



# St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 1 December 2019

**First Sunday of Advent - Year A**

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## Sunday Scripture

1st Sunday of Advent

### First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

### Psalms

121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

### Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

### Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44



## 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



## FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN, BRISBANE Wednesday 4 December 2019



"The Cathedral of St Stephen's, in its various forms, has been part of the city of Brisbane from the very beginning. Its situation, right at the heart of the city, suggests its place in the story of Brisbane. What is now the chapel gave way to the larger church; and then there were dreams of a much grander cathedral which was never built. Funds from the sale of the property designated for the new cathedral was used for the remarkable renovation of St Stephen's thirty years ago, which led to the dedication.

The renovation was not just of the cathedral itself but of the entire precinct, which is something of which we can be proud. It is a gift we offer the city, an oasis at the heart of the CBD.

The cathedral is also a focal point for the Archdiocese, in a very real sense the mother church. That is why the feast of the dedication is celebrated not just in the cathedral but in all the churches of the Archdiocese. On this thirtieth anniversary I commend the feast to you in a special way, asking that you make it a moment when we pray for the unity of the People of God and a renewal of prayer and mission in the Church which makes her pilgrim way in this part of the world."

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge

Each year, the dedication of the cathedral is celebrated as a solemnity in the cathedral itself and as a feast day in all the other churches of a diocese. In Brisbane, the anniversary falls on 4 December, this year on a Wednesday. It is 30 years since the Cathedral of St Stephen in Brisbane was refurbished and dedicated. Although it is an annual feast in the liturgical calendar, the 30th anniversary merits special attention throughout the diocese.

Celebrating the dedication of the cathedral is a way of marking the importance and dignity of the local Church. It celebrates our unity under the pastoral leadership of the bishop. It draws all communities into a common vision and the mission of the Gospel. This is why the bishop is named each time the Eucharistic Prayer is proclaimed: *Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant Francis our Pope and Mark our Bishop... and the entire people you have gained for your own.*

As a feast day, the Dedication of the Cathedral takes precedence over the Advent weekday and the optional commemoration of St John Damascene which also falls on 4 December. This means that white vestments are worn and it is celebrated with particular joy because it expresses who we are as the local Church.

## Advent Meditation

An occasion to experience the spirit of Christmas in silence, solitude and meditation...

Fr Emmanuel is leading 'Advent Meditation' from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at St Luke's Church. The timings of the meditation will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 10.30am and Wednesday and Friday 8.30am – 10am.

You are most welcome to join these spiritual moments and if you wish to do so kindly call the parish office to register.

## Welcome to the Family

We welcome Leena Fowler-West and Kaia Weller who will be Baptised this weekend. May these children continue to grow in God's own image and likeness.



## St Gerard's Christmas Festival

Nightly 29 November to 23 December

Including New **Carols by Candlelight** Outdoors 21 December at 7pm with Renata and Paradise City Band.

Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ.

Free Musical Entertainment every night. See website for schedule ([www.olaparishchermerside.org.au](http://www.olaparishchermerside.org.au))

146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermerside West.



# lights

## OF CHRISTMAS

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

6:30 pm carols  
7pm light show  
(every 12 minutes)

11 - 24  
December

FREE

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6:30 - 10:30pm.

349 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
[www.brisbanecatholic.org.au](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au)

## 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

## Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplain – Griffith University (Gold Coast campus) & QUT (Kelvin Grove campus)

The Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Committee is seeking suitable applicants for the positions of part-time Assistant Chaplain in 2020 at both Griffith University (Gold Coast campus) and Queensland University of Technology (Kelvin Grove campus). Applicants wishing to be considered for either role singly or for both roles together are welcomed. These positions are to begin in February 2020. For further information, please email [scott.frame@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:scott.frame@salvationarmy.org.au) or phone (0404) 080 004. Applications close Monday 16 December 2019.

