



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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

8th & 9th August 2026

Looking at the Readings

We have not seen God. Not even Abraham, Moses, Elijah or the Apostles have seen God. Yet the Apostles had come close because in seeing Christ the Lord they have "seen" an image of God. We do see a lot of images of God in Artworks, Poems, Stories, Songs and human experiences. Most of these images have been inspired by sacred scripture and meditation on the Word of God. We hear how Elijah, who wanted to see God, was told to leave the cave and stand at its entrance on the mountain and God would pass by. Elijah saw God not in the terrific forces of nature but in the silence of a gentle breeze.

Those terrific forces of nature: storms, earthquakes, wildfires, floods and droughts are sometimes described by insurance companies and the like as Acts of God. But God was not in the storm, the earthquake or the fire. The Apostles in the boat were terrified by the fierce storm on the lake but also terrified by Jesus walking on the lake and calming the storm. We need to recognise Jesus, Father and Spirit in the ordinary and quiet moments of our lives. It is in the ordinary that God performs extraordinary actions. It is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well we fulfil God's call to service.

(Spiritual "Little Way" of Thérèse of Lisieux.)



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.



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

The doctrines of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. Abraham Lincoln

Liturgy and Nature I

The ecological crisis has heightened interest in the relation of worship to the natural world. Now the world of nature, the matrix within which human life is set, can no longer be taken for granted, and the salvation of this world has suddenly become a priority. Within our tradition, the Psalms provides a view of the natural world by displaying the glory and providential care of the Creator. The “land” was always an essential part of Israel’s relationship to God. In the Eastern church liturgies, an important theme is salvation as a cosmic process restoring both humanity and nature to their original purposes. In the Western church mystics such as Hildegard of Bingen, Mechtilde of Magdeburg, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi, celebrated the interrelatedness of humanity and nature. The forms and emphases of worship respond to the felt needs of every age.

Prayer for the Day

God of all power, your sovereign word comes to us in Christ. When your Church is in danger, make firm our trust; when your people falter, steady our faith. Show us in Jesus your power to save, that we may always acclaim him as Lord, who lives and reigns God for ever and ever. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A chef wants to publish a cookbook that teaches people how to prepare nutritious and tasty meals using meagre rations after cyclones, earthquake, floods or bushfires. It sounds like a recipe for disaster. !

Readings for the week.

AUGUST 2026 (19th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 3)

Monday 10th: (R) St Lawrence. 2 Corinthians 9:6-10, Ps 111:1-2, 5-9, John 12:24-26
 Tuesday 11th: (W) St Clare. Ezekiel 2:8 3:4, Ps 118:14, 24, 72, 103, 131, Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday 12th: (G) St Jane Frances de Chantal. Ezekiel 9:1-7, 10:18-22, Ps 112:, Matthew 15:21-28
 Thursday 13th: (G) St Pontian, Hippolytus. Ezekiel 12:1-12, Ps 77:56-59, 61-62, Matthew 18:21, 19:1
 Friday 14th: (R) St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63, Isaiah 12:2-6, Matthew 19:3-12
 Saturday 15th: (W) The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Revelations 11:19, 12:1-6, 10, Ps 44:10-12, 16, Luke 1:39-56

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: Dale Spinks

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Leonie Murray, Dr Greg Keogh, Allen Archard,
Bill Lone, Mick Hallinan.

Cohuna: Eliabeth Camtoria

Pyramid Hill: Elizabeth Moss, Patrick Carroll,
John Husban, Frank Lacey, William Keys,
Barry Leah, Les Woods, Frank Dee,
Margaret L'Huillier, Denis Scott.

Rosters	
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 8 th August 2026 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 15 th August 2026 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: MaryAnne Domingo Reader: Anne Grogan Gifts: Mateo Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan	Commentator/POF: Jeff Pacala Reader: Jezelyn Bermasa Gifts: S & S Magno Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson
10.30am COHUNA This Week 9 th August 2026 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	8.30am COHUNA Next Week 16 th August 2026 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag Reader: Ileana Dayag Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight	Commentator/POF: Marg Main Reader: Shaanie Webb Gifts: Marita Hancock Eucharistic Minister: Dakota Byrne Altar Clean Up: Marg Main
9.00am KERANG This Week 9 th August 2026 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	10.30am KERANG Next Week 16 th August 2026 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: L Wilson & C Scriven Commentator/POF: P Hirst Readers: K Laughlin Gifts: L Morrow & G Prendergast Eucharistic Minister: A Kelly & C Scriven 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	Welcomers: M Messer & F Roney Commentator/POF: L Morrow Readers: M Doyle Gifts: A Makeham & D Schmidt Eucharistic Minister: F Kelly & R Kelly Sick & Housebound: L Wilson & G Prendergast (NH) Power Point: L Bland Musicians: Mike, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers: August: G Coburn Counters August: G Prendergast & M Kelly

Next Weeks Mass Times 10th to the 16th 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 14th August: 9.15am Assumption Liturgy, St Joe's School in the Church.

Saturday 15th August: 6.00pm Pyramid Hill

Sunday 16th August: 8.30am Mass Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading*1 Kings 19:9.11-13***A reading from the first book of the Kings**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

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

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 84:9-14.*

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Gospel Acclamation*Psalm 129:5*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
15th & 16th August 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

2nd Reading*Romans 9:1-5***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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Gospel*Matthew 14:22-33***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

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