



# 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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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
17th August, 2025**

## Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah and Jesus were both men of peace. Jeremiah and Jesus preached repentance of sin and a change of heart. Jeremiah's words were rebuked by the king and the people under the king's influence. The words, miracles and witness of Jesus were scorned by the elders and rulers of his day. The prophet and the Christ challenged their opponents: Jeremiah wanted repentance and conversion as the instruments to counter the threat of war and certain defeat at the hands of the Babylonian army. Jesus preached and taught forgiveness and the power of love to defeat the enemy within people's hearts and bring true freedom.

Jeremiah's prophecies of destruction stood as a warning for the nation. Jesus' image of a blazing fire and words of division likewise stood as a wake-up call to the complacent and those rejecting his message. Jeremiah and Jesus are men of peace: we are called to listen and turn back to God.

Ther image of the well, a storage of water vital to life became a place of impending death for Jeremiah. "And in the mud, he sank" dramatized well the predicament he faced and difficulties that we may all face The image of the blazing fire alludes to a fire that destroys, a fire that purifies and a fire that provides baking, melding and warmth serves as necessary instrument for change and renewal that we all must experience.



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.

## 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.

## Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Charity I

In the New Testament the word "liturgy" refers not only to the celebration of divine worship but also to the proclamation of the Gospel and to active charity. In all of these situations it is a question of the service of God and neighbour.

In a liturgical celebration the Church is servant in the image of her Lord, she shares in Christ's priesthood (worship), which is both prophetic (proclamation) and kingly (service of charity): Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1070 Charity is not just an abstract concept but a living virtue that should be cultivated and expressed in all aspects of Christian life, including liturgical participation and works of service. Liturgy, in turn, provides the framework and inspiration for growing in charity, making it a vital component of the Christian journey.

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## To the Parishioners of St. Mary's Cohuna

We have placed a book in the foyer for parishioners to write the anniversary's of the death of people they would like to be placed in the bulletin.

### Baptism Registration Form. For all Parishes.

Please SCAN this form to complete Baptism Registration



### KERANG BANK DETAILS

BSB: 083 543 Acc. Number: 457 423 724 Please let Marianne know if you are changing to Direct Deposits ie. How much and how often so we can then allocate you a new number.

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## Prayer of the Week

*God of fire and light, you draw your servants out of darkness and out of the mud of human difficulties. Lead us by your light, so that we may find you and rejoice. Help us to persevere in hope and to grow in faith, that we may give you thanks and sing your praise, through Christ, our Light.*

## Words of Pope Leo

The ministry of St Peter is distinguished precisely by this self-sacrificing love, because the Church of Rome presides in charity and its true authority is the charity of Christ. It is never a question of capturing others by force, by religious propaganda or by means of power. Instead, it is always and only a question of loving as Jesus did.

Inaugural Homily given by Pope Leo XIV, 18 May 2025

## On the Lighter Side

Which English king invented the fireplace?

Alfred the Grate.

What do you call a jacket that goes up in flames?

A blazer.



## YOU ARE INVITED

10th Anniversary of Priestly

Ordination of Fr. Novi

Sunday 7th September 2025

9.30AM Parish Mass, St Mary's Church

Join us for a shared luncheon in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share as we gather in gratitude and fellowship.



## All-In Young Adults Worship Night

Live worship. Praise & Prayer. All are welcome, bring a plate to share for Dinner/Supper.

Gold Coin Donation appreciated

Saturday 30th August, 5 pm @ Kerang Baptist Church.

