

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



Priest

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We pray for the sick, especially Deirdre Blyth, Elaine Britton, Mary Coleman, Melit Furneaux, Di Harris, Leila Harvey, Julie Hauff, Nola Head, Bev Johnstone, Peter Kerrigan, Connie Lacey, Keith Lacey, Hazel Larcombe, Jenny Lawson, Pat Lynch, Noelle Melrose, Gloria McKean, Luke Miller, Rob Paterson, Colin & Cecily Quinn, Noel Rose, Vera Stephens, Kelly Struthers, John Suthers, Daphne Tilse, Marcia Webster and Dolour Yore.

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Peter Hassal and Sr Helen Diamond rsm, **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: pssadmin@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/

Faith Formation

Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

The Virtual Learning Centre for Faith Formation offer 3 and 5 week online courses about a broad range of topics - social teaching, sacraments, the bible, Church history, doctrine, a wide variety of ministries, and so much more.

Course fees are fully refunded by the Diocese upon successful completion of a course, although any materials required are the participant's expense.

For further information, go to vlcff.udayton.edu or contact Joy at vlcff@rok.catholic.net.au

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 22 Jan	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 23 Jan	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 23 Jan	Tambo	9:00 am	Lay-Led
Sun 23 Jan	Alpha	CANCELLED	
Sun 23 Jan	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sat 29 Jan	Aramac	9:30 am	Mass
Sun 30 Jan	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 30 Jan	Longreach	9:00 am	Lay-Led
Sun 30 Jan	Tambo	9:00 am	Lay-Led
Sun 30 Jan	Alpha	9:30 am	Lay-Led
Sun 30 Jan	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

Major Occasions on the Church Calendar:

Monday 17th January – St Anthony (Memorial)
Friday 21st January – St Agnes (Memorial)

Diocesan Newsletter

Have you subscribed to the Diocesan Newsletter? The monthly newsletter compiled by Sr Kym Harris is the place to find all the happenings, big and small, from throughout the Diocese. It is a great reminder that our small Parishes are not alone, but that we are part of a much bigger family.

The newsletter is available via **print or online**. To receive the printed version, please contact the Pastoral Coordinator to be added to the mailing list. The online version is available at rok.catholic.net.au/news-events/bishops-newsletter You can also subscribe to the digital version so that you receive an email with the links each time the newsletter is released. Please contact the Pastoral Coordinator if you need assistance.

The next newsletter is due out in February (there is no January edition this year).



Pandemic Prayer

For those who care for the sick

Father of mercies, we thank you for all who care for the sick.

When they diagnose, give them patience.

When they protect the vulnerable, give them your protection.

When they work to heal, give them strength.

When they comfort, give them consolation.

When they are tired, give them rest.

When they are discouraged, bring them your hope.

May we welcome and respect them as we support one another in this time of trial.



Cluster News

Cluster Bulletin

If you would like to receive the Bulletin via email each week, simply contact the Pastoral Coordinator (contact details on top of previous page) to be added to the mailing list.

Your contributions are welcome. You are especially encouraged to contribute names to the prayer lists (sick, recently deceased, and anniversary of death). Due to Privacy Laws, you **must** seek the permission of the person before adding them to the sick list. Names are accepted at any time for those we remember around the time of the anniversary of their death; simply advise the Pastoral Coordinator of both the person's name and the date of their anniversary.

Vocation Snippet

The process of answering God's call begins in childhood. Throughout adolescence and adulthood, the attitudes assumed in childhood begin to influence the course of one's life. Often we discuss with children what they want to be "when they grow up": doctors, lawyers, athletes, nurses, movie stars, teachers, carpenters. Do we ever talk about being a priest, sister or brother? Or working for the Church as a lay person? Or about how we use our God given gifts and serve God in all we do, regardless of what our job is and who our employer is?

Children's Activities

The unexpected extension of the QLD school holidays has thrown many plans into disarray. If you are looking for additional activities to fill in the time there are many Christian based worksheets (colouring in, puzzles, etc) available on the internet. A selection of free resources based on the Sundays of the Catholic liturgical year are listed below:

- Worksheets, colouring in, crosswords and more – something for all ages
www.catholicmom.com/sunday-mass-activities
- Cartoon, activities & a reflection – suitable for bigger kids <https://thekidsbulletin.com/>
- Simple activity - usually aimed at younger kids
<http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

Optional Training for Readers & Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Liturgy Brisbane has created short (approximately 3 hours) training and discovery courses containing formation for Ministers of the Word (readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Additional courses will be released as they are developed. Further details are available at www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses or by contacting the Pastoral Coordinator.

If a small group of parishioners would like to do some training but are unable to do so online, please contact the Pastoral Coordinator.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation continues to be available by appointment. Simply contact Father Shaiju (contact details at top of previous page, or see him at Mass sometime) to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Condolences

We offer our deepest condolences to Jean Lennon and family on the passing of Jean's brother Peter Hassal. Please remember Jean and the Hassal family in your prayers.

Welcome!

Our parish community extends a warm welcome to new parishioners and school staff. We invite you to make yourself known to our priest or any member of our parish community. We would love to welcome you to our parish.

Welcome Back

We welcome the return of our holidaying parishioners and are pleased to see your smiling faces. May all of us embrace the new year ahead with renewed energy and hope.

Liturgy Roster

Thank you to all who were able to give their time and gifts to support our liturgies during the holidays. Your generosity in our time of need is greatly appreciated. The current, usual, blank holiday roster system is still in operation. Please check the roster at mass the week prior and add your name to the roster wherever you can help out. Full rosters will once again be emailed out for a February start.

Longreach

Weekday Mass Times

Monday 17th January – 7 am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 18th January – 7 am (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 19th January – 5:30 pm (St Brigid's)

Friday 21st January – 9 am (St Brigid's)