Central West
Catholic Cluster of Parishes

Sunday Bulletin

Incorporating the communities of Alpha, Aramac, Barcaldine, Bedourie, Blackall, Ilfracombe, Isisford, Jericho, Jundah, Longreach, Morella, Muttaburra, Stonehenge, Tambo and Yaraka

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 19/20 September 2020

We pray for the sick, especially Colin & Cecily Quinn, Kelly Struthers, Hazel Larcombe, Daphne Tilse, Allan Wills, Shirley Roberts, Leila Harvey, Melit Furneaux, Marcia Webster, Keith Lacey, Peter Kerrigan, Pat Lynch, Noel Rose, Aaron Murdoch, Gail Prow, Nola Head, Vera Stephens, Di Harris, Jane Dickson, Wayne Gatehouse, Rob Shrimp, Rob Paterson, Todd Austin, Mary Coleman, Marie Messer and Beryl Moody.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Pat Jackson, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

Diocesan News

Safeguarding

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing. The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

Contact the Diocesan Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office: psso@rok.catholic.net.au OR Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call).

Sanctity of Life

Bishop Michael will be presiding at a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Life at St Joseph's Cathedral at 3 p.m. on Sunday, 4 October. Everyone is welcome to join him via the livestream: www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton

As we prepare for Sanctity of Life Sunday, this week we focus on *Respecting Life until Natural Death*. "We understand human life to be the most basic gift from a loving God, a gift over which we have stewardship, not absolute dominion." The information sheet is available from the Diocesan website and will soon be available from the Facebook page.

Cluster Service Times

You do not need to register for any services throughout the Cluster, although person limits exist for each Church. Please obey all signage and COVID related directives from priests and volunteers.

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 26 Sep	Morella *	**8:30 a.m.**	**Mass**
Sat 26 Sep	Longreach	6:00 p.m.	**Lay-Led**
Sun 27 Sep	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 27 Sep	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Mass
Sun 27 Sep	Alpha	10:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 27 Sep	Blackall	3:30 p.m.	Mass
Sat 3 Oct	Alpha	10:30 a.m.	**Lay-Led**
Sat 3 Oct	**Longreach**	**6:00 p.m.**	**Mass**
Sun 4 Oct	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Sun 4 Oct	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	**Lay-Led**
Sun 4 Oct	Aramac	11:30 a.m.	Mass
Sun 4 Oct	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	**Lay-Led**

Note well the changes to the regular roster indicated in **bold** type.

* Please advise Neida Mims or the Pastoral Coordinator if you are thinking of attending Mass in Morella as there could be changes.

Reconciliation Action Plan

A Diocesan Reconciliation Action Plan is being developed to ensure that our people connect and develop strong relationships with the first peoples of this land. In schools, workplaces and organisations, RAPs have been found to have a profound impact on increasing awareness and understanding between Australia's First Peoples and other Australians, and to significantly aid efforts to close the disparity gap.

We are currently seeking interested individuals to be involved in a working party led by Deanna Beatson. Information sessions will be held via Zoom videoconferencing on Tuesday 6 October. For further information please contact Deanna on 0429 706 703 or at rap@rok.catholic.net.au

Cluster News

Happy Holidays Fr Raj

We wish Fr Raj a very happy and safe holiday. It is very disappointing that you are unable to return to your home and family this year, or even visit tourist destinations interstate, but we hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing time travelling around Queensland.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day 24th September

Happy Feast Day to **Sister Rita Connor** who will be celebrating the Sisters of Mercy Feast Day on Thursday. Our parish community feels privileged and blessed to have Sr Rita live and work among us.

Mercy Day is a special day of celebration and an opportunity for all Mercy Sisters, their associates, and partners in ministry to celebrate and rejoice with Mary, the Mother of Mercy. Venerable Catherine McAuley placed her community under the patronage of Our Lady of Mercy because Mary is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy. Catherine sought to bring the mercy of God the Father to all those in need.

Rosary Before Mass

Rosary will be prayed each week, beginning half an hour before each Mass. Please join us. Thank you to Dee and Dolour who will lead the Rosary.

Blackall

Upcoming Weekend Mass/Lay-led Times

Sunday, 20 September – 10:30 a.m. (Lay-led)

Sunday, 27 September – 3:30 p.m. (Mass)

Sunday, 4 October – 5:00 p.m. (Lay-led)

Sunday, 11 October – 8:30 a.m. (Mass)

Reconciliation

Individual reconciliation is available an hour prior to Mass on the 4th Sunday of the month or by appointment at any mutually convenient time.

Reconciliation will next be available at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday 27 September.

Rosary

Rosary continues to be prayed each Sunday, beginning half an hour before Mass/Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

Longreach

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday 23 Sept – 11:00 a.m. Pioneers *

** Please beware of the additional requirements to enter Pioneers at this time (eg current flu vaccination).*

Due to the greatly increased workload for the remaining priest while one priest is on holidays, the weekday Mass schedule will be greatly reduced during the coming months. Please check the Bulletin each week for details.

Condolences

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pat Jackson, who passed away on Sunday. Pat was a special part of our Catholic community and we are grateful for her involvement in our Parish and the broader Longreach community. We pray that she has been welcomed into her heavenly home, and pray for consolation for those who mourn her death.

May she rest in peace.

Wedding

Congratulations to Brittany Newton and Ryan Davis on their marriage this Saturday, 19 September. We pray for God's blessings on their marriage and wish them a long and happy life together. May they each continue to turn to Christ as their example of love and seek God's guidance in all things.

Upcoming Mass Time Change

The regular lay-led service on the first Sunday morning of October has been changed to a Mass at 6:00 p.m. on the Saturday night (3 October). This is due to the timetable changes as a result of the priests' holidays.

Are You Able to Help?

We are looking for 2-3 helpers to assist at Church services once a month with recording contact details of attendees. If you can help, please phone Loretta on 0455 208 746 or contact Raelene Smith.

Anointing Mass

Anointing Masses are usually held on the first Friday of each month in St Brigid's Church, and on the second Wednesday of each month at the Pioneers.

The next Anointing Mass will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday 2 October in St Brigid's Church.