



# St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 22 December 2019

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A**

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## Weekly Reflection

### Emmanuel - God with us

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Over 100 years ago Father Damien deVeuster, (St. Damien of Molokai) a Belgian priest, began working with lepers on Molokai, a small Hawaiian island. Father Damien found a source of fresh water in the mountains and developed a system to bring it down to the colony. He built the first sanitation system and clinic. He and the lepers constructed a chapel for worship. Each Sunday Father Damien would begin his sermon with these words: "You lepers know that God loves you." This went on for years. Finally, one Sunday Father Damien began his sermon this way: **"We lepers know that God loves us."** Father Damien had contracted leprosy. Yet he went on loving and serving until his death in 1898. Even as Father Damien cast his lot in with the lepers, Jesus, Emmanuel, invested Himself totally in us sinners. "He was bruised and wounded for our sins. He was lashed, and we were healed." *"All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel'" (Mt 1: 22-23).*

This Christmas gives us two messages. **We need to experience Emmanuel in our lives and change the world:** The Good News and the consoling message of Christmas is that the Child Jesus still waits today to step into our hearts—your heart and mine—and to change us and the world around us by the beauty of God's love, kindness, mercy and compassion. Let us take some time to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts and lives this week, so that God may change our world of miseries with the beauty of that love.

**Let us be a Christmas gift to others:** The greatest gift we can give to those we love, is to have faith in them, believe in their dreams and try to help them realize them. We need to believe in the dreams of our husband, wife, children, parents, heroes, leaders and friends, then try our best to help them realize those dreams.

<https://www.cbci.in/SundayReflectionsNew>

### Sunday Scripture

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

#### Psalm

23:1-6

#### Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

#### Gospel

Matthew 1:18-24



## 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



## Ministry Helpers Needed

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.



## 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.

## 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 or our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

## St Vincent de Paul Thank You

SVDP would like to thank everybody for their generosity. We were able to give 53 adults and 89 children a nice Christmas - 40 hampers in all. We wish you all a Blessed and Safe Christmas.

**A BIG THANK YOU to Brett Malbon and Kennards Hire for the use of their post hole digger to enable us to install the new cross at St Anthony's Church.**



## 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.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Are you Going on Holidays?

### Toiletries Wanted

The Ladies' Group would be happy to accept any unwanted toiletries from your motel stay. These are used in Mother's Day gifts as well as personal care packs gifted to local members of our community and seafarer's abroad. Your donations can be left at the Parish, School office or Churches.



**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.



Keeping faith with you **In this week's issue**

- The Catholic Leader wishes all readers a joyful, holy Christmas and a happy New Year. Our office will close from December 20 until January 6, and our first edition next year is dated January 12.
- Cairns Bishop James Foley will retire due to ailing health after 27 years and is expected to cease duties early next year.
- A brother and sister who arrived in Australia as refugees just 18 months ago were declared dual duxes of St James College in Brisbane's inner-city.
- Farmer Lyle Winks sits down with radio personality Donna Lynch to discuss his life on the farm in drought conditions and the hope to come at Christmas.
- Baby Jesus could share a birthday with a boy whose life was saved by a crisis pregnancy safe house in Brisbane.
- Dominican Brothers Sebastian Condon, Reginald Chua and Christian Elters are travelling around the western half of Australia, promoting vocations and cherishing their time together.
- Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge joined the other bishops of Queensland in sharing their Christmas messages with the People of God.

## 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:

The Holy Family

### First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

### Psalms

127:1-5

### Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

### Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



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## Weekly Offerings and Mass Attendance

### Offerings for the Week Ended 15 December 2019

Mass offerings **\$3782.35** (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 15 December 2019

St Anthony's 5pm - 75

St Anthony's 9am - 168

St Luke's 6pm - 43

St Luke's 7am - 77

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, Antonina Letizia, Jane Martin, John Pender, John Rhule, Maggie Stewart and Samuel Tyler 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, especially Neeleen Rafter.*

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



## 4.30pm Mass - St Anthony's

As of **4th January 2020**, Mass at **St Anthony's** will commence at **4.30pm** every Saturday evening.

## Music Practice

To any and all singers and/or musicians who would like to join us to practice for Christmas masses.

