

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

We pray for the recently deceased, especially Don Wheeler, **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: 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 February Prayer Intention

For the terminally ill

that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 2 Mar	Ilfracombe	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 2 Mar	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 3 Mar	Tambo	8:00 am	Mass
Sun 3 Mar	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 3 Mar	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 3 Mar	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun 10 Mar	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 10 Mar	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 10 Mar	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 10 Mar	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 10 Mar	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass



Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in the Philippines.

Ronita left school when she became pregnant, which could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family. Thankfully she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines.

Through the FCJ, Ronita could re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment, even with the birth of her second child.

After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, she has secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her family.

"I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Please donate to Project Compassion.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion



St Vincent de Paul Society

DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY? YOU'RE INVITED TO

Join the St Joseph's Online Conference

We are taking expressions of interest. Meetings will be monthly, online via Microsoft Teams. Training will be provided.

How your passions and skills can help
MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- Provide a **listening** ear to people in difficult situations, over the phone or internet
- Arrange **assistance** where needed
- **Refer** and **guide** people to other community sources of help
- **Enhance** and **share** your faith journey with other like-minded people in a virtual environment
- Use technology and input data
- Make remote payments
- **Help** people and more ...

Express your interest by scanning the QR code, or emailing membership.rocky@svdpqld.org.au
National Police Check will be required.



Cluster News

World Day of Prayer

"I Beg You... Bear With One Another In Love"
Ephesians 4:1-3

Through World Day of Prayer, we are encouraged to unite for informed prayer and prayerful action. As an ecumenical movement, we unite as Christian brothers and sisters to:

- become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation;
- be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures;
- take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them;
- become aware of our talents and use them in the service of society.

The 2024 service has a special focus on Palestine. Please note that this was chosen some years ago, before the commencement of the current war. Palestine is no stranger to war though, with many invasions and occupations of the 'land of milk and honey' spanning over thousands of years. To learn more about the historical and more recent reality for Palestinians, head along to your local World Day of Prayer event or visit the WDP Australia website - www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

World Day of Prayer is officially held on the first Friday of March, but local dates and times vary. In our region all events have a time of fellowship afterwards, so **please bring along a plate of food to share if you can**. Further details in your community's section of the Bulletin.

Around the Parishes

Barcardine

World Day of Prayer

10 am Saturday 2nd March
Uniting Church

Shared morning tea to follow

While the Catholic Church is organising this year's event, the Uniting Church has generously agreed for it to be held in their air-conditioned Church, so make sure you come along and show your support.

Blackall

World Day of Prayer

7pm, Friday 1st March
Holy Trinity Anglican Church

If you can, please bring a plate of food to share for the time of fellowship afterwards.

Stations of the Cross

Fr Bang has reminded us of the beauty of the Stations of the Cross. We will be continuing this every week during Lent at 5 pm on Mondays. All are welcome; we have booklets and are happy to introduce you to this devotion.

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Monday 26th February – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 27th February – 9 am (St Brigid's)
5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 28th February – 11 am (Pioneers)
5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Thursday 29th February – 9 am (St Brigid's)
5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Friday 1st March – 8 am Adoration & Reconciliation
9 am Anointing Mass (St Brigid's)

World Day of Prayer

This year we are hosting World Day of Prayer!

5:30 pm Friday 1st March
St Brigid's Catholic Church
Shared supper to follow.

If you are able to assist Fr Kingsley in organising and preparing for this event, please let him or the Pastoral Coordinator know.

Weekend Mass Times

As a community, we have been offered choice of Mass time. No one option suits everyone, so we have developed a survey sheet to gauge people's preferences and assist in this decision.

Please indicate your preference on the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of the Church and encourage others with an interest in this to do the same. The options are:

- ❖ Stay the same (2 Sundays, 2 Saturdays)
- ❖ All Masses 9 am Sunday
- ❖ All Masses 6 pm Saturday
- ❖ I don't have a preference