



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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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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 25th & 26th July 2026 **Looking at the Readings**

The first reading opens with God asking Solomon what would he like God to give him. Solomon is the newly appointed king, he may wish for many things. This type of request of God offering his help to his chosen servants occurs regularly in Scripture and in other forms in classical literature and even fairy tales: "Your wish is my command" Genie in Aladdin's Lamp and also in Doctor Who. In a wise response Solomon asked for wisdom: "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, ..." (Verse 9). Like prevenient grace, that is grace given to receive grace (see Prayer over the Gifts, Mass of Immaculate Conception of BVM). It seems that Solomon had prevenient wisdom. Such a gift should be our aspiration!

The Gospel today completes Matthew's Parables Discourse (chapter 13) with four very short parables: treasure in the field, the fine pearl, the dragnet and the storeroom. Each parable requires wisdom: Someone who finds the treasure in the field needs to know what to do. Similarly the merchant seeking the fine pearl and the fishermen discerning what fish to take to market and what to throw back into the sea. And finally the householder who goes looking into the larder. Like Solomon, these agents must discern the good from the bad. The kingdom of heaven is a treasure we must seek with all our heart. The world consists of good and bad, people of every kind. While final judgement is with God we live alongside people of all kinds here and now but look and work towards the future with freedom and hope.



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.



Parish News

Pope Leo's Intentions for July

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation

The sacrament of the First Eucharist and Confirmation is celebrated when a child is in Year 4. This year the celebration will take place on Sunday 6th September at a 10:30am Mass.

The preparation for this program will take place at the school with Gerardine Prendergast, the Parish Sacramental Program leader, and Kirrily Schlitz, St Joseph's R.E. Leader. If you need any more information please contact St Joe's 5452 1426 or St Pat's 5452 1041.

If there is anyone interested in Pyramid Hill please contact Rachael or Anne.

Singers and Musicians Wanted!!!

We are looking to rejuvenate our music at Mass and are wondering if any Parishioners are keen to join a singing group or play the piano, guitar, drums etc.

We are clearly missing our long time guitarist Hank and would welcome any new musicians or suggestions. Please contact Alicia, Maureen or Gerardine.



Pope Leo on Grandparents and the Elderly

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled.



On the Lighter Side

"Our club is looking for a treasurer."
"Didn't you just hire one last month?"
"Yes, that's the one we're looking for."

"What does a fruitcake pirate do with his treasure? He berries it on a dessert island."

Readings for the week.

JULY 2026 (17th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 1)

Monday 27th: (G) Jeremiah 13:1-11, Deuteronomy 32:18-21, Matthew 13:31-35
Tuesday 28th: (G) Jeremiah 14:17-22, Ps 78:8-9, 11, 13, Matthew 13:36-43
Wednesday 29th: (W) St Martha, Mary & Lazarus. 1 John 4:7-16, Ps33:2-11, John 11:19-27
Thursday 30th: (G) St Peter Chrysologus. Jeremiah 18:1-6, Ps 145:2-6, Matthew 13:47-53
Friday 31st: (W) St Ignatius. Jeremiah 26:1-9, Ps 68:5, 8-10, 14, Matthew 13:54-58
Saturday 1st: (W) St Alphonsus Liguori. Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24, Ps 68:15-16, Matthew 14:1-12

Kerang's Collection: \$4210.15

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Kerang: Lui Basile, Faye B.,

Cohuna: Clare & Magie, Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts, Brian McLoughlan

Pyramid Hill: Margaret, Phil S., Terry W.

and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital.

Recent Deaths

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Gavin Dowel, Leslie Trewin, Betty Keating, Lorna Deviny, Malcolm McDonald, Pat Hallinan, Bo Lawson, Brian Deviny, Frank Allen, Hans Fedke, Verna Smith, Kevin Makeham.

Cohuna: Judy Doyle.

Pyramid Hill: Kathleen Le Batt, Francis Grogan, Leslie Lakey, Philomena Lucas, Brian Cahill, Mary Merrigan, Ralph Stone, William Herrick, Annie Stevens.

Rosters	
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 25 th July 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 1 st August 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Marilyn Fernandez Reader: Jeff Pacala Gifts: Cenas Family Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly	Commentator/POF: Colleen Hampson Reader: Vincent Bartels Gifts: Bojo Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi
8.30am COHUNA This Week 26 th July 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 2 nd August 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Shaanie Webb Reader: Peter Doyle Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Liz Keely	Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Shaanie Webb Eucharistic Minister: Kylie Doyle Altar Clean Up: Donna Egan
10.30am KERANG This Week 26 th July 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 2 nd August 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: D Schmidt & N Webb Commentator/POF: M Dagge Readers: G Prendergast Gifts: C Scriven & M Johnson Eucharistic Minister: E Bortolotto & P Hirst Sick & Housebound: J Hirst & K Laughlin (NH) Power Point: R Kelly Musicians: Mike, Tony & Ladies Group Setting up the Altar: Ellen Mowers: July: T McClelland Counters July: E Phillips & M Messer	Welcomers: J Roberts & J Tuohey Commentator/POF: L Bland Readers: C Scriven Gifts: M Dagge & S poole Eucharistic Minister: K Laughlin & M Kelly Sick & Housebound: P Hirst & M Lewis (NH) Power Point: A Kelly Musicians: Alicia, Tony Val, Marie & Marita Setting up the Altar: Tops Mowers: July: G Coburn Counters July: G Prendergast & M Kelly

Next Weeks Mass Times 27th July to the 2nd August 2026

Fr Arun will be away from Monday 13th of July till the 14th of August having a well earned rest and visiting his family. There will not be any weekday Masses during this time. Fr Des will be our supply Priest for that time. Kerang will have a liturgy on a Friday morning at 9.15am.

Saturday 1st August: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 2nd August: 8.30am Mass Cohuna

10.30am Mass Kerang

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130

((R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
 is to obey your word.
 The law from your mouth means more to me
 than silver and gold. **(R.)**

2. Let your love be ready to console me
 by your promise to your servant.
 Let your love come to me and I shall live
 for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

3. That is why I love your commands
 more than finest gold.
 That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
 I hate false ways. **(R.)**

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
 therefore I obey it.
 The unfolding of your word gives light
 and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
1st & 2nd August 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18
2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.