



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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 18th & 19th July 2026 Looking at the Readings

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.



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.



Last week in Pyramid Hill we welcomed Julianna Yecyec as she received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

Pope Leo XIV @Pontifex

God's generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognize. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us—in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith.

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.



On the Lighter Side

A group of children are lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic school for lunch. At the front of the lunch line is a large tray of apples. A nun places a sign on the tray that reads: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

The kids move further down the line to where there is a large tray of chocolate chip cookies. One of the students decides to leave a note of their own on that tray: "Take as many as you want. God is watching the apples!" [1 2 3]

PARISH CALENDAR

JULY 2026 (16th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 4)

- Monday 20th: (G) St Apollinaris. Micah 6:1-4, 6-8, Ps 49:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23, Matthew 12:38-42
- Tuesday 21st: (G) St Lawrence of Brindisi. Micah 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 84:2-8, Matthew 12:46-50
- Wednesday 22nd: (W) St Mary Magdalene. Song 3:1-4, Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, John 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday 23rd: (G) St Bridget. Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13, Ps 35:6-11, Matthew 13:10-17
- Friday 24th: (G) St Sharbel Makhluf. Jeremiah 3:14-17, Jeremiah 31:10-13, Matthew 13:18-23
- Saturday 25th: (R) St James. 2 Corinthians 4:7-15, Ps 125, Matthew 20:20-28

Kerang's Collection: \$127.15 Total Collection for India \$1085.75

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Kerang: Lui Basile, Faye B.,

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

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

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

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Georgina Hughes, Jo Richardson, Bridget and Kevin Downs, Harold O'Brian, Ron Peck, Bryan McCluskey, Margaret Downes, Ned Fitzpatrick .

Cohuna: Dorothy Le Sueur, Simon Raffin.

Pyramid Hill: Weiner Schmidt, Alphonus Amarant, Lena Donnellan, Rosemary Stephens, Jim Hoban, Brian Kelly, Samuel Stone.

Recent Deaths

Rosters	
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 18 th July 2026 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 25 th July 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Michaelle Domingo Reader: Mary Anne Domingo Gifts: Domingo Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson	Commentator/POF: Marilyn Fernandez Reader: Jeff Pacala Gifts: Cenas Family Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly
8.30am COHUNA This Week 19 th July 2026 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 26 th July 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: Marita Hancock Reader: Helen Keely Gifts: Marg Main Eucharistic Minister: Anne Distefano Altar Clean Up: Anne Distefano
10.30am KERANG This Week 19 th July 2026 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 26 th July 2026 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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	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

Next Weeks Mass Times 13th to the 19th July 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 25th: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 26th: 8.30am Mass Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading

Wisdom 12:13.16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**



Readings for Next Week

Next Week: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
25th & 26th July 2026

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

2nd Reading

Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind 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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

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

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