

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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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 8/9 February 2025

We pray for the sick and injured, especially Vera Stephens, Connie Lacey, Rob Paterson, Buddy Donaldson, Mary Coleman, Luke Miller, Hazel Larcombe, Noel Rose, Margaret Murray, Robin Harvey, Elaine Britton, Noelle Melrose, Jackson Power, Kelly Struthers, Melit Furneaux, Fiona Russell, Leila Harvey, Tony Hauff, Keith Lacey, Tom Buchan, Peter Kerrigan, Rev Anne Nixon, Dale Cavanagh, Bev Johnstone, Colin Harvey, Fraser Power, Coralie Balderson and Ben Chandler.

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially Noala Head and Fr Dan Moore.

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 Monthly Prayer Intention For February

For vocations to the priesthood
and religious life



For those who wish to provide their financial offering online
www.rok.catholic.net.au/donate

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 15 Feb	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 16 Feb	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 16 Feb	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 16 Feb	Jericho (TBC)	11:30 am	Mass
Sun 16 Feb	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass
Sat 22 Feb	Longreach	6:00 pm	Mass
Sun 23 Feb	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 23 Feb	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 23 Feb	Alpha	12 noon	Mass
Sun 23 Feb	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Monday 10th – Saint Scholastica (Memorial)

Friday 14th – Saints Cyril and Methodius (Memorial)

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



Check the Church noticeboard or contact your local Parish for a copy of Bishop Michael's beautiful letter to you concerning the 2025 Jubilee. In particular, we draw your attention to his words below:

As part of this year of jubilee, **I wish to extend a plenary indulgence to all who make a pilgrimage to our Cathedral of St Joseph during the year.** In order to obtain this plenary indulgence, the following conditions must be met:

1. Make a pilgrimage to St Joseph's Cathedral during the Jubilee year; the visit to the Cathedral should include time spent there in prayer.
2. Receive the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) as close as possible to the time of the pilgrimage.
3. Receive Holy Communion as close as possible to the time of the pilgrimage.
4. Pray for the Pope's intentions.

Cathedral Gift & Bookstore

Our Diocesan Gift and Bookstore is under new management!

Pam has a wealth of experience and knowledge that will put her in good stead to ensure the Bookstore continues to be a vital resource for the Diocese. Contact Pam for all your Church and personal faith supplies. Open Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 3 pm, cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au 07 4921 2170

Jubilee of Families Date Claimer

Our diocese is hosting a Jubilee of Families this Labour Day weekend!

When: 3pm Saturday 3rd May – Monday 5th May am
Where: Discovery Parks, Coolwaters, Yeppoon

This event will be an opportunity to connect with other families from throughout the diocese and to grow in faith and in living out our vocation as families. The weekend will feature fun and games, talks, discussion, prayer and sacraments and will feature presentations from Brendan Malone and our diocesan NET team. The event will be focussed on families but absolutely everyone is welcome to attend.

Book accommodation now – say that you are with the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton and quote booking reference 11005357. Event registration coming soon.

For more information or any questions please contact Michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

Cluster News

Word of God Sunday

This Sunday, 9th February, the Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

How might you engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings? Some ideas include:

- Joining a bible study group
- Lectio Divina (*a type of prayer*)
- Ignatian Gospel Contemplation (*a type of prayer*)
- “Bible in a Year” podcast or reading plan
- “God’s Word 2025” (*book of daily Catholic Mass scripture and reflections, available from the Cathedral Gift & Bookstore*)
- “Take 2 with Jesus” (*delve into the Sunday gospel with daily reflections over a week, each delivered to your inbox or available in print; contact the Pastoral Coordinator to access*)

e-Bulletin

Did you know that this Bulletin and other Cluster communications are available electronically? Contact the Pastoral Coordinator (contact details top of opposite page) to be added to the email distribution list, or visit our Facebook page (search for ‘Central West QLD Catholic Church’).

Around the Parishes

Barcardine

Opening School Mass

9:30 am Monday 10th February
Sacred Heart Church

St Joseph’s Catholic School would love to invite you along to their Opening School Mass on Monday. Let’s celebrate the start of the school year and announce our school leaders!

Local Faith Formation

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Thursday 20th February

Fr Bàng will be providing faith formation in Barcardine for all local liturgical ministers (especially Ministers of the Word (readers) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion).

All parishioners are welcome, however liturgical ministers are urged to attend if possible. This session contributes towards the ongoing faith formation required by the Church of all liturgical ministers.

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th February – 11 am (Pioneers)
5:15 pm (St Brigid’s)
Thursday 13th February – 9 am (St Brigid’s)
Friday 14th February – 9 am (St Brigid’s)

Morning Tea after Mass

All are welcome to join us after Mass this Sunday, 9th February for a free, shared morning tea in the courtyard outside the Church. We’d love you to stay and join us!



Whether you are a long term local, a new resident, or a visitor to Longreach, you are very welcome.



Our Lady’s School 125 Year Celebrations

Friday, 28th February 2025

11:30 am – 1 pm: School Walkthroughs (excluding classrooms)

Saturday, 1st March 2025

8 am – 12 noon: Open school (including reenactment of the Sisters’ arrival in Longreach, student performances, historical displays and morning tea)

6 pm – late: 125th Anniversary Ball at the Civic Centre (including speeches, live band, and an art auction). Book your tickets **NOW** at the school office or online from the Trybooking link on the Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School’s Facebook page.

Liturgy Roster

	9 am, 9 Feb	6 pm, 15 Feb
Wel & PofF	OLS	Al
Reader 1 & 2	OLS	Kath McP
\$ Collector	OLS	Brett
Offertory	OLS	Mon
EOMHC	OLS	Kathy MacD