

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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## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 31 March 2024

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

**We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**, especially Ollie Landers.

## Diocesan News

### 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](mailto:pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au)

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

### Short-Term Project Job Opportunity

The Diocesan Sacramental Working Party works together to animate the Sacraments of Initiation policy for the Diocese of Rockhampton. The group is seeking a suitable individual to undertake a paid, short-term project, to develop resources, aligned to policy, which parishes could utilise for the sacramental preparation process. Ideally, the successful applicant will have knowledge of sacramental preparation and a contemporary understanding of both theology and pedagogy. If this sounds like you, please outline your interest and suitability by emailing the Working Party via [bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au](mailto:bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au) (subject line 'Attention: Sacramental Working Party'). Expressions of interest are due Friday 19 April, 2024.

### Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 6 Apr	Ilfracombe	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 6 Apr	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 7 Apr	Tambo	8:00 am	Mass
Sun 7 Apr	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 7 Apr	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 7 Apr	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun 14 Apr	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 14 Apr	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 14 Apr	Barcaldine	9:00 am	<b>Communion</b>
Sun 14 Apr	Alpha	9:30 am	Communion
Sun 14 Apr	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

### Catholic Foundations – Being Sacramental

For the first time our diocese has the opportunity to take part in the Catholic Foundations formation program offered by Evangelisation Brisbane. The next module is 'Being Sacramental'. Sessions will take place at 7pm on Monday nights over Zoom, with the first session on April 15th. This formation is open to all but would be particularly valuable to anyone who volunteers in a parish ministry. For more information and to register, scan the QR code. You should also register your interest with your Parish Priest for additional support and to potentially access one of the sponsored positions that are available.



### Love & Responsibility Webinar



Hayley Lanzon is offering 2 free webinars this week on John Paul II's book, *Love & Responsibility*, which explores human love & relationships, especially concerning sexual ethics in the context of human dignity. This work was a precursor to Theology of the Body and is still immensely relevant to current issues in the Church and society. The webinars are free and will be streamed live on Zoom. Scan the QR code for more information and to register.

# Cluster News

## Easter Message

Dear Parishioners in the Risen Lord,

On behalf of the Pastoral Team of the Central West Church, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your active participation and devout presence during Holy Week and Easter Celebrations. Your enthusiasm, dedication, and spirit truly made this Easter season a memorable and spiritually enriching one.

We are so grateful to all the volunteers who generously offered their time, talent, and love to ensure the success of our Easter Celebration. Your commitment to serving our Parishes is truly commendable and deeply appreciated. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our Pastoral Teams, Liturgy Groups, Sacristans, Altar Servers, and all those who contributed to the solemnity and holiness of our Easter Celebrations. Your devotion and hard work have helped to uplift and inspire us all. As we continue to journey together in faith, let us carry the joy and hope of Easter in our hearts and family, and may it guide us in our mission to spread love, compassion, and kindness to our brothers and sisters.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. May the spirit of Easter continue to fill your lives, your family, especially our elders and children with peace and blessings. Happy Easter, Alleluia!

Central West Church's  
Pastoral Team,  
Fr Peter Bang, SVD  
Fr Kingsley Ihuoma  
Miss Loretta McKeering



## Bishop Michael's Visit

Bishop Michael is briefly visiting our region in mid-April to spend some time with the Catholic school communities. He will also celebrate Masses in Longreach, Blackall and Barcaldine.

Fr Bang invites parishioners from throughout the Cluster to join him as Bishop Michael installs him as Parish Priest on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9 am Mass in Longreach.

## Around the Parishes

### Barcaldine

***This Is The Day The Lord Has Made:  
Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad***  
**Ps 118**

We wish all our parishioners, visitors, and wider community a blessed and hope-filled Easter.

May the resurrection lead us to be the best version of ourselves, committed to live out our Baptismal call. May our encounter with the risen Lord transform us to become an Easter people, a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give of their time, gifts, and treasure in witness.

## Our Heartfelt Thanks

As Easter people, we are called to witness to the power of Light and Life. Like Christ, our words and actions must shine forth to lead others to Him. Our liturgical celebrations during Holy Week have been spiritually nourishing.

And so, we express a sincere and appreciative thank you to the volunteers who made themselves available to ensure our liturgies were uplifting. We thank all of you who came to participate in the action of the liturgy by responding, singing, listening, and joining in the gestures. We are God's gift to one another and to our community.

We also thank our priests, Fr Bang and Fr Kingsley for their guidance, leadership, and service during this busy liturgical time. Happy Easter! Jesus is risen, alleluia, alleluia.

## Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

In the lead up to Divine Mercy Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> April) we are encouraged to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the novena prayer for each day's intention. Days 1 & 2 (Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday) will be prayed at home, however Gloria & Jan will lead Days 3-9 in the Church at 10 am each day from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive.

## Blackall

### Daily Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fr Kingsley will remain in Blackall after Easter and will lead the Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena at 9 am, followed by Mass, each day from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Our Adoration and Anointing Mass will be deferred until the following week (Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April).

### Parish Dinner

Bishop Michael will celebrate Mass with us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please bring along a dish and join us afterwards for a shared meal in the Parish Centre.

## Longreach

### Weekday Masses

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – 5 pm (St Brigid's)  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

### Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena

Join us each day this week (1-5 April) at 4:30 pm to pray the Novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### Volunteers & Welcome BBQ

Parish volunteers and new parishioners are invited to stay after Monday's 5 pm Mass to join Fr Bang, svd for a thank you and welcome BBQ.

### Sonrise Easter Service

Longreach Church's Together invites you to their Easter Sonrise Ecumenical Service!

6 am, Easter Sunday on the deck at Reach Christian Church. Followed by complimentary tea, coffee & hot choc at TAFFY'S Coffee Van with hot cross buns.