We are having a practice of the Christmas music on Sunday at 9:00 – 10:30 am at St Luke's church.

## Church Cleaners Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP to clean St Anthony's Church once every 8 weeks. Please contact the parish office or Trish Purcell on 0438 863296.

## Ruby Raffle for 40th Anniversary

\$5 per ticket

Drawn Sat, 1st February 2020,  
during St Anthony's 40th  
Anniversary Celebration

1st Prize: One Loose Natural Ruby  
Certified Retail Replacement Value  
\$900

2nd Prize: Karcher Electric Broom

3rd Prize: Gift Hamper

4th Prize: Glass Lazy Susan  
5th Prize: Wallet Gift Set and Pen

## 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 1st February 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)

## Changes Coming

Early in the new year, we will have changes to procedures at Mass. These changes will affect Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and Sacristans. It is **ESSENTIAL** that if you are on a roster for any one of these Ministry areas, that you are up to date. Therefore, you are asked to attend the information and training sessions in January, at the Church where you are currently rostered. St Anthony's training will be Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January, following 9am Mass and St Luke's will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January following 6pm Mass.

## A Stewardship Moment December 22, 2019

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

(Accessed on 19 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

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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 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	23 December	5.00 pm	Anointing Mass - St Anthony’s
TUESDAY	24 December	11.30 am 12 noon 6.00 pm 8.30pm 11.30pm	Rosary - St Luke’s Parish Office Closes Children’s Christmas Masses - Both Churches Christmas Vigil Mass - St Luke’s Carols followed by Midnight Mass - St Anthony’s
WEDNESDAY	25 December	7.00 am 9.00 am	Christmas Mass - St Luke’s Christmas Mass - St Anthony’s
THURSDAY	26 December	Fr Emmanuel’s Day Off	
FRIDAY	27 December	No Mass	
SATURDAY	28 December	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony’s Mass - St Luke’s
SUNDAY	29 December	7.00 am 9.00 am	Mass - St Luke’s Mass - St Anthony’s

Rosters for 28th & 29th December 2019				
MINISTRY	ST ANTHONY’S CHURCH		ST LUKE’S CHURCH	
CLEANERS	Trish Purcell		Peter and Julie Bakes	
COUNTERS	Brian Tierney, Ann Tierney, Ursula Johnson & Anil Jose		Alan and Bernadette Spelta	
MASS TIMES	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 7.00am
SACRISTAN	Anita McSherry	Madonna Ogden	Alison O’Connor	Tracey Armatys
DATA PROJECTOR	Colin Benemile	Les Henderson	Lorraine Osmond	Don Mohr
USHERS	Graham Ericksen Mary Ericksen	Ria Whittle Amanda Whittle		
ALTAR SERVERS	John Benemile Daniela Benemile	Ryan Weerasinghe Roshan Jose		
READERS	Guida Kurkela Teresa Rafter Graham Ericksen (Intro & P of F)	Helen Bowman John Caton Domnic Aguiar (Intro & P of F)	Julie Green Patricia Rooney Linda Groundwater (Intro & P of F)	Jenny Lewis Corrie Atkins Joan Tebbit (Intro & P of F)
EUCCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing	Annita McSherry Jane Kiely Kathy Metzen Jackie Hardy (W) Ed Hardy (W)	Veronica Henderson Madonna Ogden Lorraine Kohlman* Ursula Johnson (W) Bini Jose (W)	Joseph Sebastiraj Maria Pierce Margaret McFerran	Joan Tebbit Kevin Rourke Kieran Gilboy
HOSPITALITY (Tea/ Coffee)		Caton Family & Friends	Gana Ralph	
TRANSPORT		Maryanne Attrill		
COLLECTION TEAM	Edwin Benemile Gina Benemile	Andres Herrera Marian Herrera		



**OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office staff are taking a short break over the Christmas, New Year period. We will close at 4pm on Monday 23rd December and will be back in the office on Monday 6th January, 2020.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
There will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES FROM 26TH DECEMBER. WEEK DAY MASSES WILL RESUME MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020 AT 5.00pm AT ST ANTHONY’S.**

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest

Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator

Amanda Mase - Parish Office Administrator