## Prayer in Time of Drought

O God, Lord of all creation,  
By whose power, the whole earth came to be,  
Look upon our parched land, we pray,  
And bestow upon it abundant rain,  
That pastures, fields and paddocks  
May by your goodness, thrive once more.

## St Vincent de Paul

A big thank you to everybody for collecting the plastic bottles for us. We have enough now to fill with oil for our clients.

SVDP will also put a basket at the back of each church so we can collect food for the Christmas hampers. Things we are always short of are: shampoo, toothpaste, long life milk and custard, tinned vegetables, cereals (please no Weetbix or porridge as this is always in the emergency package), tinned fruit, cleaning materials, toilet paper and fruit juices. Whatever you would like to donate is welcome. We most likely will have 30 to 40 hampers this year. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.



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.*



## St Luke's Childcare Centre

51 Degen Road,  
Capalaba has limited  
vacancies across all  
groups. Please phone  
3245 3300 to make  
enquiries.

## Are you New to Our Parish

If you are new to the  
Parish, please fill out  
your details in the  
Welcome Book at the  
back of each church.  
The Parish Office will  
then be in touch with  
you to invite you to  
our "Newcomer's"  
Welcome Night.

We'd love to know  
you've joined us!

## Scripture Readings for next Sunday:

2nd Sunday of Advent

### First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

### Psalms

71:1-2, 7-8,  
12-13, 17

### Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9

### Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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## Weekly Offerings and Mass Attendance

### Offerings for the Week Ended 24 November 2019

Mass offerings **\$3240.70** (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 24 November 2019

St Anthony's 5pm - 84

St Anthony's 9am - 197

St Luke's 6pm - 38

St Luke's 7am - 58

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:

*Raymond Cash, Jane Martin, Brian McGrath, John Pender, John Rhule and Maggie Stewart along with all those in our community who are ill, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.*

*We commend all the recently deceased, especially Joyce Inwood to the loving embrace of God.*

*We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Antonia Quinn.*

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 on 3820 0100.

**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.



### Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office today and ask to be added to our emailing list to ensure you receive a copy each week.

You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website  
[www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au](http://www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au)

## Parish News and Notices

### St Luke's Church Capalaba -

#### Mother's Prayers & Rosary

Monday - Mother's Prayers at 9.00am

Tuesday - Rosary at 11.30am

## 2019 Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24th December 2019

6.00pm - Children's Christmas Mass at both Churches

8.30pm - Christmas Vigil Mass - St Luke's Church

11.30pm - Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass - St Anthony's Church

### Christmas Day - Wednesday 25th December 2019

7:00am - Mass - St Luke's Church

9:00am - Mass - St Anthony's Church



### Children's Christmas Mass - St Luke's

6pm on Christmas Eve. We would love to hear from any children and/or parents who would like to be involved. Please ring Marg at the Parish Office asap.

### Invitation to All Parish Volunteers

#### Thanksgiving Mass & Supper

*This year we are setting aside an evening when the Parish can honour the commitment of our many volunteers at both of our Churches.*

*Please set aside the following date:*

*Thursday 5th December 2019*

*St Luke's Catholic Presbytery*

*Beginning with a*

*Thanksgiving Mass at*

*5.00pm in St Luke's Church*

*Please bring a plate to share.*

### WW Network Morning Tea

*The next morning tea will be held at*

*The Three Tiers Cafe, 116*

*Wellington Street Ormiston, on*

*Saturday 7th December from 10am.*

*For further information, please*

*contact Ailsa Jensen on 3823 3021.*

## Ruby Anniversary - St Anthony's Church

St Anthony's Church will be forty!

To honour St Anthony's Church's Ruby anniversary, a Special Parish day of Celebrations is planned for early New year 2020.

Your help is earnestly sought in sharing your special memories (of **any time/occasion** over the past *forty years*) for **possible** collation in a souvenir booklet, for release on that day.

Contributions are specially welcomed from past Parishioners, so please pass on this information to relatives and friends with whom you still have contact!

