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 VUNERABLE 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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
24th & 25th October 2026
Looking at the Readings

Normally where a certain Gospel passage occurs in each of the three synoptic gospels, only one on the passages is selected for the Sunday cycle of readings. However, the passage concerning Christ's "Commandment of Love" is read each year (Matthew 22:33-40 this Sunday, Mark 12:28-34, Thirty-first Sunday year B and Luke 10:25-37, Fifteenth Sunday Year C). So great is the Command to Love, it is deemed appropriate to proclaim it each year. However, each evangelist has his own slant: In Matthew the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, in Mark a scribe ask the question and praise Jesus for his reply; in Luke it's a lawyer who then asks: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Gospel is couple with the First Reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26 which gives us three commandments. These follow the Ten Commandments (Chapter 20) but are very person specific: the widow, the orphan and the poor man and have a different lead: "You must not …"

In these inseparable commands lies, not legalism but a faith-filled relationship between God, self and other persons.

Certainly, a command, but not one that hinders or binds but one that frees and advances the believer towards the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



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 October

For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION in PYRAMID HILL

Please pray for Aziel as she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time and for Aziel, Phoebe, Trisha, Thomas and Kirk as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
The children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Mass on Saturday 31st October and will celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist with Father Arun on Saturday 28th November at the 6pm Mass.

'Happenings from the Kerang Parish Pastoral Council'
October 2026

Points discussed and decisions made:

- Mission Sunday was discussed with preparations for our 'Tasting Tables Walk' to share the foods of the countries represented by our parishioners. It will be held under the covered outside area at St Joseph's on Oct 18th after mass.
- Filipino Choir will sing at mass on Oct 18th.
- Combined Churches Christmas Carols will be held at the Sound Shell Park on Dec 13th.
- Kerang Christmas Mass times. Christmas Eve 5:00pm & Christmas day 10.30am
- Next garden working bee November 8th after early Mass



Mass Times for Christmas Eve
24th December 2026
5.00pm Mass in Kerang
6.30pm Mass in Cohuna
8.45pm Mass in Pyramid Hill

Mass Times for Christmas Day
25th December 2026
10.30am Kerang

The next Deanery meeting has been postponed to the 12th December, 2026. all other details the same, book through trybooking.

Readings for the week.

October 2026 (30th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 2)

Monday 26th:	(G)	Ephesians 4:32-5:8, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday 27th:	(G)	Ephesians 5:31-33, Ps 127:1-5, Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday 28st:	(G)	Sts Simon and Jude, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ps 18:2-5, Luke 6:12-19
Thursday 29nd:	(G)	Ephesians 6:10-20, Ps 143:1-2, 9-10, Luke 13:31-35
Friday 30rd:	(G)	Phil 1:1-11, Ps 143:1-1, 9-10, Luke 14:1-6
Saturday 31th:	(G)	Phil 1:18-26, Ps 42:2-3. 5, Luke 14:1, 7-11

Kerang's Collection: $609.70 Mission Sunday $312.80 thank you ❤️

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Kerang: Faye B., Gerry O'Donoghue, Martin Infantino

Cohuna: Danny Hanlon. Bryan Gibbs. Laurie & Pat Roberts. Brian & Betty McLoughlan. Margaret Doyle. 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: Carla Oliver, Steven Coughlan, Tom Kelly, Hazel Hastie, Mary Rosaleen Fallon, Bernie Murray, Fr. Chris Reay, Frances Peck, Addie Marie O'Donoghue, Lorris Rankins.

Cohuna: Peter Bird, Ken Bird.

Pyramid Hill: Donald McDonald, Peter Owens, Michael Ryan, George McNamara, Ron Ralphs, Ester Byrne, Brian Madden, Jack Cox, Edward Carmody, Vaghan Herrick, Margaret Ervin, Fr Chris Reay, Mary Tuohey, Lillion Ervin.

This Week 24th & 25th October	Rosters	Next Week 31th October & 1st November
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**		**6.30pm PYRAMID HILL** **All Saints Day**
Commentator/POF: Mary Anne Domingo **Reader: Anne Grogan** **Gifts: Mateo Family** **Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi**		**Commentator/POF:** Arlene Charls **Reader:** Jezelyn Bermasa **Gifts:** S & S Magno **Eucharistic Minister:** Anne Grogan
8.30am COHUNA **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**		**8.30am COHUNA** **All Saints Day**
Commentator/POF: Helen Keely **Reader: Marg Main** **Gifts: Shaanie Webb** **Eucharistic Minister: Kylie Doyle** **Altar Clean Up: Liz Keely**		**Commentator/POF:** Gabreil Dayag **Reader:** Marita Hancock **Gifts:** Irene Trezise **Eucharistic Minister:** Anne Distefano **Altar Clean Up:** Anne Distefano
10.30am KERANG **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**		**10.30am KERANG** **All Saints Day**
Welcomers: L Bland & M Lewis **Commentator/POF: C Flynn** **Readers: M Dagge** **Gifts: R & A Kelly** **Eucharistic Minister: P Hirst & K Laughlin** **Sick & Housebound: M Messer & H Olcorn NH)** **Power Point: G Prendergast** **Musicians: Tony, Mike, Val, Marie & Marita** **Setting up the Altar: Ellen** **Mowers October: Denber Reyes** **Counters October: A & T Bortolotto**		**Welcomers:** M. Dagge & G Mannix **Commentator/POF:** F. Kelly **Readers:** P. Hirst **Gifts:** T & G Kennedy **Eucharistic Minister:** A. Kelly & J. Hirst **Sick & Housebound:** E. Bortolotto & M Lewis (NH) **Power Point:** K. Laughlin **Musicians:** Alicia, Tony, Men's Group **Setting up the Altar:** Tops **Mowers November:** P. Laughlin **Counters November:** F. Roney & E Bortolotto

Next Weeks Mass Times 26th October - 1st November 2026

Wednesday 28th October: 6:30pm Mass Pyramid Hill (reconciliation 31st of Oct. with the children)
Thursday 29th October: 12.30pm Mass Cohuna (reconciliation between 12.00pm and 12.30pm)
Friday 30th October: 10:00am Mass Cohuna Spirituality Day St Joe's and St Mary's
Saturday 31st October: 6.30pm Mass Pyramid Hill
Sunday 1st November: 8.30am Mass Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang (Pyraimd chior)
Monday 2nd November: 6:00pm Memorial Mass- Cemetery

1st Reading *Exodus 22:20-26*

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.
"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51.*

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

2nd Reading *1 Thessalonians 1:5-10*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

Gospel Acclamation *John 14:23*

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 22:34-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: All Saints Day
31st October & 1st November 2026

1st Reading:	Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 23:1-6
2nd Reading:	John 3:1-3
Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12

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