

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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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 15/16 February 2025

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

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially 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.rockhampton.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.rockhampton.catholic.net.au/donate

Cluster Service Times

Date	Place	Time	Service
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
Sat 1 Mar	Ilfracombe	Cancelled	
Sat 1 Mar	Isisford	Cancelled	
Sun 2 Mar	Tambo	8:00 am	Communion
Sun 2 Mar	Longreach	9:00 am	Mass
Sun 2 Mar	Barcaldine	9:00 am	Communion
Sun 2 Mar	Blackall	5:00 pm	Mass

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Saturday 22nd – The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle (Feast)

Peter's Pence Collection

Next weekend, 22/23 February is the annual Peter's Pence Collection, being held on the weekend closest to the Feast of the Chair of St Peter. The collection is a way every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. A second collection will occur at Church services next weekend, or you can make a direction donation online at www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Proceeds are used to support the activities carried out by the Holy See in service of the Pope's apostolic mission and to support projects of direct assistance to those most in need:

- families, dioceses, parishes, and religious institutes in need;
- migrants and refugees;
- populations affected by war and famine;
- communities affected by the adverse consequences of climate change;
- those in need of humanitarian assistance.

Celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025?

As part of our year of Jubilee, Bishop Michael extends an invitation to all married couples across the Diocese celebrating a significant wedding this year to join him to celebrate a Jubilee of Marriage.

**St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton
Sunday, 16th March during the 9.30am Mass**

Please RSVP to the Bishops Office
by 10th March on
4887 3070 or email
bishopsoffice@rok.catholic.net.au



Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Welcome

This weekend we welcome

Westyn

to our Catholic family through the waters of Baptism.

We prayer for God's blessings on him, that with the help of his parents, Godparents and Parish community, he will grow in faith to develop a close personal relationship with our loving God.



Anointing Mass

9:30 am Wednesday 19th February
The Willows (across the road from the Church)

All are welcome to our monthly Anointing Mass and morning tea. We look forward to welcoming and meeting the St Joseph's Year 5/6 Class of 2025.

Local Faith Formation

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

Fr Bàng will be providing faith formation in Barcaldine 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 of liturgical ministers.

Blackall

Weekday Mass

10 am Monday 17th February @ McLean Place
All welcome

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 19th February – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)
Friday 21st February – **5:15 pm** (St Brigid's)

OLS Commissioning Liturgy

You are invited to Our Lady's School Commissioning Liturgy at 9 am on Thursday 20th February in the school's MPC. Fr Bàng will be leading the service to:

- present Year 6 leadership badges and Student Representative Council members
- announce School and Sports Captains
- commission School Board and P&F members

Please sign in and out at the school office (Eagle St).

RI at LSS

The Churches of Longreach are incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to bring the message of God into our local state primary school through Religious Instruction (RI). This enables children whose parents haven't enrolled them at Our Lady's to learn about God and his desire to have a relationship with them.

Unfortunately, we are currently short a couple of catechists, and we'd encourage you to prayerfully consider whether this is something you can do in 2025. You will be provided with all the support and teaching materials you need, including the opportunity to shadow an experienced RI catechist until you feel confident.

The commitment is 30 minutes per week, during school terms. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact Fr Bàng or the Pastoral Coordinator. This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with the next generation in Longreach.

Our Lady's School 125 Year Celebrations

Friday, 28th February 2025

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

6 pm – Anniversary Mass at St Brigid's Church

Saturday, 1st March 2025

8:30 am – 12 noon: Morning Tea & Memorabilia Walk (including reenactment of the Sisters' arrival in Longreach, student performances, historical displays, open school and morning tea). Please meet at the rail depot of the Silver Train at 8:30 am for the reenactment.

6 pm – late: 125th Anniversary Ball at the Civic Centre (including speeches, two course meal, live band, and an art auction). Book your tickets before 21st February at the school office or online via the School's Facebook page.

For the Queensland Presentation sisters this is also a special event as 13th February 1900 was the Foundation Day of the Congregation in Queensland. Five sisters traveled from Wagga Wagga and were met with a civic welcome from the townspeople. Longreach was the training novitiate for the sisters until 1952. The sisters were involved in many different ministries in Longreach and surrounding areas for over 100 years, working with local people to hold up Nano Nagle's 's lantern of Christ's love.

Lit. Roster 6 pm, 15 Feb 6 pm, 22 Feb

Wel & PofF	Al	Ian
Reader 1 & 2	Kath McP	Mon
\$ Collector	Brett	Brett
Offertory	Mon	Ian & Lesley
EOMHC	Kathy MacD	Carmel