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Incorporating the communities of Alpha, Aramac, Barcaldine, Bedourie, Blackall, Ilfracombe, Isisford, Jericho, Jundah, Longreach, Muttaborra, Stonehenge, Tambo and Yaraka.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

14 September 2025

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

We pray for the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time, especially Alice Willshire and Brian Foote.

Date	Place	Time	Service
Sat 20 Sept	Longreach	6 pm	Mass
Sun 21 Sept	Tambo	8 am	Communion
Sun 21 Sept	Barcaldine	9 am	Mass
Sun 21 Sept	Aramac	11:30 am	Communion
Sun 21 Sept	Alpha	12 noon	Mass
Sun 21 Sept	Blackall	5 pm	Mass
Sat 27 Sept	Longreach	6 pm	Mass
Sun 28 Sept	Tambo	8 am	Communion
Sun 28 Sept	Barcaldine	9 am	Mass
Sun 28 Sept	Alpha	Cancelled	
Sun 28 Sept	Blackall	5 pm	Communion

Memorials, Feasts & Solemnities:

Monday 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

Tuesday 16th – Saints Cornelius & Cyprian (Memorial)

Saturday 20th – Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions (Memorial)

Pope's Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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

Diocesan News

Safeguarding Sunday

The weekend, at the end of National Child Protection Week, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday. The purpose of this day is threefold, namely to:

- ❖ acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts
- ❖ commit to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people
- ❖ pray for those harmed by abuse, both directly and indirectly

Abuse within the Church is not a one-off historical event that happened in some off place. It has occurred throughout the history of the Church, and will occur again; we need to be vigilant and aware so that risks are minimised. Sadly, there has been extensive abuse within the short history of our Diocese.

Today we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

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.

Diocesan Website (including **Safeguarding Policy**): www.rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/

Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

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

Social Justice Calendar - September

1st • Season of Creation begins

World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

5th • International Day of Charity

8th • International Literacy Day

21st • International Day of Peace

Contact your Parish Office for a full copy of the 2025 Social Justice Calendar.

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

During the Season of Creation we are invited to reflect deeply on this year's theme, *Peace with Creation* - a world marked by ecological crisis and growing inequality, this season calls us to renew our relationship with the Earth and with one another.

The Season of Creation's call for *Peace with Creation* aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

Caritas Australia invites parishioners to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the **Turn Debt into Hope** petition – caritas.org.au/debt
- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** – caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

Safeguarding Questionnaire

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is committed to working in partnership with all Parishioners to further enhance safeguarding practices across the Diocese. As such, this QR code links to anonymised surveys aimed at:

- Parishioners with children under 13
- Youth Parishioners (aged 13-20)
- Other Parishioners



This information is for Diocesan use only and will not be shared with any third party. If you would like to provide your views on safeguarding, please scan the QR code using your phone or tablet to give your views to the Diocese. Thank you in advance for taking part in this survey.

Cluster News

Safeguarding Contacts

Each Parish has a Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR). These people help to create safe spaces by ensuring the Parish acts in accordance with Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. They can also be a good starting point if you have seen, heard, or experienced something of concern.

Alternatively, you can contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office regarding any Safeguarding matters.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Blackall & Tambo – Marilena

Longreach & Ilfracombe – Carmel

All other Parishes in the Central West – Loretta
(contact details at the top of the opposite page)

Diocesan Professional Standards and

Safeguarding Office - Graham & Zoe (contact details at the bottom of the opposite page)

Around the Parishes

Barcaldine

Anointing Mass

9:30 am Wednesday, 17th September

The Willows (across the road from the Church)

Join us this coming Wednesday for Mass, the Sacrament of healing and morning tea. This is an open invitation to all – you don't have to be in need of healing in order to attend. If you don't wish to receive the Sacrament of Anointing, just let Fr Rius know.

Blackall

Weekday Masses

No weekday Masses this week.

Fr Bång is currently on annual leave.

Longreach

Weekday Masses

Monday 15th September – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Tuesday 16th September – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Wednesday 17th September – 5:15 pm (St Brigid's)

Friday 19th September – 9 am (St Brigid's)

Workers wanted for Church and Presbytery Gardening

We are looking for a few new volunteers for the Church Gardening Team – not a lot to do but many hands make light work. Please contact Ian on 0459 567 250 if you are interested.

You don't need to be available all the time (this is why we have a team) and you can work independently at a time that suits you.

Morning Tea after Mass

Join us after Mass this Sunday for a free morning tea in the courtyard outside the Church. Locals and visitors most welcome.



Thank you to our amazing volunteers who make this possible each month. It is wonderful to have this time to meet another and spend time together.

Lit. Roster

Wel & Poff OLS
Reader 1 & 2 OLS
\$ Collector OLS
Offertory OLS
EOMHC OLS
Children's Lit. OLS

9 am, 14 Sept

6 pm, 20 Sept

Ian
Madonna
Brett
Mon
Carmel
N/A