## Ladies Day 2025 Kerang Baptist Church

Keep Your Eyes on Jesus 18th Oct 9.30 AM

Guest Speakers: Robyn Broad & Donna Clarke

R.S.V.P. by 26th Sept. to Linda on 0427 578 266

Rosters and Events		
<b>6.30pm PYRAMID HILL This Week 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> <b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>		<b>6.30pm PYRAMID HILL Next Week 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025</b> <b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
<b>POF:</b> Colleen Hampson <b>Reader:</b> Vincent Bartels <b>Gifts:</b> Mateo Family <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Anne Grogan		<b>POF:</b> Mary Anne Domingo <b>Reader:</b> Anne Grogan <b>Gifts:</b> S & S Magno <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Colleen Hampson
<b>8.30am COHUNA This Week 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> <b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>		<b>8.30am COHUNA Next Week 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> <b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
<b>Commentator/POF:</b> Betty McLoughlan <b>Reader:</b> Bernadette Carter <b>Gifts:</b> Brian Di Silva <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Bernadette Carter <b>Altar Clean Up:</b> Betty McLoughlan		<b>Commentator/POF:</b> Ann-Marie Link <b>Reader:</b> Betty McLoughlan <b>Gifts:</b> Garry Farrant <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> Betty McLoughlan <b>Altar Clean Up:</b> Donna Egan
<b>10.30am KERANG This Week 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> <b>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>		<b>10.30am KERANG Next Week 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> <b>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>
<b>Welcomers:</b> L Bland & M Lewis <b>Commentator/POF:</b> L Morrow <b>Reader:</b> M Doyle <b>Gifts:</b> L Morrow & G Prendergast <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> J Hirst & M Kelly <b>Sick &amp; Housebound:</b> E Bortolotto & M Lewis (NH) <b>Power Point:</b> K Laughlin <b>Musicians:</b> Alicia, Hank, Tony & Maureen <b>Setting up the Altar:</b> T Greenwood <b>Mowers: August</b> Frank <b>Counters: August</b> E Phillips & M Messer		<b>Welcomers:</b> M Dagge & Gwen Mannix <b>Commentator/POF:</b> P Hirst <b>Reader:</b> C Flynn <b>Gifts:</b> L Bland & J Tuohey <b>Eucharistic Minister:</b> M Cummins & C Scriven <b>Sick &amp; Housebound:</b> P Hirst & K Laughlin (NH) <b>Power Point:</b> M Lewis <b>Musicians:</b> Hank, Tony & Men's Group <b>Setting up the Altar:</b> D Frantz <b>Mowers: August</b> Frank <b>Counters: August</b> E Phillips & M Messer
<b>With St Patrick, St Mary &amp; St Joseph, let us be a spiritual support to each other in prayer for the:</b> <b>Recently Deceased:</b> Barbara Blackmore <b>Sick:</b> Lui Basile, Faye B. Clare & Magie. Margaret, Phil S. Terry W. and all our elderly and residents of our Nursing Homes, Retirement Villages and those in Hospital. <b>Death Anniversaries.</b> <b>Kerang:</b> Stephanie Oliver, Jackie Castle, Gwen Cummins, Betty Wilson <b>Pyramid Hill:</b> Elizabeth Moss, Patrick Carrol, Frank Lacey, John Husban, William Keys, Barry Leah, Les Woods, Frank Dee, Margaret L'Huillier, Denis Scott, John Worsnop, Michael Ervin . <b>Cohuna:</b>		
<b>Week Day Masses:</b> <b>Wednesday 20th August:</b> 6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August:</b> 9.00am Mass Cohuna <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August:</b> 9.15am Mass Kerang <b>Weekend Masses for the 23<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 24<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August:</b> 6.30pm Mass in Pyramid Hill <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August:</b> 8.30am Mass in Cohuna 10.30am Mass in Kerang <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		
<b>Kerang:</b> Fr. Minh will be available on Friday before or after Mass and during the day or Saturday morning.	<b>Cohuna:</b> Fr. Minh will be available on Thursday each week after morning Mass and during the day.	<b>Pyramid Hill:</b> Fr. Minh will be available on Wednesday and also Saturday evening either before or after 6.30pm Mass
PARISH SCHOOLS		
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## Opening Prayer

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

## First Reading *Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10*

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*Do not let the prophet die'*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm *Ps 39(40):2-4,18*

### R. Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay.

### R. Lord, come to my aid!

## Second Reading *Hebrews 12:1-4*

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*We should keep running steadily in the race we have started*  
With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel *Luke 12:49-53*

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

*I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Prayer After Communion

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments,  
we humbly implore your mercy, Lord,  
that, conformed to his image on earth,  
we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Next Weeks Readings 24th August 2025 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b>	Isaiah 66:18-21
<b>Psalm</b>	116(117)
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 13:22-30