

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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(on annual leave)

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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B 16/17 October 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

Diocesan Website for more information:

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

Queensland Professional Standards Office:

www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Bishop's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This morning, 11th October, I received the sad news that Father Rod Dela Rosa SVD passed away.

Father Rod, as you know, was a priest here for 10 years and administered in various parishes of the Diocese. Apparently Father Rod died of COVID while on home leave in the Philippines.

Let us remember Fr Rod in our prayers and also his brothers of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD).

As your Bishop, I would encourage you to receive your vaccination, which is being made available by the government. I have completed the two doses of vaccine and will make myself available for booster shots when they become available.

Regards, Bishop Michael

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 23 Oct	Longreach	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun 24 Oct	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Sun 24 Oct	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 24 Oct	Alpha	12 noon	Mass
Sun 24 Oct	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	Lay-Led
Sat 30 Oct	Longreach	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun 31 Oct	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Sun 31 Oct	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 31 Oct	Alpha	10:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 31 Oct	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	Mass

Major Occasions on the Church Calendar:

Monday 18th October – St Luke, *Evangelist* (Feast)



XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

In March 2020, Pope Francis announced that the theme for the Synod would be "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission".

The journey towards the celebration of the Synod in October 2023 was solemnly opened on October 9-10, 2021 in Rome, and then on October 17 in each particular location. This event is the start of a two-year global consultation process.

In Australia, the People of God will be invited to make submissions via an online portal that opening on October 17. These submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process, leading to an international gathering in Rome in 2023. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch. There will also be a process of consultation in local parishes, which will form part of our Diocesan response to the national report.

An introduction video to the Synod of Bishops - www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlhy5dkirgg&t=28s

Bishop Michael will officially open the Synod for our Diocese at the 9.30am Mass from St Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday 17th October. You can view this Mass via the St Joseph's Cathedral YouTube channel.



We've done it; you've done it. Together we have raised the highest amount on record for the Diocesan Ministry Appeal, \$31,788. 100% of what we raised goes to the Woorabinda, Seafarers, Central West Parishes, Western Pastoral and Prison ministries. Your gifts will mean much-needed help and support will go to those who are often forgotten in our society. What a testimony that there is a community of believers living out the call of their baptism through putting up their hand to be, as Bishop Michael says, 'co-responsible for the mission'.

Your commitment to this and these ministries is an example the wider society needs at this time. We recently shared these stories with a room full of 180 businesspeople who were all struck by the church's incredible work through these ministries and agreed that it was work to be proud of. You are making this happen and impacting many lives throughout Central Queensland, thank You.

Cluster News

Welcome Fr Terry

We warmly welcome Fr Terry Loth back to the West. Fr Terry has a whirlwind week planned, celebrating Masses and ministering in towns large and small throughout our region.

Note From the Pastoral Coordinator

The last 6 months has been a challenging time for us all, and especially for Fr Shaiju, as he attempts to fulfil a Mass roster designed for 2 priests. I have made the difficult decision that the November and December Mass Rosters will not attempt to be 'normal'. This is to accommodate the high number of baptisms requested for November and the large number of Christmas Masses to be celebrated in December. **Everyone will need to check the Cluster Service Times section in the Bulletin.**

I look forward to 2022 and the certainty of a fixed roster – whether that is a return to the current 2 priest roster, or whether a 1 priest roster needs to be developed and implemented. I recognise the suffering and difficulties associated with the uncertainties since Fr Raj's departure and thank each of you for your patience, especially when you have had an extended period without Mass or an opportunity to meet with Father.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

CHANGED - Anointing Mass

Fr Terry will celebrate an Anointing Mass at 9 am on **this Thursday, 21st October** at Sacred Heart Church. He looks forward to catching up with new friends and old.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Photos and a introduction to each of the children preparing for these sacraments are located on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. Please pray for the following children as they journey towards receiving the sacraments in 2 weeks' time:

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

Parish Fair

Don't forget our Parish Fair will be held at 6 pm on Saturday 20th of November **at St Joseph's School**. The change in venue is to accommodate the potential requirements of these COVID times (including secure fencing and increased space). The Fair Committee investigated closing off the street adjacent to Rob Chandler Park, however it is too costly to do so.

If you are able to assist in anyway, or would like to have a market stall, please see Gay. Among other things, we are seeking volunteers to:

- Set up tables and chairs, from 4:00 pm
- Sit at entry table, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Blackall

Welcome Fr Terry Loth

It is with great pleasure we welcome Fr Terry Loth to Blackall this weekend! He has generously offered to come and be amongst us and celebrate Masses in the Central West during this time of Fr Shaiju's annual leave. THANK YOU FR TERRY!! We wish you safe travels in our region!

Praying for Sacramental Candidates

This weekend the 2021 group of young candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist continue their preparation workshops. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they undertake this very exciting journey. They will receive these sacraments by Bishop Michael on Sunday 31st October at our 5 p.m. celebration of Mass.

Invitation to a Shared Meal

Everyone is welcome to a shared meal in the Parish Centre with Bishop Michael and Fr Shaiju following the 5 p.m. Mass on 31st October. We look forward to sharing time with one another during this meal.

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 19th October – 11:00 am (Pioneers)

Wednesday 20th October – 9:00 am (St Brigid's)

Church Cleaning

1st fortnight of October – Margaret Kilroy (paid)

2nd fortnight of October – Jo Hayward (paid)

Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Fourteen young people in our community are currently preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on the last weekend in October. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers at this important time in their faith journey.