

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23/24 September 2023

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

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially Alice Wilshire and Brian Foote.

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** (2022), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and adults at risk.

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 (including **Safeguarding Policy**) for more information:
www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/
Queensland Professional Standards Office:
www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Pope's September Prayer Intention

Let us pray for those people on the margins of society in subhuman living conditions, that they may not be neglected by institutions and never be cast out.

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 30 Sept	Ilfracombe	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 30 Sept	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 1 Oct	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 1 Oct	Tambo	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 1 Oct	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 1 Oct	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sat 7 Oct	Jundah	TBA	
Sun 8 Oct	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 8 Oct	Longreach	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 8 Oct	Tambo	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 8 Oct	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 8 Oct	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Wednesday 27th – Saint Vincent de Paul (Memorial)

Friday 29th – Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels (Feast)

Saturday 30th – Saint Jerome (Memorial)

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service



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The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist in working with the local Church, in various locations. There is a variety of important voluntary tasks in **administration, building and vehicle maintenance, gardening, hospitality, general cleaning etc.** Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and a small weekly allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

The Diocese of Broome Office: 08 9192 1060

Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org

Web: www.broomedioocese.org

Mail: **PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725**

Creative Response Competition

To mark Social Justice Sunday this year the diocesan Social Justice group is offering a Creative Response Competition - an opportunity to create something, using any creative medium, in response to this year's Social Justice Statement: **Listen, Learn, Love – A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**. The statement is available online at www.justiceandpeace.org.au/listen-learn-love-2023-24-social-justice-statement and all information about the competition by clicking [here](#), or contact the Pastoral Coordinator. We're excited to offer this opportunity to really engage with this year's statement and look forward to lots of entries. Final submission date is 13th October.

Cluster News

Happy Birthday!

As well as celebrating his birthday this week, Father Kingsley will also celebrate the feast of his Communion name saint on the same day! We wish Fr Kingsley a very Happy Birthday, and hope it is a special day filled with an abundance of God's blessings.

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Weekday Masses

Next week's Mass times are at alternating times to accommodate both those who are at work during the day, and those who need more time to prepare to leave the house in the morning. You are welcome to share your feedback with Fr Kingsley or Loretta.

Monday 25th September – 7:30 am
Tuesday 26th September – 9:30 am
Wednesday 27th September – 7:30 am
Thursday 28th September – 9:30 am

Our Lady of Mercy Feast Day

Happy Feast Day to Sr Rita Connor who is celebrating today, along with her fellow sisters, the Sisters of Mercy feast day. Catherine McAuley placed her community under the patronage of Our Lady of Mercy because Mary is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy.

Our parish community feels privileged and blessed to have had Sr Rita live and work among us for over 30 years. We pay tribute to the hard work, commitment and devotion of the Sisters as they continue to make a positive difference in the lives of so many people today.

Mercy Day is a celebration of the charism and rich heritage of the Mercy Sisters. It is a day when we too can reflect on how we live the Gospel value of mercy, how we express our love for those in our community who are marginalised.

Christmas Fair 2023

Save the Date: 11 November 6pm
at the Rob Chandler Park.

Our annual event is seeking volunteers. If you are able to assist on the night, please contact Gay Gesch 0428 170 363.

To book a stall or donate items for our multi draw, please contact Erin Winter 0418 806 327.

To cook/bake for our Cake Stall please contact Jan Winter 0419 400 730 or Colleen Horn 0427 719 828.

We look forward to your support of our parish in making this a joyous and successful community celebration.

Blackall

Weekday Masses

5 pm Friday 29th September - Mass
9 am Monday 2nd October – Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation
10 am Monday 2nd October – Anointing Mass

McLean Place Prayer Service

Did you know that there is a monthly prayer service held at McLean Place? Parishioners are most welcome to join residents and religious leaders on the last Friday of each month. The ecumenical prayer service usually commences around 9:30 am and is followed by morning tea. Be sure to bring your singing voice as you come to pray with those who have handed down the faith in our community.

Next service – Friday, 29th September
(to be led by Fr Kingsley)



Save the Date

Parish Fete
6 pm Saturday 18th November
Banks Park



Longreach

Weekday Masses

Monday 25th – 9 am (St Brigid's)
Tuesday 26th – 9 am (St Brigid's)
Wednesday 27th – 11 am (Pioneers)
Friday 29th – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Baptisms

This weekend we joyfully welcome
Reid and Thomas
to our Catholic community
through the Sacrament of Baptism.

We extend our congratulations and prayers to each of their parents and godparents as they commit to raising each child in the Catholic faith. May you be gifted with God's wisdom and compassion.

Liturgy and Prayer Roster

	9 am, 1 Oct	9 am, 8 Oct
Wel & Poff	Madonna	Ian (Leader)
Reader 1 & 2	Ian	Ange
\$ Collector	Raymond	Raymond
Offertory	McLachlan family	Carmel (Comm)