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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1st Sunday of Advent Year C 27/28 November 2021

We pray for the sick, especially Colin & Cecily Quinn, Kelly Struthers, Hazel Larcombe, Daphne Tilse, Leila Harvey, Melit Furneaux, Marcia Webster, Keith Lacey, Peter Kerrigan, Pat Lynch, Noel Rose, 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, Connie Lacey and Sr Rita Connor.

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/

Ignite Summer Camp Diocesan Group

When: 12-16 January, 2022
Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)
Who: Any 2022 high school students
Cost: $310, Family discounts available for siblings

Are you ready for an unforgettable summer? Ignite Summer Camp is back in 2022, with 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 an extra night's accommodation. If you're interested in coming, please contact youth@rok.catholic.net.au to get all the details and our group ticket code.

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Fri 3 Dec	Alpha	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sun 5 Dec	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Mass
Sun 5 Dec	Longreach	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 5 Dec	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 5 Dec	Aramac	9:00 a.m.	TV Mass
Sun 5 Dec	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	Mass
Sat 11 Dec	Longreach	6:00 p.m.	Mass
Sun 12 Dec	Barcaldine	8:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 12 Dec	Tambo	9:00 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 12 Dec	Isisford	10:30 a.m.	Mass
Sun 12 Dec	Alpha	10:30 a.m.	Lay-Led
Sun 12 Dec	Blackall	5:00 p.m.	Mass

Major Occasions on the Church Calendar:
Tuesday 30th November – St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)
Friday 3rd December – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

Cluster News

School Break Up

We congratulate all staff and students on the completion of another school year. The last day of Term for our Catholic Primary Schools is Wednesday 1st December, with State Schools in our region finishing on Friday 3rd December. We wish all of you a restful and joyful holiday with family and friends.

Thank you to all those who contributed to make our Catholic schools such special places of living and learning in 2021. To those who will not be returning next year, we wish you all the best with the next chapter of your life and pray that your time with us has stood you in good stead for the journey ahead.

Advent

Did you know that Advent began in the 4th century as a three week, and later a 40 day, period of penitential preparation with an emphasis on prayer and fasting in the lead up to the Feast of Epiphany? It has since evolved in the Western Church to be what it is today – a period of preparation for both the first (Christmas) and second comings of Christ.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

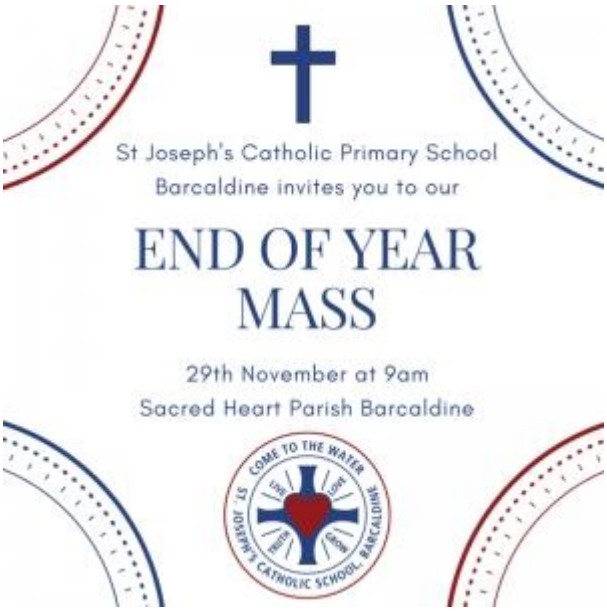
Reconciliation

Individual Reconciliation will be available from 7:30 - 8:00 am on Sunday 5th December. Alternatively, make an appointment with Fr Shaiju for a mutually convenient time.

Graduation Congratulations

The children listed below graduate from St Joseph's Primary School on Wednesday. We include them in our prayers and thoughts as they merge into the next stage of their education at High School.

Cate Bourne, Natalia Eyles, Sol Hunt,
Bryce Jedras, Ryan Lingard, Edith Pearce



Carols by Candlelight

Everyone is invited to the Barcaldine Town Hall on Sunday evening 5th December for the Barcaldine Churches Together annual Carols by Candlelight. Doors open at 6:30 pm with carols commencing at 7:00 pm. Contact Gloria if you have any further questions.

Blackall

Welcome!!

This Sunday at Our Lady of Victories, Tambo,
we welcome to God's family

Ava Smith, Mia Smith and Penny Smith

Our prayers and thoughts are with them and their family as they are baptised, confirmed and receive their First Holy Eucharist.

Congratulations and may you have a beautiful Eucharistic celebration!!

Combined Churches Christmas Tree Festival

When: **This Sunday**, 28th November

Where: Holy Trinity Church (11 Coronation Drive)

The Christmas Tree Festival is on again! Commencing with market stalls at 4pm before an evening sausage sizzle, Christmas Play and Carols.

Head on over after Mass for a friendly, fun filled evening.

Reconciliation

Fr Shaiju will be in the Church for individual Reconciliation from 4 - 4:30 pm on Sunday 5th December. As always, he is also happy for you to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Congratulations!!

We congratulate the Staff and children of St. Joseph's for the wonderful celebrations they have had over the last couple of days!! We especially congratulate the students who graduate this year and wish them well in high school and beyond. Our prayers go out to you and your families! We also wish all the teachers and students a well deserved and safe holiday next week. We sincerely thank our teachers and staff for the amazing help they have given to our Parish this year. THANK YOU!!

Thank You!!

What a wonderful fete we had last Saturday night!!

It was successful in so many ways but most of all being able to share a beautiful evening with the community is always so rewarding!

Thank you so very much for all the wonderful helpers we had on the night and in preparation for food, cooking, organizing, buying and selling tickets, donating goods and money and for coming along to be part of our night out!

For any help big or small THANK YOU!!

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 30th November – 7:00 am (St Brigid's)
Wednesday 1st December – 7:00 am (St Brigid's)
Thursday 2nd December – 7:00 am (St Brigid's)

History

Longreach will be the focus of a presentation by Ms Judith Gardiner at an upcoming meeting of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society on the evening of Tuesday 7 December. Visitors are welcome to attend (in person or via Zoom), but must contact the Secretary prior to attending – 0419 741 710 or secretary@brisbanecatholichistoricalsociety.org.au

The Other Father Hanley

Father William Hanley, the first parish priest appointed to Longreach, has been called 'The Apostle of the Diamantina' for his lengthy service to the region in the late 1800s. He shared many of the daily deprivations and hardships of the pioneering Irish and supported them in their faith as they made their way in their new country. The presentation also touches on a number of cultural and sectarian prejudices historically affecting the Catholic Irish.