

Central West
Catholic Cluster of Parishes
Sunday Bulletin

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



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1st Sunday in Advent Year B 28/29 November 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, Wayne Gatehouse, Rob Shrimp, Rob Paterson, Todd Austin, Mary Coleman, Marie Messer, Beryl Moody, John Cantwell, Bev Johnstone & Arthur Winter.

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

Diocesan News

Diocesan Digital Event

3:00 pm, Friday 6 December

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is working amongst marginalised people throughout its area. Join in Live with Bishop Michael McCarthy and Nathan Harding, as we hear stories from those ministering to the edges around the Diocese, involved in our four Ministries: Catholic Prison Ministry, Seafarers' Centre, the Woorabinda Ministry and the Western Pastoral Ministry.

Watch on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/RockhamptonCatholic/events

Watch on YouTube:

www.youtube.com/StJosephsCathedralRockhampton

Ignite Youth Gathering

Ignite Summer Camp: Walk on Water

When: 14-17 January, 2021

Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)

Who: 2021 high school students

Camp is four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and you can even get a discount on your registration if you use our diocesan discount code. If you're interested in coming please contact youth@rok.catholic.net.au

For more information head to

www.igniteyouth.com/summercamp.

Cost is \$295 for early birds (ends 1 Dec) or regular \$320. Family discounts apply. *Subsidies available for those in need.*

Cluster Service Times

| Date | Place | Time | Service |
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| Sat 5 Dec | Jericho | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Sat 5 Dec | Alpha | 10:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 6 Dec | Barcaldine | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 6 Dec | Longreach | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 6 Dec | Tambo | 9:00 a.m. | Lay-Led |
| Sun 6 Dec | Aramac | 11:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 6 Dec | Blackall | 5:00 p.m. | Lay-Led |
| Sat 12 Dec | Morella | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Sat 12 Dec | Barcaldine | 6:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sat 12 Dec | Longreach | 6:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sun 13 Dec | Ilfracombe | 8:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 13 Dec | Blackall | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 13 Dec | Tambo | 9:00 a.m. | Lay-Led |
| Sun 13 Dec | Alpha | 10:30 a.m. | Lay-Led |
| Sun 13 Dec | Isisford | 10:30 a.m. | Mass |

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

Plenary Council

One of the six thematic papers that have been developed as part of the discernment process is:

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is **A Joyful, Hope-Filled & Servant Community?***

This Theme was inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus. There was an expression of faith-filled hope in the capacity of the Catholic community to celebrate together, to show what it is to be a follower of Christ and to be loved unconditionally by God. There was a call to contemplate the Gospel call to be a servant Church for the good of all people – particularly for the most vulnerable. Many responses called for greater sharing of the story of the good works done by so many people and organisations of the Church.

"Each day they met together in the Temple; they broke bread in their homes; they shared their food with great joy and sincerity of heart; they praised God and won the favour of all the people"
 (Acts 2:46)

For more information, or to read the entire paper, go to <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>.

Cluster News

Advent Resources

Are you looking for ways to prepare spiritually for Christmas? Some ideas include:

- An Advent devotional (a book with daily scripture/reflections/guided prayer) – contact the Cathedral Bookstore on 07 4921 2170 or look online, eg <https://www.dow.org.au/product/adore-advent-program-2020-book/>
- Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, especially the Evening Prayer during the final 8 days of Advent
- Parousia Media are hosting a free online Advent Pilgrimage. <https://www.parousiamedia.com/>

Around the Parishes

Aramac

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lincoln Coulton, Jake Bambling and Cooper Hay, who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that this expression of their faith and opportunity to fully join with the Catholic family around the table of the Eucharist will strengthen their relationship with our loving God and with the Church.



It is with great excitement that we will also be celebrating the baptism of Layla Masters. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Layla and her parents, Megan and Nathan.

Upcoming Celebrations

Please keep Taylor and Heidi Geltch in your prayers, along with their parents Kerry and Sam, as they prepare for the girls' baptisms next Sunday.

Barcaldine

Congratulations St Joseph's

We extend our warmest congratulations to the staff and students of St Joseph's School on the completion of another great year of academic, sporting, social and community achievements. There have been many highlights; especially the wonderful presentation of "Beauty and the Beast", an outstanding performance by all including the great support of parents and friends. Well done.

Carols by Candlelight

Barcaldine Churches Together are planning to host Carols by Candlelight in the Town Hall on Sunday evening 20th December beginning at 7.00pm. Notices will be distributed in the town next week.

Rosary Before Mass

Rosary is 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 Sunday Service Times

- 29 November – 5:00 p.m. (Mass)
- 6 December – 5:00 p.m. (Lay-Led)
- 13 December – 8:30 a.m. (Mass)
- 20 December – 8:30 a.m. (Lay-Led)

Eucharistic Adoration and Anointing Mass

This Monday, 30 Nov, will be Eucharistic Adoration at 8 a.m., followed by an Anointing Mass at 9 a.m.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our fete in any way - cooking, donations, stall holders, helpers on stalls, selling tickets, being present!!

It was a very successful night in so many ways!!

THANK YOU!!

Happy Holidays

This week sees the end of the 2020 school year. A special congratulations to the year 6 students who leave behind their primary education. We wish them all the best for their future studies! May all the teachers, children and families of St. Joseph's have a safe and happy holiday!

Farewell

Sadly this year we farewell two of our beautiful teachers, Kristine Kennedy and Dana Hall. We miss you, but wish you lots of happiness in the next stage of your journeys.

We also wish Jess and Alex best wishes as they await the arrival of their precious little babe.

Longreach

Weekday Mass Times

- Thursday 3 December – 5:30 p.m.
- Friday 4 December – 9:00 a.m. (Anointing Mass)

St Brigid's 2021 Sacramental Program

We are able to begin preparing and celebrating sacraments again! St Brigid's invites candidates for the sacrament of Reconciliation to contact Angela Arthur. We are planning to run a Reconciliation preparation program in Term 1 of 2021 (dates to follow). Children must be turning 8 years of age by Dec 31, 2021 to be eligible.

We are also planning to run a preparation course for Confirmation and First Communion later in the year.

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Upcoming Celebrations

Please pray for Brittany Arthur and Joseph Beetson as they prepare for their marriage to be held on 5 December; and also for their son Hugh, who will be baptised on the same day.

Thank You

Sadly the time has come to say thank you and good-bye to Tanya Bowden. We thank Tanya very much for her contributions to our Parish, especially printing the Bulletins and keeping the Mass times up to date on the blackboard in front of the Church.