

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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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

13/14 January 2024

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

We pray for the recently deceased, 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** (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: pssadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website (including **Safeguarding Policy**) for more information:

www.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/
Queensland Professional Standards Office:
www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

Pope's January Prayer Intention

For the gift of diversity in the Church

*We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us
to recognize the gift of different charisms
within the Christian community
and to discover the richness of different
traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.*

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 20 Jan	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 21 Jan	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 21 Jan	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 21 Jan	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sat 27 Jan	Aramac	9:30 am	Mass
Sat 27 Jan	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 28 Jan	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 28 Jan	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 28 Jan	Alpha	12 noon	Mass
Sun 28 Jan	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Wednesday 17th – Saint Anthony (Memorial)

Pope's Monthly Prayer Intention

"If we are guided by the Holy Spirit, abundance, variety, diversity, never cause conflict. The Holy Spirit reminds us first and foremost that we are children loved by God – everyone equal in God's love, and everyone different."

Pope Francis, <https://thepopevideo.org/>

Did you know that the Catholic Church is actually composed of 24 different Churches, operating under 6 different Rites? Many of us are only familiar with the Roman Catholic Church (Latin Rite) as it the one most of us have been baptised into. However over 18 million Catholics belong to the Churches of the 5 Eastern Rites. This includes a couple of Central West parishioners and Fr Shaiju, who is a Syro-Malabar priest. The Syro-Malabar Church is one of the two Churches of the East Syriac Rite, and so Fr Shaiju needed special permissions to preside over the sacraments (inc Eucharist) for us in the Latin Rite.

The 24 Churches recognise one another as sharing the essentials of the one Catholic, Apostolic Faith and are therefore in full Communion with one another. The next pope could be an Eastern Rite Catholic! Each Church differs though in its traditions, liturgies and structures. For example Syro-Malabar Catholics are Confirmed at the time of their Baptism (as a baby), and most Eastern Rite men (excluding Syro-Malabar and Syro-Malankar Catholics) are permitted to marry before being ordained a priest.

Cluster News

WELCOME

We warmly welcome both returning and new staff of the three Catholic Schools and one Kindergarten in our region:

- St Joseph's Primary School, Barcaldine
- St Joseph's Primary School & Kindy, Blackall
- Our Lady's Primary School, Longreach

While classes don't commence until Monday 22nd January, staff will be hard at work this week preparing for the return of students and undertaking compulsory training.

We wish each of you a fulfilling year and hope that the schools and kindy will be places of teamwork, laughter, love and growth for all. May you faithfully live out your individual and school charisms as you serve God throughout the year ahead.



Following the end of the Christmas Season we thank the many people throughout the region who volunteered their time and efforts to make each celebration during this season one of joy, reverence and welcome to all.

We especially thank the cleaners and sacristans who worked throughout Advent to prepare the physical spaces in our Churches – spring cleaning and polishing the brass, artistically and thoughtfully displaying nativity scenes (cribs), re-arranging floral and other decorative displays and doing so much more.

These actions are often underappreciated, but rarely unnoticed. Thank you for all you do the whole year through, but especially for your efforts to make the Christmas Season such a special time.

Ordinary Time

During the whirlwind of holidays, visitors, festivities and good times it can be easy to let the ordinary slide and to lose focus on God. What better time to recommit to your relationship with him than the recommencement of Ordinary Time in the Church calendar?

Ordinary time is an extraordinary time to access the full range of sacraments, listen to the Word of God, and deepen your relationship with him. During this Liturgical Year, Year B, Gospel readings in Ordinary Time will mostly be from the Gospel of Mark.

Mark's account is the shortest of the Gospels and is a frank account of Jesus' life and ministry. According to many biblical scholars, Mark's main interest appears to be the revelation of Jesus as the Messiah. There is no record of Jesus' birth and early life in Mark's gospel, but the stories of many miracles, especially healing miracles, are shared.

Weekend Roster

Although there might be changes later in the year, the weekend Mass roster currently remains the same

Longreach

- 1st Sunday – 9 am Sunday (Mass if 2nd priest avail.)
- 2nd Sunday – 9 am Sunday Mass
- 3rd & 4th Sundays – 6 pm Saturday Mass

Blackall

- 1st & 3rd Sundays – 5 pm Sunday Mass
- 2nd Sunday – 5 pm Sunday (Mass if 2nd priest avail.)
- 4th Sunday – 5 pm Sunday Lay-led

Barcaldine

- 1st Sunday – 9 am Sunday Lay-led
- 2nd Sunday – 9 am Sunday (Mass if 2nd priest avail.)
- 3rd & 4th Sundays – 9 am Sunday Mass

Tambo

- 1st Sunday – 8 am Mass (9 am in Winter months)
- 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays – 8 am Lay-led (9 am Winter)

Alpha

- 2nd Sunday – 9:30 am Lay-led
- 4th Sunday – 12 noon Mass

Isisford

- 1st Sunday – 11 am Saturday Mass

Ilfracombe

- 1st Sunday – 8 am Saturday Mass

Aramac

- 4th Sunday – 9:30 am Saturday Mass if 2nd priest available; otherwise irregular times

Jundah

- 2nd Sunday of even months (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec) – 10 am Saturday Mass

Jericho

Irregular times

Around the Parishes

Blackall

Weekday Masses

7 am Monday 15th January

Longreach

Weekday Masses

- Monday 15th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)
- Tuesday 16th – 5 pm (St Brigid's)
- Wednesday 17th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)
- Thursday 18th – 5 pm (St Brigid's)
- Friday 19th – 9 am (St Brigid's)
- Saturday 20th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)

Liturgy and Prayer Roster

	6 pm 20 Jan	6 pm 27 Jan
Wel & Poff	Ian	Mon
Reader 1 & 2	Madonna	Ian
\$ Collector	Raymond	Brett
Offertory	Ian & Lesley	McLachlan family
EO Minister	Ian	Ian
January: Cleaner - Ange; Garden - Raymond		