

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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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Year A 26/27 November 2022

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

**We pray for the recently deceased**, especially Sr Mary St Pius Lennon, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**, especially Wayne Hayward and Nola Landers.

## 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: [psoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:psoadmin@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 November Prayer Intention

For Children Who Suffer

### Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 3 Dec	Ilfracombe	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 3 Dec	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 4 Dec	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 4 Dec	Longreach	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 4 Dec	Tambo	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 4 Dec	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 4 Dec	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sat 10 Dec	Jundah	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 11 Dec	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 11 Dec	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 11 Dec	Tambo	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 11 Dec	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 11 Dec	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion

### Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Saint Andrew (Feast)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – St Francis Xavier (Memorial)

### Bishop's Advent Letter

Please read the accompanying Advent letter from Bishop Michael as it contains some important information. Note especially the reinstatement of the obligation on Catholics to attend Sunday Mass.

## Cluster News

### Clergy Update

Last week we welcomed the return of Fr Shaiju to the Central West. Unfortunately Fr Shaiju is currently unwell, and so future Mass times are a little uncertain. He hopes to recover quickly and be able to celebrate with you all again next weekend, however we will have to wait and see.

### Christmas Mass Times

Mass times are yet to be finalised across the region, however Christmas Mass in the largest towns will be:  
Barcaldine – 9 am Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Blackall – 5 pm Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Longreach – 8 am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

## Congratulations

Congratulations to all students, family, staff and friends of the school communities of the Central West as they near completion of another school year. Catholic schools finish this Wednesday, and local State Schools finishing on Friday. We wish everyone a joyful, safe break away from the routine, concentration, and deadlines. To all departing staff and families, we send our best wishes for the journeys ahead.

We send a special congratulations to the Year 6 students at St Joseph's Primary School, Blackall and Our Lady's School, Longreach. Thank you for the gift you have been to our school communities and we pray that you will take with you the gospel based virtues that you have been striving to live at school. Regardless of the joys and difficulties that you will face in the future, remember that God loves you!

## Parish Planning

Please read the accompanying letter from Bishop Michael inviting you to an information and planning meeting early next year. These are important meetings about the future of the Church in the Central West and **parishioners from all communities** are strongly encouraged to attend.

Our school communities have generously offered their facilities so that the meetings can be held in air-conditioned comfort. If there are any major barriers to attendance, please contact the Pastoral Coordinator so that these can be addressed.

Communities of **Tambo** and **Blackall** – 5 pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January at St Joseph's Primary School, Blackall

Communities of **Jericho**, **Barcaldine**, **Aramac** and **Alpha** – 9 am Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at St Joseph's Primary School, Barcaldine

Communities of **Longreach**, **Jundah**, **Isisford** and **Ilfracombe** – 2 pm Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Our Lady's School, Longreach

## Around the Parishes

### Barcaldine



A massive thank you to everyone involved in last weekend's very successful Christmas Fair. The Fair is our major fundraiser for the year, and it would not be possible without the many people who donated goods or money, those who volunteered their time and talents, and the many people who came and supported the event. A very special mention must be made of Gay and Erin for their coordination.

### End of School Year Liturgy

Due to Fr Shaiju's ill health, the previously advertised End of Year School Mass has been cancelled. Please listen to the notices at Sunday's Church service for the alternate arrangements.

## Blackall

### Christmas Tree Festival

The annual Christmas Tree Festival is on again this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November at the Anglican Church. Head over after our Liturgy of the Word with Communion for a fun filled evening. The Church will also be open for viewing of the Christmas Trees on the mornings and evenings of this coming Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.



**THANK YOU!!**

Wow! What a great Parish Christmas fete we had last weekend! A huge thank you to all the stall convenors and their amazing helpers! Thank you to the many generous donors, tickets sellers and food prep people! Thank you so much to the St. Joey's singers, their teachers and parents for preparing them for this wonderful production. Along with the Bush Beatz dancers, we are truly grateful for your enthusiasm and joy you gave to the fete audience. But most of all thank you for being there, it was such a great night and your presence always makes it an even a better night!!

**THANK YOU!!**

## Longreach

### Community Christmas Carols

hosted by Longreach Churches Together  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
7 pm, Edkins Park

Chairs provided or BYO picnic blanket  
Chips and drinks available for purchase  
A collection will taken up for local Chaplaincy

### Positions Vacant

We are still seeking the following personnel:

- Paid cleaner
- Volunteer gardeners &/or lawn mower operators

Please contact Mary Bell or the Pastoral Coordinator (see top of previous page for contact details) if you are interested or know someone who might me.

### St Brigid's Support Group

Next meeting 9:30 am Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at the back of the Church, everyone is welcome to attend. We will also be holding a 'cleaning bee' at the meeting to have the Church looking its best for the Christmas celebrations. Please bring some cleaning equipment if you are able to assist.

### Liturgy and Prayer Roster

	<b>4 Dec</b>	<b>11 Dec</b>
Wel & Poff	Ange (Lead)	Kath McP
Reader 1 & 2	Carmel	Ian
\$ Collector	Mary B	Mary B & Brett
Offertory	Ellise (Comm)	McLachlin Family
Children's Lit		Ellise
November: Cleaner	- Raelene; Garden	- Peter T
December: Cleaner	- Danni; Garden	- Peter T