



# 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.

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026 **Looking at the Readings**

All three readings and the responsorial psalm for this Sunday mention foreigners, converted pagans and/or peoples of all nations. The writers' intentions appear clear. The message of God, God's care and promises go out to all peoples. To the Israelites in Isaiah's day this concept was a challenge: God accepting foreigners to his Temple. St Paul understood his mission to preach Christ to the Gentiles who also enjoy the promise of God with the Paul's own people. These promises, and covenant will never be revoked. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us of the continuing old covenant when he wrote, quoting the Catholic Catechism of the Church "the Old Covenant has never been revoked" (CCC 121).

Matthew's Gospel was firstly written to his own church community consisting of converted Jewish people. Matthew broadened their understanding of Jesus mission through his dialogue with the Canaanite woman. Jesus praised her persistence and her faith. Secondly the gospel is relevant in our time when the church and Christians encounter people of other cultures, languages and races. We are able to sing the responsorial psalm with faith and hope: "Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth." (psalm 67:4)



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.

### St Mary's Cohuna

**Cup of Tea after 8.30am Mass this coming Sunday 16th. All welcome.**



Thank you to all my friends and Parishioners for your support, best wishes and prayers during my period of illness. All your prayers have been answered. I am currently in full remission, although under constant review.  
Thanks be to God, and again my heartfelt thanks to you all.  
Luigi Basile

A poster for the Victorian State Concert Orchestra. The top half shows a photograph of the orchestra performing on stage. The bottom half contains text: 'Presenting for the 100th Anniversary Season:', a list of performers (Soprano, Tenor, Conductor, Concertmaster and President), the date 'Sunday, 23 August 2026', ticket prices, and booking information. It also includes a QR code and mentions that tickets can be purchased at Gannawarra Shire Council Customer Service centres.

*Victorian State Concert Orchestra*

Presenting for the 100th Anniversary Season:

- Soprano, Jane O'Toole
- Tenor, Raymond Khong
- Conductor, John Ferguson
- Concertmaster and President, Loretta Frances Meagher

**Sunday, 23 August 2026**

Doors open at 1.30pm  
2.00pm - 4.30pm (including intermission 3.00pm - 3.30pm)

Kerang Memorial Hall,  
4 Nolan St, Kerang

Tickets: \$10 adults  
children **UNB FREE**  
Afternoon tea provided

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/DOGPY](http://www.trybooking.com/DOGPY)  
or scan the QR code:

Tickets may also be purchased at  
Gannawarra Shire Council Customer Service  
centres in Kerang and Cohuna.  
(For more information please call (03) 5450 9333)

### On the Lighter Side

An entrepreneur opened a new funeral parlour in town for people of no specific faith. He called it: "Di-Agnostic Services."

How do you know that atoms are Catholic? They have mass.

Be grateful for laughter — it burns up calories without exercising

## Readings for the week.

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

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| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>:</b>    | (G) Ezekiel 24:15-24, Deuteronomy 32:18-21, Matthew 19:16-22                              |
| <b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>:</b>   | (G) Ezekiel 28:1-10, Deuteronomy 32:26-28, 30, 35-36, Matthew 19:23-30                    |
| <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>:</b> | (G) St John Eudes. Ezekiel 34:1-11, Ps 22; Matthew 20:1-16                                |
| <b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>:</b>  | (W) St Bernard. Ezekiel 36:23-28, Ps 50:12-15, 18-19, Matthew 22:1-14                     |
| <b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup>:</b>    | (W) St Pius X. Ezekiel 37:1-14, Ps 106:2-9, Matthew 22:34-40                              |
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>:</b>  | (W) The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ezekiel 43:1-7, Ps 84:9-14, Matthew 23:1-12 |

**Kerang's Collection: \$1554.85**

## 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:** Stephanie Oliver, Jackie Castle,  
Gwen Cummins, Betty Wilson.

**Cohuna:** Kathleen Doyle

**Pyramid Hill:** John Worsnop, Charlie Ervin, Athol Myers,  
Adriannus De Gelder, Carmel Smith,  
May Williamson, Fr John Leahy, Mary Ryan,  
Kath Doyle, Henry Osperga,  
Ambrose Guinane, Wilfred Lock.

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| <b>6.00pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>6.00pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Commentator/POF:</b> Jeff Pacala<br><b>Reader:</b> Jezelyn Bermasa<br><b>Gifts:</b> S & S Magno<br><b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Colleen Hampson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Commentator/POF:</b> Anne Grogan<br><b>Reader:</b> Marilyn Fernandez<br><b>Gifts:</b> J & J Bermasa<br><b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Marianne Kelly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>8.30am COHUNA This Week 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>8.30am COHUNA Next Week 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Commentator/POF:</b> Marg Main<br><b>Reader:</b> Shaanie Webb<br><b>Gifts:</b> Marita Hancock<br><b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Dakota Byrne<br><b>Altar Clean Up:</b> Marg Main                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Commentator/POF:</b> Anne-Marie Link<br><b>Reader:</b> Bernadette Carter<br><b>Gifts:</b> Marg Main<br><b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Marg Learmonth<br><b>Altar Clean Up:</b> Helen Keely                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>10.30am KERANG This Week 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>10.30am KERANG Next Week 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday, School Family Day</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Welcomers:</b> M Messer & F Roney<br><b>Commentator/POF:</b> L Morrow<br><b>Readers:</b> M Doyle<br><b>Gifts:</b> A Makeham & D Schmidt<br><b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> F Kelly & R Kelly<br><b>Sick &amp; Housebound:</b> L Wilson & G Prendergast (NH)<br><b>Power Point:</b> L Bland<br><b>Musicians:</b> Mike, Tony, Val, Marie & Marita<br><b>Setting up the Altar:</b> Denise<br><b>Mowers:</b> August: G Coburn<br><b>Counters August:</b> G Prendergast & M Kelly | <b>Welcomers:</b> M Niall & N Webb<br><b>Commentator/POF:</b> Children<br><b>Readers:</b> Children<br><b>Gifts:</b> Children<br><b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> W Hall & P Hirst<br><b>Sick &amp; Housebound:</b> C Scriven & H Olcorn (NH)<br><b>Power Point:</b> Children<br><b>Musicians:</b> Mike, Tony, Ladies Group<br><b>Setting up the Altar:</b> Mardi<br><b>Mowers:</b> August: G Coburn<br><b>Counters August:</b> G Prendergast & M Kelly |

## Next Weeks Mass Times 17<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August:** 6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August:** 12.30pm Mass Cohuna School in the Church.  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August:** 9.15am Mass Kerang  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** 6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:** 8.30am Mass Cohuna      10.30am Mass Kerang



## 1st Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8.

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

**Alleluia!**

## 2nd Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

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

## Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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



## Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, A  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

**Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-20

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