

*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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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B 16/17 January 2021

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, Rob Shrimp, Rob Paterson, Todd Austin, Mary Coleman, Marie Messer, Beryl Moody and Bev Johnstone.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Wayne Gatehouse, **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 and Safeguarding Office: pssso@rok.catholic.net.au OR Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call).

Calling All Married Couples!

The Diocese of Rockhampton, in partnership with SmartLoving, is hosting The Marriage Kit – a fortnightly online couple's course running over six weeks during Lent 2021.

Mondays: 15 Feb, 1 Mar, 15 Mar, & 22 Mar
7:30pm-9pm

This will be a great opportunity to grow in your vocation and strengthen your marriage, no matter what stage it is at.

Cost: \$25 per couple. Register at:

www.smartloving.org/rockhampton

For any questions or more information contact marriage@rok.catholic.net.au

Pope Francis on Twitter

In difficult and dark moments let us find the courage to say: "Blessed are you, Lord". Let us praise the Lord: this will be so good for us.

#Prayer #GeneralAudience

13 January

Cluster Service Times

| Date | Place | Time | Service |
|------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Sat 23 Jan | Longreach | 6:00 p.m. | Mass |
| Sun 24 Jan | Barcaldine | 8:30 a.m. | Lay-Led |
| Sun 24 Jan | Tambo | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| Sun 24 Jan | Alpha | 10:30 a.m. | Lay-Led |
| Sun 24 Jan | Blackall | 5:00 p.m. | Mass |

COVID Restrictions for People who have visited Brisbane since 2 January

As per QLD Government requirements, if you have been in Brisbane (other than changing planes at the Domestic Airport) since 2 January 2021, you are required to wear a face mask in all Churches. Exemptions apply for those moments when you are required to enunciate clearly and can socially distance from all other people (eg you are proclaiming one of the readings to the congregation), however it is preferred that you find a replacement minister until at least 22 January.

Cluster News

Cluster Bulletin

If you would like to receive the Bulletin via email each week, please contact the Pastoral Coordinator (contact details at the top of page).

Contributions, including names for the prayer lists (those who are sick, recently deceased, or on the anniversary of death) can also be sent to the Pastoral Coordinator. Before adding someone to the sick list, please check with the person or their family.

2021 Priest Appointments

Bishop Michael has written a letter to all people of the Diocese advising them of the priest appointments for the first part of 2021. We are pleased to advise that both Fr Raj and Fr Shaiju will remain in the West during this time. You are encouraged to read his full letter (check the Church noticeboard or contact the Pastoral Coordinator for a copy) as he shares some of the current difficulties faced by the Diocese.

Change to Regular Priest Movements

To better facilitate Fr Raj and Fr Shaiju working *in solidum* across the entire region, a 3 month trial of different weekday movements will commence in February. The weekend Mass schedule will not be affected by this change.

Each priest will rotate separately through the 3 largest towns of the West, spending one week each in Longreach, Barcaldine and Blackall, before re-starting the cycle. At least once a fortnight, a couple of days together will be incorporated into this roster to ensure that they continue to have the opportunity to work together and support one another. Regardless of this model, to the best of their ability, the priests will continue to be available to anyone in the region requiring emergency pastoral or sacramental support.

We hope this change will provide more opportunities for the priests to minister across the entire region. Parishioners are encouraged to assist the priests by advising of them of pastoral and sacramental needs within their community (eg let them know that someone is currently in hospital and might like a visit or communion taken to them).

Whilst the priests will continue to be busy and working hard, parishioners are also encouraged to include the priests socially when appropriate – catch up for a cuppa, invite them for dinner, invite them to join you when attending community events, etc. As they will be constantly 'on the move', it will be increasingly difficult for them to develop and maintain their own home-based social network.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Condolences

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Watchel family on the passing of Andrew's father last week. May God's love surround them during this difficult time and comfort them in their sorrow.

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 lead the rosary.

Blackall

Change to Mass Times

Following feedback received from numerous members of the community, **all weekend Services** until further notice will be held at **5:00 p.m on Sunday**. Occasionally, due to priest availability, there may be a one-off change to this, which will be advertised in the Bulletin.

Upcoming Weekday Masses

The below invitation includes all St Patrick's parishioners:



Fr Raj will also be celebrating Mass on Friday, 22 January at 9 am

Cleaning Roster

15th January Colleen Wemyss & Noelene Gleeson
29th January Will & Enri Jenson

COVID Compliance

Please be aware that under QLD Government restrictions all people must provide their contact details and entry and exit times each time they enter our Parish's non-residential buildings (ie the Church, Parish Centre and/or Parish Office). As you enter and leave any of these spaces (eg for cleaning, to prepare/ collect/drop off items, check records, etc) please enter your details on the appropriate sheets.

This information is required to ensure that if another person who has been in these spaces contracts COVID, the government Contact Tracing Team is able to quickly and easily notify you of your heightened risk and possible need to quarantine.

Longreach

Weekday Mass Times

Wednesday 20 January – 9:00 a.m. St Brigid's
Thursday 21 January – 5:30 p.m. St Brigid's
Friday 22 January – 9:00 a.m. St Brigid's

Please be aware that there is no formal roster for weekday Mass times. Whilst they generally follow a repetitive pattern, please check the bulletin or the noticeboard outside the Church each week for upcoming times.

Church Cleaning

1st and 2nd fortnights of January –
Fe Whyte (paid)

World Day of Prayer Planning

We are looking for local women to assist with planning this year's World Day of Prayer, an annual occasion with local ecumenical events located throughout the world. If you are willing to help out, please join a planning meeting to be held at the Uniting Church (not the hall) on Thursday 28 January at 9 am.