

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 Yarka



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

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Sonya Johnston, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**, especially John Bennetts.

Diocesan News

Rockhampton Base Hospital

If you or someone you know will be, or is currently, admitted to the Rockhampton Base Hospital and would appreciate a pastoral or sacramental visit, please contact our Pastoral Care team on – pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au or contact hospital Reception on 07 4920 6211 and request a visit from the Catholic Pastoral Care Team.

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: psoadmin@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/

Pope's July Prayer Intention

For the elderly

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 9 July	Aramac	11:30 am	Mass
Sun 10 July	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 10 July	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 10 July	Tambo	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 10 July	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 10 July	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion
Sat 16 July	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 17 July	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 17 July	Tambo	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 17 July	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 17 July	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

**The Harvest is Plentiful,
but the labourers are few** (Matt 9:37)

Get up! Stand up! Show up!

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This year our theme challenges us all into action.

As we celebrate this special day, non-indigenous people are asked to listen to First Nations people, stand with them, and walk with them on their journey for change. Support is vital to help them amplify their messages to leaders to generate meaningful change!

First Nations Catholics are the youngest and fastest growing demographic in the Australian Catholic Church. While the total Catholic population declines, the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics continues to increase. In 16 dioceses in Australia over 20% of the First Nations population identify as Catholic.

The Central West Cluster of Catholic Parishes encompasses the traditional lands of many First Nations peoples, including the Bidjara, Birria, Dharawala, Iningai, Kuungkari, Kuruwali, Maiawali, Mithaka, Miyan, Pitta-Pitta, Wangkamana, Yagalingu, Yilba and Yirandali peoples. We acknowledge their wisdom, spirituality and connection to their traditional lands.



The Second Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia takes place from July 3-9. Masses and sessions will be live-streamed each day and people are invited to send messages of prayer, hope and support to the Members gathering in Sydney. Find the livestreaming schedule and the portal for sending messages at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal

The Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal will be held in our Diocese next weekend. We are all asked to continue our prayers for our Seminarians, Peter and Grant, in their preparation for priesthood and to give as generously as we can to next weekend's Appeal to support them in their vocation.

Cluster News

Nominations to the Central West Regional Pastoral Council

We are currently seeking nominations for members for the next 3 year term of our Regional Pastoral Council. We are looking for a diverse group of people – those with different experiences and perspectives to form a group with a mix of ages, ministries, geographic locations and gender. But most of all we are looking for passionate people willing to work as part of team for the betterment of the Catholic Church in our region.

The primary role of the RPC is to promote the Church's mission to live and communicate the love and values of Christ in our world. It shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith communities within the region, supporting their efforts to live as followers of Christ as missionary disciples.

Please think about who might be suitable and nominate yourself or someone else from the region. Nominations can be verbal or written, and should be given to Fr Shaiju or Loretta. If you are nominated, you will be contacted and have the opportunity to consider the nomination prior to accepting or declining it. Nominations close 31 July.

If you would like further information about the RPC or the nomination process, please contact a previous member of the RPC or the Pastoral Coordinator.

Absence

Our Pastoral Coordinator is currently on annual leave until 14 July. The phone will be checked regularly for urgent matters, however all other business may remain unattended until after her return. Thank you for your understanding.

RPC Meeting Summary

A short summary of last weekend's RPC meeting is provided below.

1. Amendments to the draft RPC guidelines
 - a. Change from: every Catholic school in the region providing an ex-officio member, to: each school invited to have a representative at each meeting. The school APREs will be the contacts between the RPC and each school.
 - b. Inclusion of a minimum attendance at a meeting (5 members including the priest) in order to make major decisions/move motions.
2. The current term of the RPC is drawing to a close. All nominated members stand down. Nominations for the next term to be made during July. Commissioning of new members to occur in August.
3. Review of Mass Roster. Limited feedback received. No amendments made. Next review scheduled for 12 months time.
4. Discussion about communication improvements, especially increasing the number of people viewing the Facebook page and the possibility of changes to the Bulletin.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Anointing Mass

9:30 am - this Wednesday 6th July

Everyone is invited to come along to The Willows for Mass and morning tea.

Prayer Request

Joycelyn Bennetts and family ask for your prayerful support as we remember John's 3rd anniversary which occurred on 29th June.

Blackall

Weekday Mass

This Monday, 4th July

9 am Eucharistic Adoration

First Rite of Reconciliation (*optional*)

10 am Anointing Mass

Longreach

Weekday Mass

Friday 8th July – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Where Are We Going?

How Do We Get There?

In the last few years a lot has changed in our Parish. As the area covered by the priest has expanded, he no longer has the time to do all the sacramental, pastoral and governance work that he has previously done for us. How do we go about making decisions and running the Parish?

Please bring your ideas and opinions to a meeting at 9 am, Saturday 16th July in the back of the Church.