

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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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

20/21 January 2024

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

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially Julia Dolgner and Brian Yore.

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: pssoadmin@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 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 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
Sat 3 Feb	Ilfracombe	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 3 Feb	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 4 Feb	Tambo	8:00 am	Mass
Sun 4 Feb	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 4 Feb	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 4 Feb	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Wednesday 24th – Saint Francis de Sales (Memorial)

Thursday 25th – Conversion of St Paul (Feast)

Invitation



With praise and thanksgiving to God

Most Reverend Michael McCarthy

Bishop of Rockhampton

invites the people of the Diocese

of Rockhampton to the

Presbyteral Ordination of

Rev Peter Duncan Doherty

10.00am, Thursday 22nd February 2024

St Joseph's Cathedral

For those unable to join in person, the event can be watched online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton>

There will be people travelling from the Central West. If you would like to car-pool with others, please contact the Pastoral Coordinator for details.

Catholic Churches

The 24 recognised Catholic Churches (CC) in full communion with the Pope are:

Western / Roman Tradition:

Latin CC (*this is the Church our Parishes belong to, and the one that most people think of in Australia and other Western countries*)

Alexandrian Tradition:

Catholic Coptic Church (*has a priest and Church building in Australia*)

Ethiopian CC

Eritrean CC

Antiochene/Antiochian Tradition:

Marionite Church (*has an Eparchy (Diocese) in Australia*)

Syriac/Syrian CC (*has a priest and Church building in Australia*)

Syro-Malankara Catholic Church (*has priests in Australia, + is one of the main Churches in India*)

Armenian Tradition:

Armenian CC (*has a priests, Church buildings and a school in Australia*)

Byzantine/Constantinopolitan Tradition:

Greek Melkite CC (*has an Eparchy (Diocese) in Australia*)

Byzantine Greek CC

Byzantine CC in Italy

Byzantine CC in Kazakhstan & Central Asia

Belarusian Greek CC

Bulgarian Greek CC

Greek CC of Croatia & Serbia

Macedonian Greek CC

Romanian Greek CC (*has a priest in Australia*)

Russian Greek CC (*has priests and a Church building in Australia*)

Ruthenian Greek CC

Slovak Greek CC

Ukrainian Greek CC (*has an Eparchy (Diocese) in Australia*)

Hungarian Greek CC

East Syriac / Chaldean Tradition:

Chaldean Church (*has an Eparchy (Diocese) in Australia*)

Syro-Malabar Church (*has an Eparchy (Diocese) in Australia, + is one of the main Churches in India*)

The Churches with Eparchies (Dioceses) have an Eparch (Bishop), Parishes, priests, and most also have their own Church buildings, schools and charitable and missionary organisations. The Eparchs are all members of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference (ACBC). Due to the great cost of building/purchasing Church buildings, many Eastern Catholic Churches celebrate regular services in their own Rite, in the buildings of Latin Catholic Churches.

While Eastern Rite Catholics only account for 1.5% of Australian Catholics (2021 Census data), their numbers are rapidly growing. The number of Chaldean Catholics increased by 41% between 2016 & 2021! Eastern Catholic Churches are also more likely to have younger parishioners, with only 2.2% of Syro-Malabar Catholics in Australia aged over 60!

Sources:

<https://nce.catholic.org.au> , <https://www.catholic.au>
<https://thepopevideo.org/>

Cluster News

Reflection Groups for Lent

With only 3 more Sundays until Lent begins, planning is underway for Lenten Reflection Groups and other activities. If you are interested in participating in an online reflection group with other people in the Central West, please contact the Pastoral Coordinator (Loretta) by Sunday 4th February. The Pastoral Coordinator's contact details are provided in the header of every Bulletin.

School Recommences

Students return to Central West schools this Monday, so please be extra careful around school zones as excited (and not so excited) children make their way to and from school.

We pray for all families, that they are able to place their fears and challenges at the foot of the cross, and embrace the opportunities that await. May your year be filled with multi-dimensional learning in supportive communities.

Around the Parishes

Blackall

Weekday Masses

8 am Monday 22nd January

5 pm Tuesday 23rd January

8 am Wednesday 24th January

9 am Thursday 25th January (*School Mass*)

8 am Friday 26th January

Opening School Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to join St Joseph's Primary School as we pray for blessings over our new school year.

Opening School Mass

St Patrick's Church

9 am, Thursday 25th January

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Monday 22nd – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 23rd – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 24th – 11 am (Pioneers)

Thursday 24th – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Friday 25th – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Saturday 26th – 7:30 am (St Brigid's)

Liturgy and Prayer Roster

	6 pm, 27 Jan	9 am, 4 Feb
Wel & PofF	Mon	Madonna
Reader 1 & 2	Ian	Ian
\$ Collector	Brett	Raymond
Offertory	McLachlan family	Ian & Lesley
EO Minister	Ian	Ian
January: Cleaner - Ange; Garden - Raymond		