

9th December 2018  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**YEAR C**

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**Office Hours:**  
 Tuesday to Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturdays: 5:00 pm St Anthony's  
 6:00 pm St Luke's  
 Sundays: 7:00 am St Luke's  
 9:00 am St Anthony's

**RECONCILIATION**

9:00 am – 9:30 am  
 1st Saturday of the month – St Anthony's  
 3rd Saturday of the month – St Luke's  
 Or by appointment.

**ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC CHILD CARE CENTRE**

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**ST. ANTHONY & ST. LUKE'S**  
**CATHOLIC PARISH**  
 ALEXANDRA HILLS & CAPALABA



*2018 Christmas Mass Times*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday 22nd December 2018**  
 5:00pm - Mass - St Anthony's Church  
 6:00 pm - Mass - St Luke's

**Sunday 23rd December 2018**  
 7:00am - Mass - St Luke's Church  
 9:00am - Mass - St Anthony's Church

**Christmas Eve - Monday 24th December 2017**  
 6.00pm - Children's Christmas Mass at both Churches  
 8.30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass - St Anthony's Church  
 11.30pm - Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass - St Luke's Church

**Christmas Day - Tuesday 25th December 2017**  
 7:00am - Mass - St Luke's Church  
 8:30am - Mass - St Anthony's Church

**The Parish Piety Store**

The Parish Piety Store operates before and after both masses at St Anthony's and St Luke's. Lovely gifts are available for all your loved ones. Feel free to browse the beautiful treasures on offer for that perfect Christmas gift.



**READINGS FOR**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**1ST READING** (Baruch 5:1-9)  
 Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

**RESPONSE:**  
 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

**2ND READING** (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11)  
 Show yourself sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.  
 Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** (Luke 3:1-6)  
 All people shall see the salvation of God.



Dear Children,

There are only sixteen days left for that great celebration! Wow...! Are you ready for Christmas? I know you hear this question quite often these days. What do people mean by this question? Well, basically they are asking you I...Are you done with your shopping? Have you packed your Christmas gifts? Is your Christmas tree decorated and ready? Have you sent your Christmas cards? Have you started baking your Christmas cakes? Is your house clean and ready?

There is another question that is much more important than "Are you ready for Christmas?" That question is, "Are you ready for Christ?" In today's Gospel, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out to the people, "Prepare the way for the Lord. Fill in the valleys and level off all the mountains. Make the crooked roads straight and the rough places smooth."


Did John the Baptist really want the people to work on the roads? No, he wanted people to get rid of things such as dishonesty, selfishness, pride, jealousy, and many more and get their hearts right for God. John wanted the people to make those crooked ways straight and rough places smooth so that Jesus could come and walk among them.


Dear children, you need to pray to Jesus to make your heart a beautiful crib of love where he can come and stay. Let's ask him to do that right now.

So let us pray, dear Jesus, prepare my heart suitable for you, come and stay with me and never depart from me.

Amen.

*Fr Emmanuel*







**LENTEN PROGRAM 2019**

"Compassion" Reflecting, Sharing & Living the Good News. Please register for one of our Lenten Program Groups on the sheets at the back of each Church. Books are being ordered this week.

**Second Rite of Reconciliation - St Anthony's**  
**Wednesday 12th December at 7pm**  
The **First Rite of Reconciliation** is held on the First Saturday of the Month at St Anthony's and the Third Saturday of the month at St Luke's from 9am.





**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
QUEENSLAND


*good works*

**Christmas Appeal**

It is once again time for the annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal** where non-perishable foods and Christmas fare are required for our Christmas Hampers. Please leave all donations in the baskets provided at the back of each church.

