



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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 19th & 20th September 2026 **Looking at the Readings**

The readings present us with an underlying theme, God's thoughts are not our way of thinking, God's generosity is beyond our understanding. But there are more in the parable that meets the casual eye.

The world today has many and varied laws and practices about wages and conditions and a very elaborate system of social security. Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (1891) gave principles on workers' rights and a just wage and the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Court (1909) defined a fair and reasonable wage as an amount sufficient to support an unskilled worker, his wife and three children in a condition of "frugal comfort". The vineyard owner in Christ's parable was ahead of his times recognising that his labourers needed to feed and support their families and so gave each a sufficient amount (one denarius) as their take home pay.

Notice that the labourers who worked for the whole day did not grumble about their pay (one denarius) but grumbled about the pay of the latecomers and the landowner's generosity. Indeed, God's generosity may be beyond our understanding but not out of reach for those in need. We are all in need of God's Goodness.

So the last will be first, and the first will be last

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 September

For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Appointment of Vicar General.

To the People of God in Sandhurst, I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle as Vicar General of the Diocese of Sandhurst, effective 14 September 2026, for a term of two years. The Vicar General assists the Diocesan Bishop in the governance of the Diocese and, in accordance with canon law, exercises the executive authority entrusted to that office (cf. canons 475–481).

✠ René Ramirez RCJ Bishop of Sandhurst

Marian Festival Sunday 11 October at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo

All are welcome to the 52nd Marian Festival dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The day starts with Mass at 11:00 am celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Leslie Tomlinson, followed by BYO Lunch (or BBQ available); Festival begins with Rosary procession, followed by Guest Speaker then Benediction, and concludes with afternoon tea. National Costume dress welcome.

For more information go to:

www.bendigofatima.com

Contact: info@bendigofatima.com

St Mary's Cohuna

Monthly cup of tea after 8.30 Mass this Sunday 20th September.

All welcome.

'Happenings from the Kerang Parish Pastoral Council' August 2026

Points discussed and decisions made:

- A thank you to Alan Troop as he has retired from the PPC. Many thanks Alan for all your help over the past 4 years and we wish you all the very best.
- We welcomed Barb Cooper to the PPC. Barb has previous experience on PPC at Phillip Island and has just recently moved to Kerang. We welcome Barb with open arms.
- Our feedback on our Family Mass was very positive, so a big thank you to Justin and St Joseph's staff for all their help in getting this happening.
- Discussion around a 'Remembrance Board' with a decision to take a vote at Mass on Sunday. This did happen and the vote from our parishioners was for this to go ahead.
- Fathers' Day – a blessing from the Bishop as he will be present for the Sacraments being taken by some of our children. Chocolates will also be available.
- 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. Further information to follow.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our report.

Kyra Laughlin Chairperson PPC Kerang

PYRAMID HILL

Don't forget to gather at the Victoria Hotel after Mass to show our appreciation for all that Mary Anne, Julius and the girls have done, do and will continue to do for our Parish.

Colleen

Readings for the week.

September 2026 (26th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 1)

Monday 21st :	(R) St Matthew. Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–13, Ps 18:2–5, Matthew 9:9–13
Tuesday 22nd :	(G) Proverbs 21:1–6, 10–13, Ps 118:1, 27, 30, 34–35, 44, Luke 8:19–21
Wednesday 23rd :	(W) St Pius of Pietrelcina. Proverbs 30:5–9, Ps 118:29, 72, 89, 104, 163, Luke 9:1–6
Thursday 24th :	(G) Ecclesiastes 1:2–11, Ps 89:3–6, 12–14, 17, Luke 9:7–9
Friday 25th :	(G) Ecclesiastes 3:1–11, Ps 143:1–4, Luke 9:18–22
Saturday 26th :	(G) Ecclesiastes 11:9 – 12:8, Ps 89:3–6, 12–14, 17, Luke 9:43–45

Kerang's Collection: \$747.10

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: Keith Scriven, Charles Madin, Nancy Windridge,
Kath Taylor, Carmel Hall, Mike Phillips,
Leslie Brown, Leo O'Brien.

Cohuna:

Pyramid Hill: Fr Brian Connell, Marie Lamprell,
Mary Guinane, Felix L'Huillier, Ina Amarant,
James Bohan.

Recent Deaths: Pattie Crawford

This Week 19 th & 20 th September	Rosters	Next Week 26 th & 27 th September
6.00pm PYRAMID HILL 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		6.00pm PYRAMID HILL 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Jezelyn Bermasa Reader: Kate Wood Gifts: Correa Family Eucharistic Minister: Marianne Kelly		Commentator/POF: Richard Fernandez Reader: MaryAnne Domingo Gifts: Cain Family Eucharistic Minister: Carmen Cauchi
8.30am COHUNA 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		8.30am COHUNA 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag Reader: Peter Doyle Gifts: Irene Trezise Eucharistic Minister: Dakita Byrne Altar Clean Up: Donna Egan		Commentator/POF: Marg Main Reader: Ileana Dayag Gifts: Marita Hancock Eucharistic Minister: Kylie Doyle Altar Clean Up: Mary Wight
10.30am KERANG 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A		10.30am KERANG 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Welcomers: E Bortolotto & F Roney Commentator/POF: M Kelly Readers: M Lewis Gifts: C Fagg & F Kelly Eucharistic Minister: D & T Greenwood Sick & Housebound: L Wilson & D Frantz (NH) Power Point: A Kelly Musicians: Alicia, Tony and Maureen Setting up the Altar: Denise Mowers September: Frank Kelly Counters September: T & D Greenwood		Welcomers: J Tuohey & J Roberts Commentator/POF: A Kelly Readers: K Schlitz Gifts: A & E Bortolotto Eucharistic Minister: Frank & Ron Kelly Sick & Housebound: J Hirst & H Olcorn (NH) Power Point: M Lewis Musicians: Alicia, Tony Val, Marie and Marita Setting up the Altar: Mardi Mowers September: Frank Kelly Counters September: T & D Greenwood

Next Weeks Mass Times 21st - 27th September 2026

Wednesday 23rd September:

No Mass Pyramid Hill

Thursday 24th September:

No Mass Cohuna

Friday 25th September:

9.15am Mass in Kerang

Saturday 26th September:

6.00pm Mass Pyramid Hill

Sunday 27th September:

8.30am Mass Cohuna 10.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

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Readings for Next Week

**Next Week: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
26th & 27th September 2026**

- 1st Reading:** Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24:4-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

2nd Reading

Philippians 1:20-24. 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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