



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter -10 March 2019

The First Sunday in Lent - Year C

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Sunday Scripture

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm

90:1-2, 10-15

Second Reading

Romans:10:8-13

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13



Our Churches

Alexandra Hills

St Anthony's Catholic Church
St Anthony Drive
Alexandra Hills QLD 4161

Capalaba

St Luke's Catholic Church
45 Degen Road
Capalaba QLD 4157



A Thought for the Week



Dear Parishioners,

Pope Francis Lenten Message

Pope Francis is calling for us to not let the Lenten season pass in vain, and to live as children of God; acknowledging and obeying His law, in particular in regards to our brothers and sisters and to creation. The theme chosen this year is "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God" (Rom8:19) Christians today are invited "to embody the paschal mystery more deeply and concretely in their personal, family and social lives, above all by fasting, prayer and almsgiving".

Fasting means turning away from temptation to "devour" everything to satisfy our voracity; *Prayer* teaches us to abandon idolatry and the self-sufficiency of our ego; *Almsgiving*, whereby we escape from the insanity of hoarding everything for ourselves in the illusory belief that we can secure a future that does not belong to us. If we follow this journey, he said it "is possible to rediscover the joy of God's plan for creation and for each of us, which is to love him, our brothers and sisters, and the entire world and to find in this love our true happiness". Here are 5 Lenten Tips that might help us to rediscover the "beauty" of Lent.

Tip 1: Penance

"Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."

Tip 2: Don't remain indifferent.

"Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation."

Tip 3: Take part in the sacraments.

"Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we, in turn, may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ."

Tip 4: Pray.

"In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering."

Tip 5: Evangelise.

"The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! It is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness."

Fr Emmanuel



From the Installation Mass with Archbishop

Plenary Council 2020

The date for submissions to the Plenary Council has now passed. We expect in excess of 80,000 individual and Parish submissions will have been lodged. Over the next 3 months the people involved at the next level will distil all the information in those submissions and come up with a List of main Themes /Issues that will form the agenda for the Council itself. We expect that the "1st Cut" will be available to the Parishes by the end of June and we look forward to sharing this information with our Parish then.

Blue Cards, Police Checks and Statutory Declarations

All forms are available to be emailed to you. Should you wish to do so, please contact the parish office and the relevant forms can be forwarded to you.

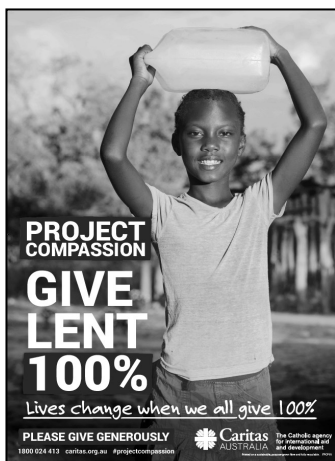
Police Checks are able to be done on-line at no cost to Parishioners. There is a document that sets out clearly how to complete the Police Check on line. Again should you wish to do this, please advise the Parish Office.

All Blue Card applications and Statutory Declarations are to come via the Parish office (**Tuesdays and Fridays only**) to be on forwarded to the Archdiocese for recording. On-line Police Checks are automatically forwarded to the Archdiocese for recording

PROJECT COMPASSION



First Sunday of Lent
10th March 2019



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Give Lent 100%". This year's Project Compassion showcases the many ways we work around the world with our local partners to offer hope to people most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

As Pope Francis said, "The future does have a name... and its name is hope."

Through your generosity during Project Compassion this year, you are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities.

Lives change when we all give 100%.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

A word to the entire community of the Archdiocese of Brisbane

These last few weeks have been bruising for the Catholic Church in Australia. It seems that everywhere we turn we see stories about the Church and its failures with child sexual abuse.

We have to accept that. The Church will never walk away from its responsibilities in this area. We have much to atone for. We have much to do and much to continue learning.

But today I want to say a word about the Church that's almost never mentioned in mainstream media. It's the Church that you're part of every day and, often enough, through the night as well. Because of what you do, the Church changes lives for the better, and it does so through the power of the Gospel. Yes, we face serious challenges now, but there is a whole dimension of the Church that should never be forgotten.

It's the Church that works every day with refugees who have come to Australia seeking a better life. You help them to find accommodation, to fight for a permanent stay and to reunite with loved ones.

It's the Church that works on the frontline with

domestic violence victims. You help them and their children in the toughest moments that they will face. You walk with them at every step, especially when they feel helpless.

It's the Church that works with Australians with a disability. You help create a society that welcomes, includes and respects people with a disability as people first – and you support them to follow their dreams.