**Date Claimer: December 14 for sorting Christmas Hampers at St Anthony's Parish Hall; The morning of December 15 for delivery.**


**Dramatization of the Christmas Story**



Every year at the 6pm Children's Christmas Mass at St Anthony's Church during the gospel, children dramatize the Nativity Story. We would like to encourage involvement in this re-enactment. This allows your child to appreciate the true meaning of why we celebrate at Christmas. If you would like your child to be involved they will need to be able to come to the following three practices at St. Anthony's Church: **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am; Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am (after 9am Mass) & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10.30am** (Full dress rehearsal) Children are needed to portray: Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men and Innkeepers. We also require narrators. For further enquiries please contact Niyeme Mello on 0449 928424 or Fatima Caneses on 0403 691881

**Plenary Council**

For parishioners who were unable to attend either Plenary Council session there is still an opportunity to make a personal submission to the Council via the Plenary Council website – [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)





Keeping faith with you In this week's issue:

- \* Mackay region priest pays tribute to the courage of firefighters who battled extreme bushfires in Central Queensland
- \* Catholic education leader call parents to take responsibility for young people using their smartphones, including Cracking down on rampant teen sexting.
- \* Australian bishops to engage in important discussion around protections for religious schools
- \* A Brisbane parish evangelises the town through a spectacular display of Christmas lights
- \* Archbishop Mark Coleridge reflects on the liturgical year in an advent pastoral letter



We ask that you pause for a moment to offer a prayer for the sick in our community and especially for; Christina Abante, Kent Adams, Allan Anderson, Cade Battersby, Jason Brady, Dorothy Briske, Sabina Brooker, Claire Browning, Teresa Cabrita, Nicholas Davies, Palita de Almeida, Diana Devlin, Suzie Fleming, Georgia Freemantle, Lesley Gledhill, Peter Goodwin, Ian Graham, Jan Gray, Tony Grogan, John Guy, Baby Charlie Halliday, Kevin Hardy, Ronald Haynes, Daniel Hill, John Hobbs, Barbara Kelly, Irena Kelly, Jim Kelly, Joe Kostowski, Lyn Leacey, Antonina Letizia, Jennifer Letizia, Catherine Makridakis, Trish Marot, Jane Martin, Lesley Masters, Leanne Mason, Heather Maynard, Denise McAlister, John McKay, Keith Miller, Judith Mortimer, Annabelle Morton, Wendy Mullins, Barry Murphy, Carol Nash, Alison O'Reilly, Estelle Parker, Shane Parkinson, Nick Pierce, Carmen Phairs, Terry Poulos, Eleanor Power, Tam Reddich, Maria Ruano, Rosa Maria Santos, Matthew Scott, Matilda Sequeira, Max Spelta, Gerry Stack, Diana Staples, Lorraine Steele, Graeme Stevenson, Ann Sullivan, Baby Freya Sunderland, Kerry Thomas, Lawrie Thomas, Richard Tomaszewski, Pauline Veal, Ava Wenzel, Lesley West, Belinda Wheeler, Meryl Zahner and all those others who have asked for our prayers.

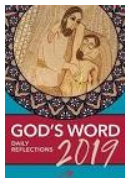
**Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Weekly Offerings for the Week ended 2nd December 2018** - Mass Offerings \$1735.80 (Envelopes, Loose, Direct Debits & Credit Cards)

**Mass Attendance for the Week ended 2nd December 2018** - 5pm St Anthony's 97; 6pm St Luke's 43; 9am St Anthony's 112; 7am St Luke's 77.

**18% of your offerings go to the Archdiocese and the rest are used for paying for Parish Staff, utility bills, insurance, Parish Administration, ministers and sacraments, building maintenance, charity, updating office and church equipment, newsletters and other publications and maintaining parish ministries. God Bless you and thank you for your generosity.**



#### **God's Word 2019 Daily Reflections**

This is the **LAST WEEK** for orders. If you wish to order a copy to enhance your own prayer life, please list your details on the sheet on the tables in both Churches ASAP and Margaret will order you a copy. The cost will be \$20 per copy.

#### **Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy**

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.



#### **Additional Mass for St Anthony's for 2019** As of **Monday 7th January 2019**

Mass at **St Anthony's** will be held at **5pm**.  
We will continue to hold mass at 5pm along with school masses at 9am during school term.

