

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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1st Sunday of Advent Year B 2/3 December 2023

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

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially Nola Landers and Wayne Hayward.

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 November Prayer Intention

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Cluster Service Times

| Date | Place | Time | Service |
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| Sat 9 Dec | Jundah | 10:00 am | Christmas Mass |
| Sun 10 Dec | Tambo | 8:00 am | Communion |
| Sun 10 Dec | Barcaldine | 9:00 am | Mass |
| Sun 10 Dec | Longreach | 9:00 am | Mass |
| Sun 10 Dec | Alpha | 9:30 am | Communion |
| Sun 10 Dec | Blackall | 5:00 pm | Mass |
| Sat 16 Dec | Longreach | 6:00 pm | Mass |
| Sun 17 Dec | Tambo | 8:00 am | Communion |
| Sun 17 Dec | Barcaldine | 9:00 am | Mass |
| Sun 17 Dec | Blackall | 5:00 pm | Mass |

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Thursday 7th – Saint Ambrose (Memorial)

Friday 8th – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Marcy (Solemnity)

Pope's Prayer Intention for December

For persons with disabilities

People with disabilities are among the most fragile among us. Some of them suffer rejection, rooted in either ignorance or prejudice, which then marginalizes them. ... Programs and initiatives are needed that promote their inclusion. Above all else, big hearts are needed who want to accompany.

It means changing our mentality a little and opening ourselves to the abilities and talents of these people who are differently abled, both in society as well as in the life of the Church. And so, creating a completely accessible parish does not only mean eliminating physical barriers. It also assumes that we stop talking about "them" and start talking about "us."

- 1 in every 6 people in the world has a disability.
- Disabilities can be visible or invisible; they can be physical, cognitive or sensorial.
- In developing countries; 80% of working age persons with disabilities are unemployed
- Nearly 1 billion persons with disabilities lack access to assistance technology
- Means of transportation pose a difficulty 15 times greater for persons with disabilities

Source: www.popevideo.org



Do you desire to better serve God and His Church? Are you unsure where your life is heading? The Melchizedek Project is an online group for single men to journey together in learning about the Catholic faith, exploring the idea of priesthood, and discerning the vocation that God is calling you to. We meet through fortnightly online video calls, so no matter where you are based you're welcome to join with other men from around the diocese in tackling big questions about faith and life. A new group is starting in January 2024 and if you're interested in being involved or want to find out more, get in touch with Mick Otto at vocations@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

Invitation to Ordination

Bishop Michael extends an invitation to the entire Diocese to join him as he ordains Deacon Peter Doherty as a Priest of the Rockhampton Diocese.

10 am 22nd February 2024

St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton

Cluster News

Happy Feast Day

We wish Fr Shaiju a very happy Feast Day this weekend. Fr Shaiju's Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination name is Francis, with St Francis Xavier being his Patron Saint. Fr Shaiju is even known as Francis by fellow CMI priests and by Bishop Michael. May St Francis intercede for you Fr Shaiju, and provide you with guidance and inspiration as you continue as a missionary priest.

Happy New Year

This Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent, welcomes in a new liturgical year in the Church Calendar. We begin with Advent, the season of waiting and preparing for the coming of our Saviour, both at Christmas time and when he returns for the second coming. There is no better time than a new year to 'turn over a new leaf' in our spiritual practises.

Christmas Mass Roster

- 10 am Saturday 9th December – Jundah
- 9:30 am Friday 22nd December – Aramac
- 9:30 am Saturday 23rd December – Jericho
- 11 am Saturday 23rd December – Isisford
- 9 am Sunday 24th December – Barcaldine
- 9:30 am Sunday 24th December – Alpha
- 5 pm Sunday 24th December – Blackall
- 5 pm Sunday 24th December – Ilfracombe
- 7 pm Sunday 24th December – Longreach
- 8 am Sunday 25th December – Tambo

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Anointing Mass

Everyone is welcome to our final Anointing Mass and morning tea for the year.

9:30 am Wednesday 6th December at The Willows

Due to unavailability of the centre, this will be our final Mass at The Willows until mid-2024, so come along and give thanks for the opportunities we have had.

Reconciliation

A reminder that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available simply by asking one of the priests for a mutually convenient time. Often if you ask them at Mass they will be able to offer the Sacrament to you straight after Mass.

During Advent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available without an appointment:

8:15 - 8:45 am Sunday 10th December

8:00 - 8:30 am Sunday 17th December

Blackall

Weekday Services

8 am Monday 4th December – Eucharistic Adoration & Reconciliation

9 am Monday 4th December – Anointing Mass

8 am Tuesday 5th December – Mass

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Monday 4th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 5th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 6th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)

Thursday 7th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)

Friday 8th – 9:00 am (St Brigid's)

Communion to the Sick & Housebound

Marie Lacey has been faithfully ministering to the sick and housebound for a number of years, but the time has come to retire due to her own health reasons.

Thank you Marie, for taking the body of Christ to those who are unable to attend Mass, for sharing God's Word with them, for passing on Parish News, and ensuring that these members of our Parish community are not forgotten or neglected.

With Marie's retirement we are desperately seeking new volunteers for this ministry. For further details, please speak to Marie or Fr Shaiju or contact the Pastoral Coordinator.

Liturgy and Prayer Roster

| | 9 am, 10 Dec | 6 pm, 16 Dec |
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| Wel & Poff | Madonna | Ian |
| Reader 1 & 2 | Mon | Kath |
| \$ Collector | Raymond | Brett |
| Offertory | Mon & Bill | Ian & Lesley |
| EO Minister | Ian | Ian |