



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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

14th & 15th February 2026

Looking at the Readings

Jesus Ben Sira, the author of the Book of Ecclesiasticus (also called the Book of Sirach) shared his wisdom and insights on the dilemma of human freedom and God's initiatives. However, the reading exposes more questions for us about freedom, our choices, God's law and the wisdom of the Lord. The poem below reflects on this apparent paradox:

Jesus crucified, Wisdom of God

The law is fulfilled in Christ,

Salvation of every believer.

Wiser than human beings is the folly of God

One sole glory: the Cross of the Lord.

Here is the new commandment:

To live in love

Jesus crucified, Wisdom of God

The readings of this Sunday affirm the gift of human free will and the conviction that God has set before us the moral choice between goodness and evil, blessing and curse, fire and water, life and death. They also challenge hearers to embrace their moral freedom by choosing a life transformed by the spiritual wisdom reflected in God's commandments and revealed ultimately in the Paschal Mystery of Jesus Christ. We are called to a deeper, interior righteousness, reflected not just in external action, but in the innermost depths of our hearts.

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

February

Wednesday 18th: **Ash Wednesday** 9.15am Kerang *12.00pm Cohuna *6.00pm Pyramid Hill *10.30am Lenten Group (K)

Thursday 19th: 9.00am Mass will commence in Cohuna

Saturday 21st: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Sunday 22nd: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang

Tuesday 24th: 10.00am - 3.00pm Western Deanery Forum, White Hills *7.00pm Lenten Group (Kerang)

Wednesday 25th: 6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Thursday 26th: 9.00am Mass in Cohuna

Friday 27th: 9.15am Mass in Kerang

Saturday 28th: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

March

Sunday 1st: 8.30am Mass in Cohuna *10.30am Mass in Kerang

Wednesday 4th: 6.00pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Thursday 5th: 9.00am Mass in Cohuna

Friday 6th: 10.00am World Day of Prayer this year in Cohuna at St Mary's Kerang's time to be notified

6.00pm Serpentine Mass

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.



Season of Lent I

PASTORAL NOTES

Lent begins next Wednesday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. Other celebrations' in Lent (e.g. marriage) must take account of the spirit of penance: musical instruments are only used to sustain singing, and floral decorations are very simple.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

(from the Aust-NZ Ordo 2026 p 39)

Quotes of the Day

All the great things are simple, and can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honour, duty, mercy, hope.
Winston Churchill

Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.

Pope John Paul II

Prayer for the Week

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

On the Lighter Side

Two lawyers walked into a pub, ordered two drinks, took sandwiches from their briefcases and started to eat.

The barman said, "You can't eat your own sandwiches in here!"

The lawyers shrugged their shoulders then swapped the sandwiches.

A man walked into a pub with his alligator and asked the barman, "Do you serve lawyers here?" "Sure do," he replied.

"Good," said the man. "Give me a beer, and I'll have a lawyer for my 'gator".

Rosters and Events	
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 14th Feb. 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 21st Feb. 2026 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A
Commentator/POF: Richard Fernandez Reader: Kate Wood Gifts: Domingo Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi	Commentator/POF: Michaelle Domingo Reader: MaryAnne Domingo Gifts: Cenas Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA This Week 15th Feb. 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 22nd Feb. 2026 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A
Commentator/POF: Ann-Marie Link Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise	Commentator/POF: Shaanie Webb Reader: Helen Keely Gifts: Brian De Silva Eucharistic Minister: Marg Learmonth Altar Clean Up: Betty McLoughlan
10.30am KERANG This Week 15th Feb. 2026 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 22nd Feb. 2026 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A
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	Welcomers: M Dagge & G Mannix Commentator/POF: L Bland Reader: S Poole Gifts: R & A Kelly Eucharistic Minister: T Greenwood & A Bortolotto Sick & Housebound: P Hirst & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: G Prendergast Musicians: Hank, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita Setting up the Altar: Mardi 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: Kerang Lui Basile, Faye B., Hank Cohuna Clare & Magie, Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts Pyramid Hill 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: Mervyn Hovenden, Delphine Murphy, Kathryn Fenton, Mary Roney, Margaret Coughlan, Louis Forner, Frank Van Graas, Will Murphy, Mary Kelly. Pyramid Hill: Anne Bartels, Peter Posetti, Michael Guinane, Elizabeth Kelly, Fred Nevins, Monica Taggart, Charles Wood. Cohuna:	
Weekend Masses for the 21st & 22nd February 2026 Saturday 21st February: 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill Sunday 22nd 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*Sirach 15:15-20***A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34***(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

**Next week: 1st Sunday of Lent Year A****21st & 22nd February, 2026**

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12, 17-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 2:6-10***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity:
not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of
our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of
God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God
predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a
wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or
they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what
scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has
heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared
for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the
Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the
depths of God.

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 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper
than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the
kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not
kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the
court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother
will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery.
But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has
already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You
must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord.
But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes"
if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this
comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

