

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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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year B 20/21 April 2024

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

**We pray for the recently deceased**, especially David Wortley and Eddie Bowden, **and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**, especially Neil Fraser, Jon Doyle and Jack Dillon.

## 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](mailto:pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au) or contact hospital Reception on 07 4920 6211 and request a visit from the Catholic Pastoral Care Team.

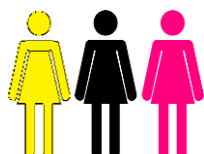
### Safeguarding

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](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/)

**Pope's April Prayer Intention**  
for the role of women



### Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 27 Apr	Aramac	9:30 am	Mass
Sat 27 Apr	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 28 Apr	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 28 Apr	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 28 Apr	Alpha	12 noon	Mass
Sun 28 Apr	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion
Sat 4 May	Ilfracombe	8:00 am	Mass
Sat 4 May	Isisford	11:00 am	Mass
Sun 5 May	Tambo	8:00 am	Mass
Sun 5 May	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 5 May	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 5 May	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

### Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Saint Mark, the Evangelist (Feast)

### Holy Spirit Seminary Appeal

This weekend we take a moment to offer our prayerful and financial support to the seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo, Queensland.

The demands of study, self-reflection and dedication to faith can be overwhelming. It is only through the grace of God, and the support of the faithful, that our seminarians can complete their formation.

Once ordained, our new priests must be prepared to shepherd larger communities than in the past – parishes with multiple churches often paired with a school without religious faculty or staff.

Can you think of a better way to positively influence the future of the Church than to invest in seminarians?

Your financial support enables Holy Spirit Seminary to provide valued theological and pastoral formation as well as teaching seminarians to shepherd in a new way. Through your contribution, you can provide accommodation, functional classrooms and facilities that contribute to their education, and help ensure our future priests are fully equipped for the task ahead.

With your generosity, we will be able to prepare these men to be priests of faith and service with the Gospel as their foundation.

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations

### ***Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace***

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

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Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

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Extracts from Pope Francis's message [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations.index.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations.index.html)

## Diocesan Vocations Prayer

Lord, you are the good shepherd who calls us by name and asks us to follow you.

May the Holy Spirit kindle the hearts of those who you are calling to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Give them courage to respond to their vocation to serve your Church.

May all of us seek to know you better, to faithfully follow your call to holiness, and proclaim the gospel to the world.

Amen



## Novena to St Joseph the Worker



As we pray for vocations this weekend you are invited to pray our annual diocesan novena to St Joseph for vocations. The novena starts this Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April and ends on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, the feast day of St Joseph the Worker. You can find the novena online <https://rok.catholic.net.au/catholic-faith/vocations/pray-for-vocations/novena/> or scan the QR code

## Cluster News

### Regional Pastoral Council

After a 2 year hiatus, the Regional Pastoral Council is being reformed. The RPC shares in the responsibility for pastoral activity within the region, supporting parishioners' efforts to live as missionary disciples of Christ. We are currently seeking nominations for parishioners from throughout the region for the next 3 year term. Please supply nominations to the priests by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

## ANZAC Day Prayer

Dear Lord

We remember and give thanks for the first ANZACs and for all who have served Australia in times of war and conflict.

We pray for them and their loved ones; that their sacrifices will never be forgotten and the peace and freedom that we enjoy will not be taken for granted.

May we honour all defence personnel and their families by supporting them and, through your Grace, seeking to live as people of justice, generosity and peace.

We ask this through he who gave his life for the sake of the world, Jesus Christ our Saviour,

Amen

## Around the Parishes

### Barcaldine

#### **Please Join Us In Prayer**

*A Service of Lament, Comfort and Hope*

You are invited to this time of prayer to gather as a community following the recent acts of violence in Sydney, to reflect, and draw strength from God and one another.

Monday April 22

at 5:30 pm

Uniting Church

Maple Street

#### **Anointing Mass**

Our next Anointing Mass is this Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 9:30am at The Willows. Unfortunately the children from St Joseph's are no longer able to join us this month, but we look forward to their return in May.

Anointing Mass is for everyone! Anointing of the Sick is available for those who wish to receive the sacrament, but it is also a weekday celebration of the Eucharistic, and we remain afterwards for morning tea and a time of fellowship with each other. During school terms we welcome the older students from St Joseph's, who also stay and join us morning tea – serving food and sharing stories. If you are available we would love to have you join us.

### Blackall

#### **Weekday Masses**

5 pm Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

5 pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April

### Longreach

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 11 am (Pioneers)

5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 9 am & 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)