



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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 11th & 12th July 2026 Looking at the Readings

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the world that he and his listeners live. His parables are based on farming, fishing, the marketplace and family. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, the sea and human realities. Matthew Chapter 13 has seven parables. A parable can be a short metaphor (hidden treasure, a pearl a dragnet) or an extended story with a moral lesson. Rarely does he explain them or elaborate on the different scenarios that we have about the Sower and Seed today. The longer form of today's Gospel (Matt 13:10-23) exposes the parable as an allegory – every part has a symbolic meaning; every scenario has a different application for the listener. The parable challenges us to see into our lives the way we receive God's word: not at all, initial enthusiasm but lose interest, distracted by the things around us or with understanding and right action. This parable is a meditation on God's words and works, on our freedom and the choices we make, on our world of trails, tribulations and successes. It is a parable we can read and reread, study and pray.



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 Korrily 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.



Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, Sower of all the good that is in the world,
Place in us the seeds of goodness and justice.
Let our land yield a harvest of fraternal love
And sheaves of joy and eternal life.

Pope Leo XIV on the Sower and the Seed

This parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life's worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom.

First General Audience, Rome, 21 May 2025

Quote for the Day

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. *Francis of Assisi*

On the Lighter Side

Management to the Farmer: "Jim, we've looked at your distribution metrics. You're throwing premium seed on a paved footpath, tossing it into rocky soil and blackberries, When are you going to get a targeted marketing strategy?"
The Farmer: "Hey, the yield was up to a hundredfold in the good stuff. I'm just playing a numbers game!"

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 2026 (15th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (Psalter Week 3)

Monday 13 th :	(G) St Henry. Isaiah 1:10-17, Ps 49:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23, Matthew 10:34 11:1
Tuesday 14 th :	(G) St Camillus de Lellis. Isaiah 7:1-9, Ps 47:2-8, Matthew 11:20-24
Wednesday 15 th :	(W) St Bonaventure. Isaiah 10:5-7, 13-16, Ps 93:5-10, 14-15, Matthew 10:1-7
Thursday 16 th :	(G) Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19, Ps 101:13-21, <u>Matthew</u>
<u>11:28-30</u>	
Friday 17 th :	(G) Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8, Ps 38:10-12, 16, Matthew 12:1-8
Saturday 18 th :	(G) Micah 2:1-5, Ps 98:1-4, 7-8, 14, <u>Matthew 12:14-21</u>

Kerang's Collection: \$819.00

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

Val Jewson

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Bill Lawson, Fr Paddy Bohan, Pat Deviny, Gregorio Arcuino, Vin Devine, Frankie Craig, Terry McDermott.

Cohuna: Elaine Pitson, Jack Keely, Gavan Diviny, Des Ryan

Pyramid Hill: Frank Martin, Rose Newins, Jack Ryan, Maurice Gallagher, Fr Michael Goonan, Peter Hoare, Doreen Ervin, Kevin Leyden, Dawn McCarthy, Ebony Lynch.

Rosters	
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 11 th July 2026 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 18 th July 2026 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Richard Fernandez Reader: Kate Wood Gifts: Cain Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan	Commentator/POF: Michaelle Domingo Reader: Mary Anne Domingo Gifts: Domingo Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson
10.30am COHUNA This Week 12 th July 2026 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 19 th July 2026 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Anne-Marie Link Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise	Commentator/POF: Shaanie Webb Reader: Peter Doyle Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Liz Keely
9.00am KERANG This Week 12 th July 2026 15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 19 th July 2026 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: M Dagge & G Mannix Commentator/POF: K Schlitz Readers: M Messer Gifts: T & G Kennedy Eucharistic Minister: G Prendergast & J Hirst Sick & Housebound: A Kelly & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Maureen Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers: July: T McClelland Counters July: E Phillips & M Messer	Welcomers: E Bortolotto & F Roney Commentator/POF: M Lewis Readers: L Morrow Gifts: C Fagge & F Kelly Eucharistic Minister: M Lewis & W Hall Sick & Housebound: E Bortolotto & H Olcorn (NH) Power Point: K Laughlin Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers: July: T McClelland Counters July: E Phillips & M Messer

Next Weeks Mass Times 13th to the 19th July 2026

Monday 13th of July till the 14th of August Fr Arun will be away 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 18th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 19th: 8.30am Mass Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**



Responsorial Psalm Psalm 64:10-14

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **(R.)**

2. And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers,
you bless its growth. **(R.)**

3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**

4. The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
18th & 19th July 2026**

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

2nd Reading

Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

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

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