It's the Church that works with people on the poverty line. You provide them with accommodation, meals and support when they have nowhere else to turn.

It's the Church that works with the homeless. You bring a friendly smile, food and warmth to them. Most of all, you help by spending time with them.

It's the Church that works with people living with dementia. You brighten their lives, you relate to the real person and you provide support for their families.

It's the Church that provides pastoral support to prisoners. You sit with them, listen to their stories and provide counselling.

It's the Church that works to protect our environment. You help raise awareness of our common home, the earth on which we live and the need to preserve it for those who come after us.

Of course, it's **the Church that has educated millions of Australian children over generations.** Your work in that area continues to have a major impact on our young people and the future of our country.

And it's **the Church that has provided first-class medical treatment in our hospitals for generations.** You have literally saved lives and continue to save lives. You have also accompanied the dying with tender care. Thank you for all this and more – because that's not an exhaustive list of what you do from day to day in the Catholic Church. At this time, I wanted you to know that your work is priceless and that it does not go unrecognised. Thank you for your work in parishes, schools, hospitals and on the frontline wherever it may be. It's work that should make you both proud and humble – proud for what has been achieved and humble before the God whose gifts make it all possible and who is as close to us now as ever before.

+Mark Coleridge



Have you given us a copy of your Blue Card yet?

Please provide the Parish Office with a **copy of your Blue Card** once you've received it.

Thank you so much.

THE PARISH PIETY STORE

The piety store operates before and after all Masses at both St Anthony's and St Luke's. Lovely gifts are available for all your loved ones.



St Luke's Church Capalaba -
Mother's Prayers & Rosary
Monday - Mother's Prayers at 9.00am
Tuesday - Rosary at 11.30am

Scripture Readings for next Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading
Genesis 15:5-12,17-18
Psalm
26:1,7-9,13-14
Second Reading
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel
Luke 9:28-36

Weekly Offerings and Mass Attendance

Offerings for the Week Ended 24th February 2019

Mass offerings **2038.70** (Envelopes, Loose coin, Direct Debits and Credit Cards)

Should you wish to set up a direct debit in place of your envelope offering, please contact the Parish Office for a direct debit form. Direct debits can be made from either your savings account or credit card.

Mass Attendance for the Week Ended 24th February 2019

St Anthony's 5.30pm - 308
St Anthony's 9am - 101
St Luke's 6pm - No Mass
St Luke's 7am - 35

18% of your offerings go to the Archdiocese and the rest are used for paying Parish Staff, utility bills, insurance, parish administration costs, building maintenance, charities, updating office and church equipment, newsletters and other publications and maintaining parish ministries among other things. God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for...

Please take a moment to pray for:

*Robin Duncan, Connaught
Graham, Carmel Haley, Kevin
Hardy, Bill Keen, Irena Kelly, Peter Kwock
-Sun, Antonina Letizia, Anne Sullivan and
all those in our community who are ill,
those who seek healing in their lives and
for all those who care for them.*

*We commend all the recently **deceased**, especially Jennifer Letizia, Karen May, Wendy Mullins and Lesley West to the loving embrace of God.*

*We pray for all those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially, Claire Forrest, and Cathy Sheen.*

If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the parish newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office. **Note: All names for prayers will remain in the newsletter for one month.**

Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions are available at the back of each church.



Parish News and Notices

DATE CLAIMER!

A Working Bee will be held on 30th March, commencing at 8am at St Anthony's. Please add your name to the list of volunteers at the church entrance. St Luke's Working Bee will be held on Sunday 7th April at 8.30am. Many hands make light work!

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Preparation class will be held at 7.30pm at St Anthony's on Tuesday **19th March 2019**. Please phone Margaret at the Parish Office on 3820 0100 to register your interest.

Liturgy Team Feedback:

The team had its inaugural meeting with our new Parish Priest – Fr.Emmanuel recently. It was great to spend time together in prayer and looking at the future of this group under our new leadership. Fr.Emmanuel talked to us about his vision for the team in the weeks & months ahead and he thanked everyone who continues to give up their time and shares their talents with the Parish to ensure "great liturgy & environment". He also spoke of his desire to work closely with our schools, Kindy and Child care centre, and also our Nursing Homes; because "the children are our future" and "we need to share Jesus with one another and the wider community". We appreciated his input, wisdom and guidance.

Ladies Group

Working bees to make and wrap gifts for the St Anthony's School Mother's Day Stall will be held in the Parish Hall from 9am to 11am on the following dates:

March 13 & 20

April 3 & 24

May 1

Come along and join in the fun!

