

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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4th Sunday of Lent Year A 18/19 March 2023

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

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Jean Brandsetter, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

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: 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/

Pope's March Prayer Intention

For Victims of Abuse: *We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering*

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 25 Mar	Longreach	6:00 pm	Communion
Sun 26 Mar	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 26 Mar	Tambo	9:00 am	Communion
	Alpha	cancelled	
Sun 26 Mar	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion
Fri 31 Mar	Alpha	7:30 am	Mass
Sat 1 Apr	Longreach	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 1 Apr	Ilfracombe	cancelled	
Sat 1 Apr	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 2 Apr	Tambo	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 2 Apr	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 2 Apr	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Monday 20th – Saint Joseph (Solemnity)

Saturday 25th – Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)

Chrism Mass

Bishop Michael invites all parishioners of the Diocese to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass.

10 am Thursday 30th March

This is a marvellous opportunity for the Diocese to gather together with the clergy as they conclude their time of pre-Easter gathering. During the Mass Bishop Michael will bless the oil of Catechumens and the oil of the sick, and consecrate the chrism, to be used in Sacraments across all diocesan communities.

You are welcome to join either in person at St Joseph's Cathedral or via the livestream at www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton

Cluster News

Clergy Arrangements

Fr Shaiju will be absent from the Central West next weekend as he undertakes English examinations in Rockhampton. This is a condition of his visa, set by the Department of Immigration. We wish Fr Shaiju all the best for these tests.

Fr Shaiju will then remain near Rockhampton for the clergy pre-Easter gathering and Chrism Mass.



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

St Joseph's Feast Day

St Joseph's Primary School invites everyone to join them as they celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day on this Monday, 20th March.

There will be a prayer experience at 8:45 am, with activities to follow. Celebrations conclude with a BBQ lunch.

School Holy Week Prayer Experiences

St Joseph's Primary School invites you to join them during the last week of Term 1 for their Holy Week Prayer Experiences.

Monday March 27th – Palm Sunday, Prep/1 Waru

Tuesday March 28th – Holy Thursday, Yr 2/3 Bau Bau

Wednesday March 29th – Good Friday Stations of the Cross, Yr 4 Diggeri & Yr 5/6 Daguny

All prayer experiences begin at 8:45 am in the school's courtyard.

Upcoming Holy Week and Easter Services

Please mark the following service times in your diaries:-

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday, 9:00am

Wednesday 5th April: Anointing Mass, 9:30am

Thursday 6th April: Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 9:00am

Friday 7th April: Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord's Passion 12 noon

Sunday 9th April: Easter Sunday, 12 noon

Blackall

Volunteers for Good Friday

As well as our Catholic Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm, Blackall Churches Together will once again be hosting an Ecumenical Service on Good Friday morning. If you are willing to volunteer at this service, please let Moira know this weekend.

Weekday Mass

9 am this Monday, 20th March

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday Mass – 5 pm Sunday 2nd April

Adoration & Reconciliation – 9 am Monday 3rd April

Anointing Mass – 10 am Monday 3rd April

Mass – 10 am Tuesday 4th April

Holy Thursday Mass – 12 noon Thursday 6th April
(Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Good Friday – 3 pm Friday 7th April (Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Fr Shaiju)

Easter Mass – 5 pm Sunday 9th April

Longreach

Weekday Mass

Wednesday 22nd March – 11 am (Pioneers)

Please note **no Friday Mass** again this week.

Farewell

We pray for the repose of the soul of Jean Brandsetter and express our condolences to her family and friends. Her funeral will commence from St Brigid's Church at 9 am on Thursday 23rd March.

Jean was a valued member of our Parish throughout her life, known to many during her time as Parish Secretary. She was a willing worker and tried to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world through her volunteer work with the local St Vincent de Paul conference.

May she Rest in Peace

Timetable Changes

Please note the changes to the regular Service timetable for the next 2 weekends.

6 pm Saturday 25th March will be a Liturgy of the Word with Communion, instead of the usual Mass.

8 am Saturday 1st April will be a Mass for Palm Sunday, instead of the usual Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Sunday morning.

Welcome

This weekend we formally welcome Fred to our Catholic family through the waters of baptism. We congratulate his parents, Ayla and Chris, on their commitment to raise him in the Catholic faith, and we pray for God's blessings on their family.



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday – 8 am Saturday 1st April (Mass)

Holy Thursday – 6 pm Thursday 6th April (Mass of the Lord's Supper)

Good Friday – 8 am Friday 7th April (Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Fr Shaiju)

Easter – 9 am Sunday 9th April (Mass)

Liturgy and Prayer Roster

	6 pm 25 Mar	8 am 1 Apr
Wel & PofF	Carmel (Leader)	Ange
Reader 1 & 2	Ian	Ian
\$ Collector	David	David
Offertory	Ange (Communion)	Carmel