



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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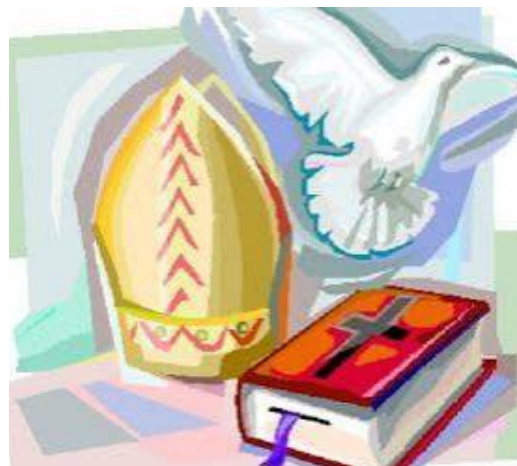
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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 5th & 6th September 2026 Looking at the Readings

Today we share with the children the very powerful words of this weekend's gospel. 'Wherever two or three people are gathered together in my name, I am there with them.' We helped the children to realise the power of prayer, most importantly the power of prayer as a community. There is a reason for gathering together in prayer around the dinner table each evening. There is a reason for coming together as a community in prayer each weekend at Mass. We need to look no further for that reason than today's gospel reading. We should shout today's gospel loudly from the rooftops and we should speak it quietly in our homes... to our children.



Welcome Bishop Rene.

Congratulations to Bayden, Elise, Ryder, Malea and Erin as they receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and 1st Eucharist today.

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 September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church or becoming a Catholic?

For those adults who are not Catholic but who would like to learn more, or those baptised Catholic but who have not received the sacraments of initiation (Confirmation, Eucharist).

Please send an email to stpatker@bigpond.com with your expressions of interest.

On the Lighter Side

Al gives four warnings about brotherly correction:

The Hypocrisy Trap, Sibling Dynamic,
Awkward Timing, Pedantism.

Final Farewell

The St Mary's Bereavement Support Group invites all parishioners to an informal afternoon to help us think about and plan ahead for our funeral wishes and Advance Care Planning.

Wednesday, 30 September
Cuppa – 4.30pm
Presentation – 5.00pm
Parish Meeting Room

Guest Speakers: Loretta Lilford and Parish Bereavement Support Team

This will be a relaxed opportunity to learn, ask questions and think about planning ahead for ourselves and our loved ones.

Please note that the event will be live-streamed for those who have family members interested in attending, but live elsewhere. This gathering is open to all parishioners.

If you'd like more information on this event, please discuss with one of the Bereavement Support Group members. We look forward to seeing you there.

Carmel Mackenzie 0417 164 669
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Expressions of interest.

One of our 2 bedroom units will be available for rent in the next couple of weeks. if there is no interest from Parishioners it will be placed in the Real Estate agent hands. Please contact Dennis Greenwood 0439 503 723



Readings for the week.

September 2026 (24th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 2)

Monday 7th :	(G) 1 Corinthians 5:1-8, Ps 5:5-7, Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday 8th :	(W) Micah 5:1-4, Ps 12:6-7, Matthew 1:1-16
Wednesday 9th :	(G) St Peter Claver. 1 Corinthians 7:25-31, Ps 44:11-12, 14-17, Luke 6:20-26
Thursday 10th :	(G) 1 Corinthians 8:1-7, 11-13, Ps 138:1-3, 13-14, 23-24, Luke 6:27-38
Friday 11th :	(G) 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27, Ps 83:3-6, 12, Luke 6:39-42
Saturday 12th :	(G) The Most Holy Name of Mary, Blessed Virgin Mary. 1 Corinthians 10:14-22, Ps 115:12-13, 17-18, Luke 6:43-49

Kerang's Collection: \$637.50

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Kerang: Faye B., Gerry O'Donoghue

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:

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Kevin Murphy, Kevin Dove, Bert Davidson, Mario Bortolotto, Elice Bortolotto, Roy Mcknight.

Cohuna:

Pyramid Hill: Mary Maher, Anna Upton, Ross McCrae, Margaret Gunneen, Algi Skudutis, Lorna Stirton, Agastino Bartolo, Catherine Sherlock, Mary Nicholson, Shirley Prior, William Byrne, Leanne Whiteside, Helen Bartolo.

This Week 5 th & 6 th September	Rosters	Next Week 12 th & 13 th September
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Vincent Bartels Reader: Richard Fernandez Gifts: S & S Magno Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan		Commentator/POF: Jessamine Palanca Reader: Colleen Hampson Gifts: Pantig Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson
8.30am COHUNA 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am COHUNA 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Anne Distefano Altar Clean Up: Liz Keely		Commentator/POF: Marita Hancock Reader: Helen Keely Gifts: Shaanie Webb Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Anne Distefano
10.30am KERANG 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am KERANG 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: M Dagge & M Lewis Commentator/POF: Children Readers: T Greenwood Gifts: Children Eucharistic Minister: M Cummins & A Bortolotto Sick & Housebound: D Greenwood & M Lewis (NH) Power Point: G Prendergast Musicians: Alicia, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita Setting up the Altar: Ellen Mowers September: Frank Kelly Counters September: T & D Greenwood		Welcomers: D Schmidt & N Webb Commentator/POF: S Poole Readers: C Flynn Gifts: D & T Greenwood Eucharistic Minister: A Makeham & C Scriven Sick & Housebound: W Hall & K Laughlin (NH) Power Point: R Kelly Musicians: Mike, Tony and the Ladies Group Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers September: Frank Kelly Counters September: T & D Greenwood

Next Weeks Mass Times 7th - 13th September 2026

Wednesday 9th September:	6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill	
Thursday 10th September:	12.30pm Mass Cohuna	
Friday 11th September:	9.15am Mass Kerang	
Saturday 12th September:	6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill	
Sunday 13th September:	10.30am Mass Cohuna	8.30am Mass Kerang (New Time)

1st Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
12th & 13th September 2026**

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30, 28:7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12
2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

2nd Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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

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