LITTLE SAINTS

Playgroup

For Children from birth to Prep

Where: In the parish hall at St Anthony's

When: Mondays from 8.45am (during school term)

Contact: Trish Purcell 0438 863296



WHS Incident Reporting

Parishioners and visitors are reminded of the requirement to immediately report any health or safety incident, injury or damage that occurs within our Parish. Reporting assists our Parish to provide the necessary assistance, take remedial action and provide mandatory notifications to the Archdiocese and the Division of Work Health and Safety QLD.

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.

A Request from St Vincent de Paul Society

One of our clients in Capalaba is 53 years old, has liver cancer and only one kidney functioning. She is urgently in need of a **WHEELIE WALKER**. Is there anyone who has a wheelie walker they don't need or want to sell? Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.

A Stewardship Moment March 10, 2019 - 1st Sunday of Lent

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

(Accessed on 5 February 2019 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)



PARISH OFFICE

The Office is in the demountable
Behind St Anthony’s Church
St Anthony Drive,
Alexandra Hills

**Monday to Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm**

Website
stanthonyandstluke.org.au

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3820 0100

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PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKEND

St Anthony’s Church, Alexandra Hills
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

St Luke’s Church, Capalaba
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.00am

WEEKDAY

Monday
5.00pm St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills

Tuesday
7.00am St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills

Wednesday
7.00am St Luke’s Capalaba

Friday
7.00am St Luke’s Capalaba

WEEKDAY - School Masses (Refer to Weekly Newsletter for these)

Monday
9.00 am St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills

Friday
9.00am St Luke’s Capalaba

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday
St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills
4.15pm - 4.45pm
Or by appointment

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
St Luke’s Capalaba
7.30am - 8.30am

EDUCATION

Alexandra Hills - St Anthony Drive
St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School
3824 1200
St Anthony’s Kindergarten
3824 5061

Capalaba - Degen Road
St Luke’s Catholic Primary School
3245 9595
St Luke’s Catholic Child Care Centre
3245 3300

The Week at a Glance			
MONDAY	11 March	9.00 am	2N Class Mass - St Anthony’s Mother’s Prayers - St Luke’s Mass - St Anthony’s
TUESDAY	12 March	7.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony’s Rosary - St Luke’s Christian Meditation - St Luke’s
WEDNESDAY	13 March	7.00 am 9.00 am	Mass - St Luke’s Ladies Group
THURSDAY	14 March		
FRIDAY	15 March	11.00 am	Stations of the Cross - St Anthony’s
SATURDAY	16 March	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony’s Mass - St Luke’s
SUNDAY	17 March	7.00 am 9.00 am 10.30am 11.00am	Mass - St Luke’s Flinders School Involvement Mass - St Anthony’s Reconciliation Activity Day Baptisms - St Luke’s

Rosters for 16th & 17th March 2019

MINISTRY	ST ANTHONY’S CHURCH		ST LUKE’S CHURCH		
CLEANERS	Alan Sequeira, Madonna Ogden, Cathie Chaplain		Trish Pearcy, Cheryl Rynja		
COUNTERS	Michael Hawes, Teresa Rafter, Irene Lindeberg		Tracey Armatys, Allan Casperson		
MASS TIMES	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 7.00am	
SACRISTAN	Trish Purcell	Annita McSherry	Jeanine Bowlen	Bernie Sue	
DATA PROJECTOR	Trish Winter	David Haley	Michaela Osmond	Don Mohr	
USHERS	Graham Ericksen Mary Ericksen	Anna Caton Helen Bowman			
ALTAR SERVERS	Marysia Lesczuk Isabela Lesczuk	Ada Dela Cruz			
READERS	Julie Vincent Graham Ericksen Jane Kiely (Intro & PofF)	Gemma Chambers Monique Orendain Jeffrey Hawes (Intro & PofF)	Linda Groundwater Laura Clark Robert Bowlen	Joan Tebbit Jenny Lewis Sharyn Leafe	
EUCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing	Narelle Dobson Trish Purcell Brian Tierney Ann Tierney (W) Rose Tamayo (W)	Sam Sowahy Annita McSherry Carmel Culpeper (*) Mary Boyde (W) Carmel Haley (W)	Laura Clark Maria Pierce Alison O’Connor	Paul Blacklock Susanne Nelles Kieran Gilboy	
HOSPITALITY (Tea/Coffee)		Samaku Mums	Gana Ralph	Sharon Evans	
TRANSPORT		Margaret Matheson			
COLLECTION TEAM	Julie Vincent Bernadette Dalrymple	Andres Herrera Marian Herrera			
NEWSLETTER FOLDERS	Mary Harvey, Helen Meade				

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest

Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator

Amanda Mase - Parish Office Administrator

Newsletter available via Email!

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