



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 18 October 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday Scripture

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm

95:1, 3-5, 7-10

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21



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 message from Fr Emmanuel

Scripture reflection:

'Give to God what belongs to God'

Today's readings concentrate on God as ruler over all the world. The **First Reading** teaches us about the relationship between God and Cyrus, one of the most powerful earthly rulers. Even though Cyrus did not know God, God works through him, giving Cyrus all that he needs to help accomplish God's plans.

The **Psalm** is a song full of praise for the Lord, who is 'above all gods', and who will judge fairly. The psalmist calls us to speak of the Lord's greatness and glory throughout the world, and to pay him worship and honour.

In the **Second Reading**, St Paul gives thanks to God and prays for the Christian community in Thessalonica. Chosen and loved by God, the community – aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by its faith and hope in God – continues in its work.

The **Gospel** message is that we belong completely to God and are therefore called to offer God our entire selves. Jesus is aware that the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trip him up when they ask if Jewish people should pay taxes to the Romans. Although he confirms that this is reasonable, at the same time he also affirms that our first duty is to serve God, and to give God what is due.

This week, maybe we can pray for the rulers and leaders of our world, particularly during these difficult times, asking that God will work through them towards justice and peace. We ask too that the Holy Spirit will guide each of us in how we can serve God best.

Prepared by St Beuno's Outreach in the Diocese of Wrexham

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Welcome to the Family

We welcome **James Davison and Paige Hindle** who will be baptised this Sunday 18th October at St Luke's Church. May they continue to grow in God's own image and likeness.

Meditation at St Anthony's Church

Meditation Friday 23rd October @ 6:00pm. Please register with the parish office.

Reconciliation for Sacramental Program Children

The children who completed their learnings about this Sacrament earlier this year, were prevented from receiving the Sacrament, at that time, because of COVID19.

We are delighted to inform you that we have been able to negotiate with our Parish School Principals, and they are in agreement that this can be done, through the school time. Therefore, for these children only, they will participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the times, below.

St Luke's children: Friday 23rd October at 2pm at the Church

St Anthony's children: Friday 30th October at 2pm at the Church.

Reflection for young people - by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

The Pharisees and the Herodians try to trip Jesus up, but he won't fall for their setup. They ask him to choose between the worldly and the holy, between the political and the religious. Jesus simply says that we need to give to each what is due to each.

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your faith says and what your country says? If something is legal, is it always moral? And if something is moral, is it always legal? What is an example of such a conflict?

Do you ever experience a conflict between what your civil community says and what your faith community says? If something is an acceptable practice in your school or in your circle of friends, does that mean it's always right to do? And is the right thing always acceptable in your social situation? What is an example of such a conflict? Some people try to live entirely in one arena, and they are totally against the other.

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all religion and talk of God and only clings to the physical, modern world? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who completely rejects all earthly things and clings only to the religious and spiritual? What is that attitude like?

Do you know anyone who lives a good balance of both the spiritual and the earthly? What is that attitude like?

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Carlo Acutis: 15 year old beatified

Carlo Acutis: London-born 15-year-old moves closer to becoming first millennial saint.

"A Boy of the internet age and a model of holiness of the digital age" - Pope Francis
 "First Saint dressed in Jeans, Sneakers and a sweater"

[Carlo Acutis: London-born 15-year-old moves closer to ...](#)

Carlo Acutis official website:

<https://www.carloacutis.com/en/association>

Redlands 4 Refugees

R4R October Meeting will be held on Thursday, 15 October 2020 and commence at 7.00 pm using Zoom. As we are using a free licence, the meeting will be in two parts.

Part 1: Time: Oct 15, 2020 07:00 PM Brisbane
 Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71547224922?wd=MGpyNE9hL3RSV0gxUTdrT0FRWEpDdz09>
 Meeting ID: 715 4722 4922
 Passcode: 5FpVyP

Part 2: Time: Oct 15, 2020 07:30 PM Brisbane
 Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72071022879?pwd=S1RqaS9BM0ZHZWxDUWdKc0E5a2x3QT09>
 Meeting ID: 720 7102 2879
 Passcode: JUe4sb

Parish Office

Wednesday 28th October 2020: Parish office will be **CLOSED - PLANNING DAY**

Mass Updates

The link for online booking for the WEEKEND MASSES are:

St. Anthony's is: **<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-anthonys-mass-tickets-111775134436>**

St Luke's is: **<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-lukes-mass-tickets-111775930818>**

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all."



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.



Are you New to Our Parish

If you are new to the Parish, please give us your details by email or phone on 3820 0100. The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter.

Once we are back to normal, we look forward to welcoming you at our Newcomers Welcome Night.

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms

17:2-4, 47, 51

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

Weekly Offerings

Dear Parishioners, thank you for supporting the your parish.

- Please try the new **Parish Giving Portal** located on our Website or via link below.
<https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>
- Please continue to use the **Direct Debit, Direct Deposit or envelopes at the collection box during mass**. You can bring offerings directly to the Parish office.

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.

Should you wish to make a one off donation to our parish, our bank account details are as follows:

BSB: 064786

Account Number: 100017590

Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish Planned Giving.

Offerings for the last weekend is : \$2,046.80 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



A staggering 20,000 people in Queensland are experiencing homelessness—this is 1 in every 200 Queenslanders (source, Australian Bureau of Statistics).

This includes people who are sleeping rough, as well as people who are staying in temporary, unstable or substandard accommodation.

How can we make a difference on this issue? How will you use your Queensland State Election vote for the benefit of the whole community?

You can find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote at

<https://bit.ly/3kd5Rj2>

Please take a moment to pray for...

Dinkha Gabriel, Glen Gray, Niamh Hughes, John Gilbert, Wayne Harris, Sharon MacKenzie, Sonia Mendez, Mary Tucker 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 those who have recently died, Mary Ryan, Richard Tomaszewski, 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.

To request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions please contact the Parish Office.



BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS

Best wishes and prayers To all the members of our Parish Community who are celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in this Month of October. Congratulations

Parish Reflection Day

Saturday 28th November from 9am – 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Give yourself the gift of a day of reflection. Contact Marg at the Parish office if interested by 23rd October. – Limited places. Cost \$30 includes boxed lunch and baked morning tea.

Book of Remembrance for the Month of November

As is our custom, we remember our deceased Family and Friends in the month of November.

There will be forms available for completion of the details, and these will be placed into our Book of Remembrance which will be placed on the altar at every Mass during November.

We have envelopes available also if you would like to have Mass offered for those you wish to remember during this time.

World Mission This Sunday 18th October

This Sunday October 18, 2020

When you contribute to the Catholic Mission appeal this weekend, you can be assured that you, your parish and others like it, will be remembered in prayer by those in places like Cambodia.

A Stewardship Moment

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us.

All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship.

God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.



(Accessed on October 6, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office on 3820 0100 and ask to be added to our emailing list to ensure you receive a copy of the newsletter each week.

You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website

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