

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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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 27/28 July 2024

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

**We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time**, especially Jeremiah Lynch, Paul McAuliffe and Jim Murphy.

## 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 Monthly Prayer Intention for July

for the pastoral care of the sick



### Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 3 Aug	Ilfracombe	cancelled	
Sat 3 Aug	Isisford	cancelled	
Sat 3 Aug	<b>Jericho</b>	TBC	Mass
Sun 4 Aug	Tambo	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 4 Aug	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 4 Aug	Longreach	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 4 Aug	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sat 10 Aug	Jundah	10:00 am	Mass
Sun 11 Aug	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 11 Aug	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 11 Aug	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 11 Aug	Blackall	5:00 pm	Communion

### Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> – Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memorial)

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> – Saint Ignatius Loyola (Memorial)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> – Saint Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saint Dominic (Memorial)

### 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



### Diocesan Newsletter

Have you signed up for the monthly Diocesan e-Newsletter? It is a great way to keep in touch with what has been happening at a Diocesan level, as well as reading about the activities in other Parishes. Go to <https://rok.catholic.net.au> and scroll to the bottom of the page and complete the section entitled 'Sign up to our Newsletter'. Printed copies may be available from your Parish; contact them for details.

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

**"Do not cast me off in my old age"**  
(cf. Ps 71:9)



Created by Pope Francis four years ago, this weekend the universal Church celebrates, encourages, prays for, and gives thanks for the elderly. Below are some extracts from Pope Francis's message for 2024. The full letter is available on the Vatican website [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5). ...

On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families. Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path. ...

FRANCIS

## Cluster News

### Clergy Movements

#### **Farewell Fr Kingsley**

This weekend we say farewell to Fr Kingsley. Originally appointed for 6 months to assist Fr Shauji in the Central West, 13 months later it is now time for us to say goodbye.

**Thank You** Father Kingsley

We will miss your enthusiasm and beaming smile, and are grateful for all your efforts to integrate and step outside of your comfort zone.

We wish you all the very best for your next appointment as Priest Administrator of the Blackwater Parish. No doubt there will be many challenges, but we are confident you will shine as you minister to the multicultural mining community.

## Welcome Back Fr Bang

This weekend we welcome the return of Fr Bang, svd after his one month of home annual leave. It is wonderful to have you back Fr Bang! We hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends, and that you managed to avoid working too hard during your short time in Vietnam.



### Clergy Retreat

This coming week, clergy based in our Diocese will gather at Emu Park for their annual Retreat. Please pray for our Bishop and Priests during this time – that the distractions of Parish life will fade away, allowing each of them to be renewed in their relationship with God, and re-invigorated for the mission they are co-responsible for.

Retreats are not always a time of relaxation and peace! Renewal can be hard work, and it is important to recognise that some clergy may return to Parish/Diocesan life emotionally and/or physically drained, with further questions, burdens, and a need for additional time to process what God has revealed to them during the retreat. Please be mindful of this as clergy return after Friday's Jubilee Mass.

### Re-Home Your Used Postage Stamps

The sale of used postage stamps is a major fundraiser for Mary McKillop Today, assisting them to help the poorest of the poor. It's easy to contribute – simply put your used postage stamps in an envelope marked 'Mary Bell' and give it to Fr Bang. He will give them to Mary, who parcels them up and sends them off regularly.

If possible, please leave a border of at least 1 cm around the stamps to help achieve the best price at the stamp auctions.

## Around the Parishes

### Longreach

#### Weekday Masses

No weekday Masses this coming week due to the Clergy Retreat

#### Fruitful Friday

Due to the Clergy Retreat, this month's Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and Anointing Mass will be held on the second Friday, **9<sup>th</sup> of August**.

#### Fr Kingsley's Farewell Dinner

Join us after Mass this Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July in the warmth of Harry's Restaurant (at the Longreach Motor Inn, 84 Galah Street) to say goodbye to Fr Kingsley. Start time of 7:30 pm.

RVSP to Madonna on 0419 166 710.

Note that this is a 'pay your own way' function.

#### Liturgy Roster

**6 pm, 27 July 9 am, 4 August**

Wel & Poff	Mon	Carmel & Ian (Lead)
Reader 1 & 2	Bella	Sahlie
\$ Collector	Brett	
Offertory	McLachlan family	