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.

All Saints Day
31st October & 1st November

Looking at the Readings

As the leaves fall and the days grow short, the Church turns our hearts toward those who have gone before us. November opens with All Saints on the first and All Souls on the second, and the whole month is given to prayer for the faithful departed.

Why we pray for the dead. The Church teaches that those who die in God's grace, but still imperfectly purified, undergo a final purification before entering the joy of heaven. We call this purgatory. The souls there are certain of heaven, yet they can no longer help themselves. We can help them.
The practice is ancient. Scripture praises Judas Maccabeus for offering sacrifice for the dead, and says, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead". From the earliest centuries, Christians remembered their departed at the altar, as we still do in every Mass.

The All Souls indulgence. The Church offers a special gift in early November. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, may be gained:

- On All Souls Day, by devoutly visiting a church or oratory and praying the Our Father and the Creed.
- From November 1 to 8, by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying, even mentally, for the departed. This may be gained once each day.

The usual conditions apply: sacramental confession, Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are sufficient), and freedom from attachment to sin. Confession and Communion may be made within several days before or after. Where the full conditions cannot be met, a partial indulgence is still gained.

Simple ways to keep the month

- Write the names. Many parishes keep a Book of the Dead near the altar through November. Add the names of your loved ones.
- Have a Mass offered. Ask at your parish office to have a Mass said for someone who has died.
- Visit a grave. Bring flowers, pray a decade of the Rosary, and tell the children about the person who rests there.
- Pray each day. Even a single Eternal Rest, said at the same time each day, is an act of mercy.

Prayers for the holy souls
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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 November

For the proper use of wealth

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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 **6.30pm** Mass.

Happenings from the Kerang Parish November 2026

- Filipino Choir will sing at mass on this Sunday (November 1st)
- All Souls Day Mass 2nd November at the Cemetery 6.00pm BYO Chair
- Next garden working bee November 8th after early Mass
- Combined Churches Christmas Carols will be held at the Sound Shell Park on December 13th
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The next Deanery meeting has been postponed to the 12th December, 2026 Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm, lunch will be provided.
Venue: Ted Harte Hall, Holy Rosary Parish, 2 Hamelin Street, White Hills VIC 3550
https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNK



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

Readings for the week.

November 2026 (30th Week in Ordinary Time, Year II) (PSALTER WEEK 3)

Monday 2nd: (V) All Souls Day. Isaiah 25:6-9, Ps 22, Romans 5:5-11, Matthew 11:25-30
Tuesday 3rd: (G) St Martin de Porres. Phil 2:5-11, Ps 21:26-32, Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday 4th: (W) St Charles Borromeo. Phil 2:12-18, Ps 26:1, 4, 13-14, Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 5th: (G) Phil 3:3-8, Ps 104:2-7, Luke 15:1-10
Friday 6th: (G) Phil 3:17-4:1, Ps 121:1-5, Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 7th: (G) Phil 4:10-19, Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 8, 9, Luke 16:9-15

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

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

Cohuna: Danny Hanlon, Bryan Gibbs, Laurie & Pat Roberts, Colleen Keating, Brian & Betty McLoughlan, Margaret Doyle.

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: Margaret Neil, George Whitehead, John Simpson, Kathleen Jeffery, Desmond Kelly, Daniel Arcuino, Brian Murphy, Aileen Nolan, Kath Hogan, Rhonda Dodson, Vince Maher.

Cohuna: Olga Deviny, Simon & Charlie Raffin, George Matters

Pyramid Hill: Lawerence Fitzgerald, Mary Ervin, Rommel Umali, Rosalie Exton, Mary Hoban, Gerald Lacey, Sr Charles, Josephine Bartolo, Thomas Larkins, Brian Wilson, Tom Verley, Leigh Simpson.

This Week 31th October & 1st November Rosters	Next Week 7th & 8th November
6.30pm PYRAMID HILL **All Saints Day**	**6.30pm PYRAMID HILL** **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Commentator/POF: Arlene Charls **Reader: Jezelyn Bermasa** **Gifts: S & S Magno** **Eucharistic Minister: Anne Grogan**	**Commentator/POF:** Jeff Pacala **Reader:** Marilyn Fernandez **Gifts:** Pantig Family **Eucharistic Minister:** Collen Hampson
8.30am COHUNA **All Saints Day**	**10.30am COHUNA** **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Commentator/POF: Gabriel Dayag **Reader: Marita Hancock** **Gifts: Irene Trezise** **Eucharistic Minister: Anne Distefano** **Altar Clean Up: Anne Distefano**	**Commentator/POF:** Marg Main **Reader:** Helen Keely **Gifts:** Martia Hancock **Eucharistic Minister:** Peter Doyle **Altar Clean Up:** Donna Egan
10.30am KERANG **All Saints Day**	**8.30am KERANG** **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
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: Filipino** **Musicians: Filipino Choir** **Setting up the Altar: Tops** **Mowers November: P. Laughlin** **Counters November: F. Roney & E Bortolotto**	**Welcomers:** E Bortolotto & F Roney **Commentator/POF:** W Hall **Readers:** L Morrow **Gifts:** M Dagge & S Poole **Eucharistic Minister:** R Kelly & G Prendergast **Sick & Housebound:** L Bland & K Laughlin (NH) **Power Point:** A Kelly **Musicians:** TBC **Setting up the Altar:** Ellen **Mowers November:** P. Laughlin **Counters November:** F. Roney & E Bortolotto

Next Weeks Mass Times 2nd - 8th November 2026

Monday 2nd November: 6.00pm All Souls Mass Kerang Cemetery
Wednesday 4th November: No Mass Pyramid Hill
Thursday 5th November: 12.30pm Cohuna
Friday 6th November: 9.15am Mass Kerang
Saturday 7th November: 3.00pm Feast of Nuestra Senora Del Patrocinio
Sunday 8th November: 10.30am Mass Cohuna 8.30am Mass Kerang

1st Reading *Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14*

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'
One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 23:1-6. R*

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R).**

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7th & 8th of November

1st Reading:	Wisdom 6:12-16
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 62:2-8
2nd Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-14
Gospel:	Matthew 24:42. 44

2nd Reading *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:
'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

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