

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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## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 13/14 August 2022

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

**We pray for the recently deceased**, especially Brian Blair, Leo Polar and Edith King, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**, especially Marie Murphy.

## 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](mailto: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: [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/)

### Pope's August Prayer Intention

For small businesses

### Cluster Service Times

| Date       | Place      | Time    | Service   |
|------------|------------|---------|-----------|
| Sat 20 Aug | Longreach  | 6:00 pm | Mass      |
| Sun 21 Aug | Barcaldine | 9:00 am | Mass      |
| Sun 21 Aug | Tambo      | 9:00 am | Communion |
| Sun 21 Aug | Alpha      | 9:30 am | Communion |
| Sun 21 Aug | Blackall   | 5:00 pm | Mass      |
| Sat 27 Aug | Longreach  | 6:00 pm | Mass      |
| Sun 28 Aug | Barcaldine | 9:00 am | Mass      |
| Sun 28 Aug | Tambo      | 9:00 am | Communion |
| Sun 28 Aug | Alpha      | 12 noon | Mass      |
| Sun 28 Aug | Blackall   | 5:00 pm | Communion |

Please note correction to last week's Bulletin

### Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity & Holy Day of Obligation)  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – St Bernard (Memorial)

### Vocations Awareness Week

7-14 August 2022

Vocation can mean many things, but at its essence it is living the life God wants us to live.

"The word "vocation" should not be understood restrictively, as referring simply to those who follow the Lord through a life of special consecration. All of us are called to share in Christ's mission to reunite a fragmented humanity and to reconcile it with God. Each man and woman, even before encountering Christ and embracing the Christian faith, receives with the gift of life a fundamental calling: each of us is a creature willed and loved by God; each of us has a unique and special place in the mind of God. At every moment of our lives, we are called to foster this divine spark, present in the heart of every man and woman, and thus contribute to the growth of a humanity inspired by love and mutual acceptance. We are called to be guardians of one another, to strengthen the bonds of harmony and sharing, and to heal the wounds of creation lest its beauty be destroyed. In a word, we are called to become a single family in the marvellous common home of creation, in the reconciled diversity of its elements."

Pope Francis

Address for World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2022

# Cluster News

## Ignite: The Moment

### Calling all young people!

Ignite is a Catholic gathering for people of all ages to experience real world formation, powerful worship and encouragement in their faith in an exciting, and ground-breaking way. It contains a wide range of both traditional and contemporary experiences of prayer, music, sacraments and workshops to open minds and hearts to encounter God in different ways.

To discern our vocation we need a relationship with God; to live our vocation we also need the support of others. Ignite is an opportunity to develop both our relationship with God, and relationships with other people of faith.

This year, the Rockhampton Diocese will be taking a group of high school students and young adults to the Brisbane experience from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> September. Flexible transport options and financial assistance available!

For more information contact Loretta (Pastoral Coordinator) or the Diocesan Youth Officer - Mick on 0433897973 or [youth@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth@rok.catholic.net.au)

## Assumption of the BVM

This Monday, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is one of two non-Sunday Holy Days of Obligation in Australia. On these days Catholics are:

- 'obliged to participate in the Mass', and
- 'to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body' (Can. 1247).

This isn't strictly possible for many people, but we can still honour our obligations in other ways; check out the Barcaldine Section for some great ideas!

### What is the Assumption?

"Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed **body** and soul into heavenly glory" (Pope Pius XII). Despite only becoming official dogma in 1950, this belief has been held by Catholics since early times and is mentioned in early Christian writings. Note that Mary's Assumption is different to Jesus' Ascension – Jesus ascended by his own power, whereas Mary was assumed by the power of Jesus. It is uncertain whether or not Mary died prior to her Assumption.

## Around the Parishes

### Barcaldine

*Thanks A Bunch!*

We greatly appreciate the enthusiasm and energy of those who came to give some TLC to our grounds over the past two weekends. Our gardens have benefitted from their pruning, weeding, planting and of course garden waste removal. A big thank you to each one of you.

## Long Tan Day Memorial Service

All are invited to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony for the anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

**Time:** 10:50am for 11:00am start

**Date:** Thursday 18th August

**Place:** Post Office Memorial Precinct in Ash St

## Feast of the Assumption

On Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This feast reminds us to contemplate Mary's beautiful example of fulfilling God's Will in her life. We can celebrate this special day in many small ways:-

- Visit our church for quiet prayer
- Create a special place to spend time in prayer at home
- Decorate your meal table in honour of Mary
- Add some meditation, spiritual reading or acts of kindness to your day

*May our lives be inspired by Mary's holiness and faithfulness.*

## Blackall

### It's that time of year again!!

**A Parish Fete Meeting will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 4pm before Mass** to discuss the following:

- Date, Venue, Time, Music, Stalls.
- Something changed or something new.
- **Everyone welcome.**

Please bring any new ideas you may have including where monies can be spent for the benefit of the Parish.

Please contact Tony Hauff or Moira Kent for further information.

## Longreach

### Weekday Mass

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August – 9 am (St Brigid's)

### St Brigid's Support Group

At the open discussion held last month, the St Brigid's Support Group was formed to assist our priest by taking responsibility for the governance (running) of St Brigid's. A more detailed description of the Group will be provided on the noticeboard once it has been finalised.

**Each meeting will be open to everyone who wants to attend and contribute.** The group is not elitist or closed, and members genuinely want to work together to serve the entire St Brigid's community. The current members are: Peter Thurecht (school rep), Margaret Kilroy, Ian Merritt (chair), Carmel Walker, Kathy McPhee, Di Harris, Mary Bell, Jo Hayward, Raelene Smith, Madonna McLachlan and Ange Arthur (secretary). Fr Shaiju is also a member of the group. For further information please speak with one of the members.