



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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 3rd & 4th October 2026 Looking at the Readings

There are many images, metaphors and parables about vineyards, vines and grapes in the scriptures: Hosea 10, Isaiah 3 & 27, Jeremiah 2,5,6 & 12; Ezekiel 15, 17 & 19; Psalm 80, Canticles 1 and John 15. Vineyards and grapevines and particularly good grape-vines just don't happen.

The grower must select the right location, the right soil and climate. The root stock must be right, the right branches to be grafted and then properly pruned, fed and watered: in summary a lot of care and attention before harvest and after the harvest to produce good wine.

In the Old Testament the vineyard became a metaphor and parable of the People of God. The Prophet in today's reading stresses that the Lord had done all the right things for the vineyard and his best towards the people. He concludes that the vineyard is the House of Israel and it had turned out wicked.

This scenario is repeated in the parable that Jesus addresses to the chief priests and the elders of the people. This time the vintage was good but tenants were greedy and would not yield the produce but became murderers and wastrels. Remember that the parable, almost an allegory, was not addressed to the landowners or the workers or the general populace but to the appointed and anointed leaders. Thus, it serves as a parable concerning right stewardship of God's gifts of creation: the earth, its people, their faith and our church.



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 will be taken up on the weekend of 10th and 11th of October.

We have 15 retired Priests who depend on support from the people of the Diocese.

All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided at the doors of the Church.

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

The Pyramid Hill Choir

has kindly offered their time to join Kerang and Cohuna to provide the PowerPoint and sing during the Mass on the following dates.

4th October Cohuna 8.30am
18th October Kerang 10.30am
1st November Kerang 10.30am
15th November Cohuna 8.30am
22nd November Kerang 10.30am

Kerang: Our Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals (SMP) - to get to know those

parishioners in our community a little better who are from other countries. Discussion about a 'Table Tasting Walk' with a variety of foods to be offered from those cultures. This will be held on Sunday, October 18th, Mission Day. We are thinking of a dish to share that celebrates your culture.

Hope you had a wonderful day!



Bette Peck

Pyramid Hill:~ Wednesday and Saturday night Mass will be at 6.30pm from the 4th October. Wednesday night will be every second Wednesday starting on the 14th of October.

Readings for the week.

September 2026 (28th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 3)

Monday 5th:	(G) St Fraustina Kowalska. Galatians 1:6-12, Ps 110:1-2, 7-10, Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday 6th:	(G) St Bruno. Galatians 1:13-24, Ps 138:1-3, 13-15, Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday 7th:	(W) Our Lady of the Rosary. Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14, Ps 116, Luke 11:1-4
Thursday 8th:	(G) Galatians 3:1-5, Luke 1:69-75, Luke 11:5-13
Friday 9th:	(G) St Denis, St John Leonardi. Galatians 3:7-14, Ps 110:1-6, Luke 11:15-26
Saturday 10th:	(G) Galatians 3:22-29, Ps 104:2-7, Luke 11:27-28

Kerang's Collection: \$777.30

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: Jack Rees, Vincent Dagge, John Hallinan,
Geoff Bennett, Marie Knight, Joyce Farrer,
Win Doughat.

Cohuna:

Pyramid Hill: Daniel Byrne, Josephine Doyle,
Rodney Greenwood, Susan Carr,
Patrick Bagnell, Thomas O'Neill,
Cyril Ryan, Annie Crawford,
Patrick Carmody, Marie Vanderwall,
Margaret Foley, Thomas Gray.

This Week 3 rd & 4 th October	Rosters	Next Week 10 th & 11 th October
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.30pm PYRAMID HILL 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Michaelle Domingo Reader: Jessamine Palanca Gifts: Domingo Family Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan		Commentator/POF: Marilyn Fernandez Reader: Jeff Pacala Gifts: Cenas Family Eucharistic Minister: Colleen Hampson
8.30am COHUNA 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am COHUNA 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Anne-Marie Link Reader: Shaanie Webb Gifts: Marg Main Eucharistic Minister: Anne Distefano Altar Clean Up: Marg Main		Commentator/POF: Shaanie Webb Reader: Erin Bertos Gifts: Garry Farrant Eucharistic Minister: Peter Doyle Altar Clean Up: Helen Keely
10.30am KERANG 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am KERANG 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: L Wilson & C Scriven Commentator/POF: K Laughlin Readers: M Kelly Gifts: A Makeham & D Schmidt Eucharistic Minister: A Kelly & J Hirst Sick & Housebound: E Bortolotto & G Prendergast (NH) Power Point: L Bland Musicians: Tony, Mick, Men's Group Setting up the Altar: Tops Mowers October: Denber Reyes Counters October: A & T Bortolotto		Welcomers: M Messer & F Roney Commentator/POF: T Greenwood Readers: M Doyle Gifts: C Scriven & M Johnson Eucharistic Minister: G Prendergast & E Bortolotto Sick & Housebound: P Hirst & M Lewis NH) Power Point: K Schlitz Musicians: Alicia, Tony & Maureen Setting up the Altar: Liz Mowers October: Denber Reyes Counters October: A & T Bortolotto

Next Weeks Mass Times 5th - 11th October 2026

Wednesday 7th October:

Thursday 8th October:

Friday 9th October:

Saturday 10th October:

Sunday 11th October:

No Mass Pyramid Hill

12.30pm Mass Cohuna

9.15am Mass in Kerang

6.30pm Mass Pyramid Hill

10.30am Mass Cohuna 8.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7*

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

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Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
10th & 11th October 2026**

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

2nd Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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