes of the Apostle John who sometimes is humorous, sometimes rowdy, and sometimes not very practical.

See review in:

www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/light-of-the-world

Incipits

Most scripture texts proclaimed in our Liturgy of the Word begin with additional words not part of the selected text in order to give direction and context to the passage. The first reading today from the book of Isaiah starts with verse 7, the Lectionary editors have added "Thus says the Lord" which come from Is 56:1 the beginning of a long discourse. Similarly with the Gospel read today, the editors have added "Jesus said to his disciples" which come from Matt 5:1-2. The Canadian Lectionary adds several more words: "Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them." Without the additional words (the incipits) we may wonder what is going on when we hear: "He said to them" Who is he? Who are they? And where are they at the time? It is a trap for young players who select a reading straight out of the bible to include in a liturgy.

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Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 7th Feb. 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 14th Feb. 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Jezelyn Bermasa Reader: Colleen Hampson Gifts: Cain Family Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly	Commentator/POF: Richard Fernandez Reader: Kate Wood Gifts: Domingo Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi
10.30am COHUNA This Week 8th Feb. 2026 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 15th Feb. 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Betty McLoughlan Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Helen Keely	Commentator/POF: Ann-Marie Link Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise
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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	Welcomers: L Bland & M Lewis Commentator/POF: K Schlitz Reader: L Wilson Gifts: L Bland & J Tuohey Eucharistic Minister: M Cummins & G Prendergast Sick & Housebound: E Bortolotto & G Prendergast (NH) Power Point: L Bland Musicians: Alicia, Hank, Tony, Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Denise 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: Gwendoline McCurdy Death Anniversaries. Kerang: Charlie Ellis, Thomas Murphy, Jacquie Lloyd, Shirley Harry, John Coolahan, Nell Jacobs, Pat Kent. Pyramid Hill: Ted Maher, Charles Wood, Fr Gordon Geby, Kath Cox, Ronald Maizey, Elaine Laurie, Kellie Quinn, Mark Whytcross, Frances Douglass, Dorothy Dwyer, John Fewings, Bill Quinn, Patricia Coughlin. Cohuna: Gerry Mangan, Charlie Raffin.	
Week Day Masses: Wednesday 11th February: No Pyramid Thursday 12th February: 5.30pm Mass School Mass Friday 13th February: 9.15am Mass Kerang Weekend Masses for the 14th & 15th February 2026 Saturday 14th February: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 15th 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 58:7-10***A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 111:4-9***R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

**Next week: 6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A****14th & 15th February, 2026**

1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 2:1-5***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*John 8:12***Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!**Gospel***Matthew 5:13-16***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