There must be many accounts, reflections, anecdotes etc worthy of sharing as we celebrate this significant milestone.

Please email any contributions (or **expressions of interest in contributing**) as *soon as possible* to Les Culpeper or Jenny Lewis at the email addresses below.

[Culpeper@live.com.au](mailto:Culpeper@live.com.au)

[Lewis148@ozemail.com.au](mailto:Lewis148@ozemail.com.au)

### 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 7th December 9.30am; Sunday 15th December 10.30am (after 9am Mass) & Sunday 22nd 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 and readers. For further enquiries please contact Nymie Mello on 0449 928424 or Fatima Caneses on 0403 691881

### A Stewardship Moment December 1, 2019

*Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

(Accessed on 25th November 2019 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



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

**Parish Office Phone**  
3820 0100

**Email Address:**  
alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

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 Anthony’s Alexandra Hills  
6.00pm - 7.00pm

EDUCATION

**Alexandra Hills - St Anthony Drive**  
St Anthony’s Catholic Primary School  
3820 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	2 December	8.45 am 9.00 am 5.00 pm	Little Saints Playgroup Mother’s Prayers - St Luke’s Mass - St Anthony’s
TUESDAY	3 December	11.30 am 5.45 pm	Rosary - St Luke’s Graduation Mass & Dinner - St Anthony’s
WEDNESDAY	4 December	9.00 am 5.00pm	End of Year School Mass - St Luke’s Feast of the Dedication of St Stephen’s Cathedral - St Anthony’s
THURSDAY	5 December	5.00 pm	Parish Thanksgiving Mass & Dinner - St Luke’s
FRIDAY	6 December	9.00 am	End of Year School Mass - St Anthony’s
SATURDAY	7 December	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony’s Mass - St Luke’s
SUNDAY	8 December	7.00 am 9.00 am	Mass - St Luke’s Mass - St Anthony’s

Rosters for 7th & 8th December 2019

MINISTRY	ST ANTHONY’S CHURCH		ST LUKE’S CHURCH	
CLEANERS	Melanie Hapuarachchi & Mary Harvey		Luisa Aguiar, Donna Fitzgerald, Juliette Warnick–Hayne	
COUNTERS	Alex Sowah, Sam Sowah, John Plettell and Adrienne Fahy		Alan and Bernadette Spelta	
MOWING	Jed Rodda			
MASS TIMES	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 7.00am
SACRISTAN	Kathy Ellis	Jackie Hardy	Alison O’Connor	Joan Tebbit
DATA PROJECTOR	Trish Winter	Safia Sowah	Lorraine Osmond	Don Mohr
USHERS	Julie Hobby	Adrianna Zwierzchaczewski Mary Ford		
ALTAR SERVERS	Marysia Leszczuk Isabela Leszczuk	Milagro Chinchilla Sara Chinchilla		
READERS	Narelle Dobson Kathy Ellis Guida Kurkela (Intro & P of F)	Alex Sowah Sam Sowah Domnic Aguiar (Intro & P of F)	Margaret McFerran Julie Green Patricia Rooney (Intro & P of F)	Sharyn Leafe Susanne Nelles Jenny Lewis (Intro & P of F)
EUCCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing	Brian Tierney Ann Tierney Carmel Culpeper Les Culpeper (W) Margaret Kostowski (W)	Les Henderson Veronica Henderson Ed Hardy * Inez Barry (W) Niyme Mello (W)	Jeanine Bowlen Julie Bakes Peter O’Connor	Violet Cooper Joan Tebbit Kieran Gilboy
CHILDREN’S LITURGY		Niyme and Nicola Mello		
HOSPITALITY (Tea/ Coffee)		Culture Club	Sharon Evans	
TRANSPORT		Margaret Mathison		
COLLECTION TEAM	Bernadette Dalrymple Joe Bartolo	Christina Chinchilla Gonzalo Chinchilla		
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