



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 8 December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

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Sunday Scripture 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



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



Weekly Reflection

The Artist's Reconciliation

Advent is the time for us to make preparation by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and the sharing of our blessings with others.

Leonardo da Vinci painted the fresco (wall painting), "The Last Supper," in Santa Maria delle Grazie church in Milan in three years (1495-1498). A very interesting story is associated with this painting. At the time that Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper," he had an enemy who was a fellow painter. Da Vinci had had a bitter argument with this man and despised him. When Da Vinci painted the face of Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of his enemy so that it would be present for ages as the man who betrayed Jesus. While painting this picture, he took delight in knowing that others would actually notice the face of his enemy on Judas. As he worked on the faces of the other disciples, he often tried to paint the face of Jesus but couldn't make any progress. Da Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time, he realized what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with his fellow-painter and repainting the face of Judas was he able to paint the face of Jesus and complete his masterpiece. Be reconciled with your fellow human beings, says today's Gospel. (<http://www.lifeinitaly.com/art/last-supper.asp>)

In today's Gospel John the Baptist challenges our superficial attempts of change. He invites us to prepare to receive Jesus repenting, radiating his love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of humble service to the world through our lives.

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Let us dedicate ourselves, our children and families to her protection, love and care. Happy feast to all....!

God Bless,

Fr Emmanuel

Advent Meditation

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

Fr Emmanuel is leading '**Advent Meditation**' from

Monday 9th December to Friday 13th 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.



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.olaparishchermside.org.au)

146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West.

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 or phone (0404) 080 004. Applications close Monday 16 December 2019.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to
All Students
Of St Anthony and St Luke's
Catholic Primary Schools**



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:

3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Psalms

145:6-10

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11



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Weekly Offerings and Mass Attendance

Offerings for the Week Ended 1 December 2019

Mass offerings **\$2624.15** (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 1 December 2019

St Anthony's 5pm - 101

St Anthony's 9am - 184

St Luke's 6pm - 43

St Luke's 7am - 65

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 to the loving embrace of God.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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

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 Margaret at the Parish Office on 3820 0100.

Our Parish is in need of assistance in a number of areas including: The Piety Store, The Baptismal Preparation Team (The "ask" for this area is only ONCE per MONTH); Reading & Special Minister of the Eucharist roles (On a roster basis, at the Mass of your preference, approximately once per month). Full training will be given. Are you willing to learn the "how to", and give some time, on a rostered basis, to these important ministries?

James 2: 14-26 says "Faith without works is dead". Please prayerfully consider helping. Contact Margaret at the Parish Office on 3820 0100.

Baptism Preparation

Our next Baptism Preparation class will be held at 7.30pm at St Anthony's on Tuesday 17th December 2019. Please phone the Parish Office on 3820 0100 to register your interest.

Donations Required

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
to collect suitable items for a Raffle in support of the planned celebration of 40 years of St. Anthony's to be held in the near future.
YOUR DONATION IS APPRECIATED

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

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 2, 2019

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

(Accessed on 2 December 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	9 December	9.00 am 5.00 pm	Advent Meditation - St Luke’s Mass - St Anthony’s
TUESDAY	10 December	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony’s Advent Meditation - St Luke’s Rosary - St Luke’s Christian Meditation - St Luke’s
WEDNESDAY	11 December	8.30 am 10.30 am 7.00 pm	Advent Meditation - St Luke’s Mass - Capella Bay 2nd Rite of Reconciliation - St Anthony’s
THURSDAY	12 December	9.00 am	Advent Meditation - St Luke’s
FRIDAY	13 December	7.00 am 8.30 am	Mass - St Luke’s Advent Meditation - St Luke’s
SATURDAY	14 December	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony’s Mass - St Luke’s
SUNDAY	15 December	7.00 am 9.00 am 10.30am	Mass - St Luke’s Mass - St Anthony’s Baptisms - St Luke’s

Rosters for 14th & 15th December 2019				
MINISTRY	ST ANTHONY’S CHURCH		ST LUKE’S CHURCH	
CLEANERS	Jane Kiely, Lynne Holland, Maryanne Attrill, Annita McSherry and Jacky Weerasinghe		Peter and Julie Bakes	
COUNTERS	David Haley and Margaret Mathison		Tracey Armatys & Kieran Gilboy	
MASS TIMES	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 7.00am
SACRISTAN	Trish Purcell	Jane Kiely	Jeanine Bowlen	Tracey Armatys
DATA PROJECTOR	Terry Quinn	David Haley		Trish Pearcy
USHERS	Graham Ericksen Mary Ericksen	Laura Pearce Lee–Ann Guy	Lorraine Osmond	
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Huntley	Vinay Jose		
READERS	Graham Ericksen Julie Vincent Teresa Rafter (Intro & P of F)	Fatima Caneses Gemma Chambers Helen Bowman (Intro & P of F)	Peter McFerran Michael Osmond Patricia Rooney (Intro & P of F)	Susanne Nelles Corrie Atkins Sharyn Leafe (Intro & P of F)
EUCCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing	Jackie Hardy Ed Hardy Trish Purcell Annita McSherry (W) Helen Barry (W)	Bini Jose Paul Patterson Carmel Culpeper* Roxy Proano (W) Jane Kiely (W)	Robert Bowlen Alison O’Connor Roslyn Noble	Paul Blacklock Susanne Nelles Kevin Rourke
CHILDREN’S LITURGY		Niyme and Nicola Mello		
HOSPITALITY (Tea/ Coffee)		Frogs	Gana Ralph	
TRANSPORT		Donna Barker		
COLLECTION TEAM	Julie Vincent Augustin Verghese	Pricy Amburose Joseph Sebastiraj		
NEWSLETTER FOLDERS	Ailsa Jensen and Mary Bagster			

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest

Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator

Amanda Mase - Parish Office Administrator