#### **Parish Sacramental Program 2019**

The information session for the 2019 Sacramental Program will take place on **Wednesday 6th February 2019 at St Anthony's Church at 9am and will be repeated at 7pm at St Luke's Church.**

At these sessions the information will be given on when our Parish will celebrate **all** Sacraments in 2019. Sacraments and information that will be covered will include the following:

**Baptism for Older Children** (this is especially important for newcomers to our Schools) **Reconciliation - Year 5;**  
**Eucharist - Year 4; and Confirmation - Year 3.**



#### **Parish Office Opening Hours for 2019**

Please note that  
Fr Emmanuel will now be  
working Mondays.

Due to this the Parish Office will now  
open Monday to Friday, with **Thursday**  
being Fr Emmanuel's day off.

All masses that were scheduled for  
Thursdays at St Anthony's will now be  
held on Monday's.



**St Luke's Catholic Childcare Centre** 51 Degen Road, Capalaba has limited vacancies across all groups. Please phone 3245 3300 to make enquiries.

#### **Care and Concern**

The next Care and Concern meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th December at 9.00am in the Parish Meeting Room. New members always welcome.



**More volunteers are needed** to help serve morning tea following 9 am Mass. Commitment is once every 6 weeks. Please contact the Parish Office or Trish Purcell 04388 63296 if you can help.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE			
MONDAY	10 December	9.00 am	Mother's Prayers – St Luke's
TUESDAY	11 December	7.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm	Mass – St Anthony's Rosary – St Luke's Christian Meditation – St Luke's
WEDNESDAY	12 December	7.00 am 7.00 pm	Lay Led Liturgy – St Luke's 2nd Rite of Reconciliation
THURSDAY	13 December	7.00 am	Mass – St Anthony's
FRIDAY	14 December	7.00 am	Mass – St Anthony's
SATURDAY	15 December	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mass – St Anthony's Mass – St Luke's
SUNDAY	16 December	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00am	Mass– St Luke's Mass – St Anthony's Baptisms – St Luke's

### Rosters for 15th & 16th December 2018

MINISTRY	ST ANTHONY'S PARISH		ST LUKE'S PARISH	
CLEANERS	Jackie Mills (Tiles & Toilets)		Louise Aguiar, Donna Fitzgerald and Juliette Warnick-Hayne	
COUNTERS	Roy Nicholson, Annita McSherry, Adrianna Zwierzchaczewski, Helen Bowman and John Caton		Tracey Armatys & Kieran Gilboy	
MASS TIMES	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 7.00am
SACRISTAN	Annita McSherry	Trish Purcell	Jeanine Bowlen	Joan Tebbit
DATA PROJECTOR	Kathy Metzen	Trish Purcell	Lorraine Osmond	Bernie Sue
USHERS	Ed Hardy	Laura Pearce Lee-Ann Guy		
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Huntley	Ada De La Cruz		
READERS	Brian Tierney Julie Vincent Ann Tierney (Intro & P of F)	Alex Sowah Fatima Caneses Safia Sowah	Linda Groundwater Laura Clark Patricia Rooney (Intro & P of F)	Jenny Lewis Sharyn Leafe Bernie Sue (Intro & P of F)
EUCCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing	Kathy Metzen Carmel Culpeper Les Culpeper Annita McSherry (W) Madonna Ogden (W)	David Kohlman Lorraine Kohlman Margaret Milligan* Sam Sowah (W) Trish Purcell (W)	Robert Bowlen Laura Clark Julie Green	Paul Blacklock Susanne Nelles Ian Ahchay
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Niyme Mello & Nicola		
HOSPITALITY (Tea/ Coffee)		Samaku Mums	Gana Ralph	
TRANSPORT		Maryanne Attrill		
COLLECTION TEAM	Julie Vincent Bernadette Dalrymple	Andres Herrera Marian Herrera		
NEWSLETTER FOLDERS	Helen Meade			