

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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## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B 25/26 September 2021

**We pray for the sick**, especially Colin & Cecily Quinn, Kelly Struthers, Hazel Larcombe, Daphne Tilse, 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 Paterson, Mary Coleman, Bev Johnstone, Jenny Lawson, Deirdre Blyth, Gloria McKean, Dolour Yore, Elaine Britton, Julie Hauff, John Suthers, Noelle Melrose and Connie Lacey.

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

## Diocesan News

### Safeguarding

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the **National Catholic Safeguarding Standards** (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

For further information or support please contact the Diocesan **Professional Standards & Safeguarding Office: Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call)** or email: [pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au)

**Diocesan Website** for more information: [www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/)  
To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy**: [www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding/policy](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding/policy)  
**Queensland Professional Standards Office**: [www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/](http://www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/)

### Diocesan Newsletter

The September edition of the Diocesan newsletter is out now! Head to the diocesan website ([www.rok.catholic.net.au](http://www.rok.catholic.net.au)) to view it online or **contact Loretta if you would like a printed copy posted to you**. Sr Kym Harris OSB does an amazing job collating the newsletter each month, and sending you a copy is not difficult if you would like one.

The newsletter includes a large variety of happenings from throughout the Diocese. There is information about events, changes and the 'everyday happenings' in our Parishes, Catholic Education, Centacare, Missionary apostleships, Mater hospitals, Diocesan Office and more.

### Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 2 Oct	Alpha	10:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 3 Oct	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 3 Oct	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 3 Oct	Longreach	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 3 Oct	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	Lay-Led
Sat 9 Oct	Longreach	6:00 p.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 10 Oct	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 10 Oct	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 10 Oct	Alpha	10:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 10 Oct	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	Lay-Led

### Major Occasions on the Church Calendar:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Saint Vincent de Paul (Memorial)  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Saint Jerome (Memorial)  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (Memorial)  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – The Holy Guardian Angels (Memorial)

### Season of Creation - Migrant and Refugee Sunday

#### *Towards an Ever Wider "We"*

This Sunday we celebrate the 107<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In his message for this occasion (entitled *Towards an Ever Wider "We"*), Pope Francis says "*God created us in our own Triune Being a Communion of Diversity*". However he laments, "*Our 'we', both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 11) and radical individualism (cf. ibid., 105). And the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries.*" He appeals to both the church and the wider world.

Firstly, to the church he says, "*in encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as*

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*Church and to enrich one another. All the baptized, wherever they find themselves, are by right members of both their local ecclesial community and the one Church, dwellers in one home and part of one family" (Pope's Message for 2021 Migrant Sunday). Secondly, to the world community he asks for an ever more inclusive world, "to journey together towards an ever wider 'we' to all men and women, for the sake of renewing the human family, building together a future of justice and peace and ensuring that no one is left behind."*

The full text of the Pope's message can be found on the [Vatican website](#).

How does this fit into the current Season of Creation? In *Laudato Si* (LS) Pope Francis relates the issues of climate change, poverty and migration. *"There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded"* (LS25).

## Clergy Update

Bishop Michael has advised that Fr Don White (Parish Priest/Administrator of the South Mackay Parishes) has received approval from Border Security to return to Rome to complete his studies for a Licentiate in Moral Theology. It is expected that he will complete his studies mid-2022.

In his letter to parishioners, Bishop Michael makes the following request:

*Please continue to pray for our priests and for future priests, especially those who will come from our own communities. I am convinced the Holy Spirit is calling our young and with your encouragement, may our young hear the call of God. May they experience your support and love so that our future generations may be introduced to the Father's love, live as a disciple of Jesus Christ and engage in His mission. Our young need to hear from you, my dear people, words of support and witness your vibrancy in living your faith.*

## Cluster News

### Happy Holidays

Holiday time is nearly here for Fr Shaiju! He will be on annual leave from this Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September to 10<sup>th</sup> October, and again 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. He will be attending the Priests' Inservice Program and meetings in Rockhampton from 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**Fr Shaiju will be absent from the West until his return to work on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.**

We are grateful for all Fr Shaiju's hard work and his willingness to minister to us. His holidays have previously been delayed and plans altered due to COVID restrictions and border closures. We wish him a happy, safe holiday and pray that he is blessed during this time of the unexpected.

## Holidays Arrangements

Fr Terry Loth, a retired priest, will be joining us and celebrate Masses throughout the region from 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of October.

Unfortunately the Pastoral Coordinator, Loretta, will also be on annual leave from 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October. She will continue to check her phone and emails daily, and will respond and assist with all urgent matters.

## Around the Parishes

### Barcardine

#### October Church Services

- 8:30 am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (lay-led)
- 8:30 am Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October (lay-led)
- 8:30 am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October (lay-led)
- 8:30 am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October (Mass)
- 8:30 am Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October (Mass)

#### Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Please pray for the following children and their families as they journey towards Confirmation and First Holy Communion on 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Beau Jedras, Bryce Jedras, Sophie Ham,  
Poet Hunt, Korbin Mitchell

#### Rosary

Join us for rosary at 8 am next Sunday, before the Liturgy of the Word with Communion.

### Blackall



#### Ticket Sellers Needed!!

We have lots of vacancies for ticket sellers to sell down the main street on Fridays and Saturdays from the 8<sup>th</sup> October to 6<sup>th</sup> November. Any willing helpers please contact Moira 0439 272 295 or see roster down the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!!

### Longreach

#### October Church Services

- 8:30 am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (lay-led)
  - 6:00 pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October (lay-led)
  - 8:30 am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October (lay-led)
  - 6:00 pm Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Mass)
  - 6:00 pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October (Mass)**
- Note the time change for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.**