



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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 1st & 2nd August 2026 **Looking at the Readings**

"For although the Lord had the power to supply wine to those feasting, independently of any created substance, and to fill with food those who were hungry, he did not adopt this course of action; but, taking the loaves which the earth had produced, and giving thanks, and on the other occasion making water into wine, he showed that the God who made the earth, and commanded it to bring forth fruit, who established the waters, and brought forth the fountains, was he who in these last times bestowed upon mankind, by his Son, the blessing of food and the favour of drink: the incomprehensible by means of the comprehensible, and the invisible by the visible."

St Irenaeus

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a prevision of the disciples' faith to believe in Christ Jesus as the one who meets their needs. The miracle prefigures the miracle of the Eucharist that we may have food for the journey and the life of Christ within us and about us.



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 August

For evangelization in the city.
Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Quote of the Week

"Seek grace for the smallest things, and you will find grace to accomplish, to believe in, and to hope for the greatest things. Attend to the smallest things, examine them, think about putting them into effect, and the Lord will grant you greater." Saint Peter Faber.

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.



Cohuna News.

Funeral Prayers for Helen Trezise at St Mary's
10.30am Friday 31st July

Ladies Coffee afternoon

Bower Tavern Thursday 6th August
at 1.30pm.

Everyone most welcome.
Many thanks Helen.



From the Archives (August 2014)

I write these reflections with a heavy heart. More than usual the world seems in disarray. The crisis in Gaza continues and claims the lives of more and more innocents caught in the violence of an intractable conflict. Violence continues in Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan, and Somalia. Writing to the Romans for the persecuted Christians of his day, St Paul empathizes that God's love for us is stronger than earthly or cosmic powers. Our faith in this love is ultimately not something we do for God, but it is rather something that God does for us.
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On the Lighter Side

Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day.
Teach him to fish and he has a livelihood.
Eat your lunch and you eat for one,
hand your lunch to Jesus, and you'll feed 5,000.

Readings for the week.

AUGUST 2026 (18th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 2)

Monday 3rd: (W) St Dominic. Jeremiah 28:1-17, Ps 118:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102, Matthew 14:22-36
Tuesday 4th: (W) St John Vianney. Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22, Ps 101:16-21, 29, 22-23,
Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday 5th: (G) Jeremiah 31:1-7, Jeremiah 31:10-13, Matthew 15:21-28
Thursday 6th: (W) The Transfiguration of the Lord. Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9,
Matthew 17:1-9
Friday 7th: (G) Nahum 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7, Deuteronomy 32:35-36, 39, 41, Matthew 16:24-28
Saturday 8th: (W) St Mary of the Cross. 1 Kings 17:8-16, Ps 62:1-8, Colossians 3:12-17,
Matthew 6:25-34

Kerang's Collection: \$783.75

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Kerang: Lui Basile, Faye B.,

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

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: Helen Trezise

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Ingrid McCarthy, Alice Ritchie, Brian Kelly,
Bid Hallinan.

Cohuna:

Pyramid Hill: Hugh Martin, Michael Herrick,
Thomas Walls, Peter Sherlock,
Robert Goats, Clarence Thomas,
Anne Findlay, John Mulduck.

Rosters	
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 1 st August 2026 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 8 th August 2026 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Colleen Hampson Reader: Vincent Bartels Gifts: Bojo Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi	Commentator/POF: MaryAnne Domingo Reader: Anne Grogan Gifts: Mateo Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA This Week 2 nd August 2026 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am COHUNA Next Week 9 th August 2026 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Shaanie Webb Eucharistic Minister: Kylie Doyle Altar Clean Up: Donna Egan	Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag Reader: Ileana Dayag Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight
10.30am KERANG This Week 2 nd August 2026 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9.00am KERANG Next Week 9 th August 2026 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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: August: G Coburn Counters August: G Prendergast & M Kelly	Welcomers: L Wilson & C Scriven Commentator/POF: P Hirst Readers: K Laughlin Gifts: L Morrow & G Prendergast Eucharistic Minister: A Kelly & C Scriaven Sick & Housebound: L Bland & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: K Schlitz Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: August: G Coburn Counters August: G Prendergast & M Kelly

Next Weeks Mass Times 3rd to the 9th 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.

Friday 7th August: 9.15am Feast of Mary MacKillop Liturgy, St Joe's School in the Church.

Saturday 8th August: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 9th August: 10.30am Mass Cohuna

9.00am Mass Kerang

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have good things
to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 144:8-9. 15-18*

**(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 4:4*

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.

Alleluia!

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still
to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor
any created thing, can ever come between us and
the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel *Matthew 14:13-21***A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew**

When Jesus received the news of John the
Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely
place where they could be by themselves. But the
people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went
after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a
large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed
their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and
said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has
slipped by; so send the people away, and they can
go to the villages to buy themselves some food.'
Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give
them something to eat yourselves.' But they
answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and
two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on the
grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish,
raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing.
And breaking the loaves he handed them to his
disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate
as much as they wanted, and they collected the
scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who
ate numbered about five thousand men, to say
nothing of women and children.

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

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
8th & 9th August 2026

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:9-14
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33