



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.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 17th & 18th October 2026 Looking at the Readings

The first reading of this Sunday is a surprise to be included in our Liturgy of the Word and somewhat incongruous in Old Testament / Hebrew scriptures. Cyrus, the king of Persia is a pagan ruler, but the Lord God has called him by name to subdue nations and anointed him as the Saviour of God's people! He was king of Persia from 550 to 530 BC and practiced a conciliatory policy, showed great tolerance to other cultures, through carefully planned economic programs lifted burdens from people and ended the Babylonian deportation of the Israelites. Cyrus returned all the stolen treasures from the temple, restored their land and decreed the rebuilding of their cities and the Temple. A pagan king was chosen to do God's work on earth.

This reading sharply contrasts with the Gospel where another pagan king, claiming both godlike status and divine right subdued the Israelites and demanded taxes from them. Caesar, the Roman emperor and foreign occupier, however, did establish the Pax Romana, therefore the heavy tax to finance his army and rule.

The Pharisees asked Jesus about the tax: "to pay: yes or no" Yes, would be blasphemy, acknowledging divine claim. No, would be seditious and possibly inciting rebellion. A trap! Both readings caught the imagination and religious sentiment of the hearers to remember and later record and for us to always consider:

Where do our loyalties lie? What is valuable to us? What does God ask us to do? The answers are not given in the texts; we must work it out for ourselves.



He said to them,
"Whose image is this
and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them,
"Then repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar
and to God
what belongs to God."

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.

Priests Retirement Foundation Appeal

You can still donate. Please use the envelopes provided at the doors of the Church.

We also have a specific QR codes for



Pyramid Hill



Kerang



Cohuna

There are also envelopes available to donate to the **Protect St Killians Appeal**.

Dear Father and Parish Team,

The Benalla Catholic Parish will be celebrating 150 years of mission in Benalla. We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating a special Mass of thanksgiving for our Parish on Sunday 25th October 2026 commencing at 2:00pm at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 42 Arundel Street, Benalla. This will be followed by a light afternoon tea. If you would be so kind as to RSVP by 21 October 2026.



Cohuna.
Cuppa after 8.30
am Mass this
weekend Sun 18th
October.
All Welcome.

Congratulations
Fr Arun

Kerang: Our Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals (SMP) - Stay for the lunch after Mass and chat and watch the Celtic Women concert over in the School Hall. BYO your own drinks. There will be a second collection and envelopes to donate to the **Mission Sunday Appeal** in the Church.

We invite you to the

Feast of Nuestra Señora Del Patrocinio

NOVEMBER 07 2026

3:00 PM	NOVENA & ROSARY St. Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill
4:00 PM	HOLY EUCHARIST Blessing of Sacramentals Baptism of Jairon Zev Vicada St. Patrick's Church, Pyramid Hill Parish Priest: Fr Arun Korlakanti Celebrant Priest: Fr Eladio Jr. Lizada Concelebrant Priest: Fr Gerald Binegas, RCJ Fr Edgar Dacaldacal, RCJ
5:30 PM	PROCESSION St. Patrick's Church to PHC Stadium
6:00 PM	COMBINED CHURCHES PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE Celebrating PHC's 150 th Anniversary PHC Stadium
6:45 PM	FILIPINO FIESTA Feast of Nuestra Señora Del Patrocinio
7:15 PM	Dinner
8:15 PM	Filipino Fashion Parade Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao
9:00 PM onwards	Raffle Draw, Live Band Entertainment, Karaoke & Line Dancing
11:00 PM	Closing

If you would like a copy of
"God's Word" \$22.00, Daily Mass Book \$33.00
or Ordo \$25.00 please let Marianne know as
soon as possible.

Readings for the week.

October 2026 (30th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 1)

Monday 19th:	(G) St John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, St Paul. Ephesians 2:1-10, Ps 99, Luke 12:13-21
Tuesday 20th:	(G) Ephesians 2:12-22, Ps 84:9-14, Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday 21st:	(G) Ephesians 3:2-12, Ps 12:2-6, Luke 12:39-48
Thursday 22nd:	(G) St John Paul II. Ephesians 3:14-21, Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, Luke 12:49-53
Friday 23rd:	(G) St John of Capistrano. Ephesians 4:1-6, Ps 23:1-6, Luke 12:54-59
Saturday 24th:	(G) St Anthony Claret. Ephesians 4:7-16, Ps 121:1-5, Luke 13:1-9

Kerang's Collection: \$840.00 P.R.F. \$365.00 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: Jack Doyle, Brenda O'Nial

Death Anniversaries

Kerang: Frank Doyle, Maree Tasca, Liz Perkins, Kathleen Kelly, Gladys Walliker, Mary Hallinan, Noel Greenwood, Maureen Roney, Hazel Nelson, Bill Greenwood, Jean O'Donoghue, John Webb, Dawn Cummins.

Cohuna: Francis Doyle, Margaret Matters, John Kotsiakos .

Pyramid Hill: Stella Fitzgerald, John Maher, Marjorie Clarke, Agnes Lancaster, Mary Malone, Tom Guthrie.

This Week 17 th & 18 th October	Rosters	Next Week 24 th & 25 th October
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Colleen Hampson Reader: Jessamine Palanca Gifts: Domingo Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan		Commentator/POF: Mary Anne Domingo Reader: Anne Grogan Gifts: Mateo Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi
8.30am COHUNA 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am COHUNA 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Marita Hancock Reader: Peter Doyle Gifts: Liz Keely Eucharistic Minister: Dakota Byrne Altar Clean Up: Irene Trezise		Commentator/POF: Helen Keely Reader: Marg Main Gifts: Shaanie Webb Eucharistic Minister: Kylie Doyle Altar Clean Up: Liz Keely
10.30am KERANG 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am KERANG 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: M Niall & N Webb Commentator/POF: C Scriven Readers: L Wilson Gifts: L Morrow & G Prendergast Eucharistic Minister: M Cummins & W Hall Sick & Housebound: A Bortolotto & D. Frantz NH) Power Point: Filipino Choir Musicians: Filipino Choir Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers October: Denber Reyes Counters October: A & T Bortolotto		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

Next Weeks Mass Times 18th - 24th October 2026

Wednesday 21st October:	No Mass Pyramid Hill	(reconciliation 31 st of Oct. with the children)
Thursday 22nd October:	12.30pm Mass Cohuna	(reconciliation between 12.00pm and 12.30pm)
Friday 23rd October:	9.15am Mass	(reconciliation between 8.30am and 9.00am)
Saturday 24th October:	6.30pm Mass Pyramid Hill	
Sunday 25th October:	8.30am Mass Cohuna	10.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10.

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
24th & 25th October 2026**

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

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

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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

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