



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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 29th & 30th August 2026 Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah was the classic prophet of doom warning the citizens of Jerusalem of their impending captivity and their city of its impending destruction. They did not appreciate that, nor did Jeremiah find comfort or reward in telling them. But he was impelled by a fire within. On reflection, his passion was a great motivation and awesome emotion. It makes us listen and take heed of events and advice we may encounter.

Jesus faced the same reactions from the citizens and leaders of Jerusalem. He warns the disciples of this impending rejection and suffering. Peter and the others were with Jesus in the good times and the bad but wanted to avoid the bad times. Life has its contradictions! And the last of these is that suffering leads to glory.

St Paul echoes the words of Jeremiah, that now as Christians we must model Christ in offering our lives as servants and pursue God's will.



The image for this week depicts the prophet Jeremiah facing his critics and denouncers.

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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.



To Parishioners

You are invited
to our Class Mass!



After Mass you are most welcome to enjoy morning tea with us.



Date: Friday 4th September

Time: 9:45am

Place: Grade 1 Classroom

From Grade 1

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**Last Sunday's School Mass,
congratulations to all those who participated.**



Expressions of interest.

A 2 bedroom unit will be available for lease
in the next couple of weeks. Please contact
Dennis Greenwood 0439 503 723



On the Lighter Side

People will always criticize how you said
something regardless of what you actually said.

"The trouble with most of us is that we would
rather be ruined by praise than saved by
criticism"

Norman Vincent Peale

Readings for the week.

September 2026 (22nd Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 2)

Monday 31st :	(G) 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Ps 118:97-102, Luke 4:16-30
Tuesday 1st :	(G) 1 Corinthians 2:10-16, Ps 144:8-14, Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday 2nd :	(G) 1 Corinthians, 3:1-9, Ps 32:12-15, 20-21, Luke 4:38-44
Thursday 3rd :	(W) St Gregory the Great. 1 Corinthians 3:18-23, Ps 23:1-6, Luke 5:1-11
Friday 4th :	(G) 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Ps 36:3-6, 27-28, 39-40, Luke 5:33-39
Saturday 5th :	(G) 1 Corinthians 4:6-15, Ps 144:17-21, Luke 6:1-5

Kerang's Collection: \$872.70

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.

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Geoffrey Messer, Molly Power, May Cotter.

Cohuna:

Pyramid Hill: Eileen O'Connor, Michael Cassidy,
Kevin Ellis, Margaret Amarent,
Paul Seddon.

Recent Deaths:

This Week 29 th & 30 th August	Rosters	Next Week 5 th & 6 th September
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Kate Wood Reader: Michaelle Domingo Gifts: Cauchi Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi		Commentator/POF: Vincent Bartels Reader: Richard Fernandez Gifts: S & S Magno Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am COHUNA 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Shaanie Webb Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Bernadette Carter Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise		Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Marita Hancock Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Anne Distefano Altar Clean Up: Liz Keely
10.30am KERANG 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am KERANG 23rd Sunday Confirmation & 1st Eucharist
Welcomers: L Bland & M Lewis Commentator/POF: G Prendergast Readers: W Hall Gifts: L Bland & J Tuohey Eucharistic Minister: M Kelly & K Laughlin Sick & Housebound: A Makeham & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Mike, Tony, Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Anne Mowers August: G Coburn Counters August: G Prendergast & M Kelly		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

Next Weeks Mass Times 31st August to the 6th September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September:	6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill	
Thursday 3rd September:	9.00am Mass Cohuna	
Friday 4th September:	9.45am Mass at St Joe's Kerang	
Saturday 5th September:	6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill	
Sunday 6th September:	8.30am Mass Cohuna	10.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9.

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
5th & 6th September 2026**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

2nd Reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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