



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 20 September 2020

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Visit us at www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au to find out more about our parish

Sunday Scripture

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm

144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16



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

Seek the Lord!

The justice and integrity of God flow throughout the whole of creation. God's generosity knows no bounds, and sometimes – as Jesus shows us in today's parable – it is too much for human minds to comprehend. Quite simply, God's ways are not our ways.



Isaiah, in the **First Reading**, calls us to turn back and seek out the Lord. The Lord is near to us, and full of mercy and forgiveness.

The response to the **Psalm** declares that the Lord is close to all who call him. Our Lord is kind, full of compassion, and his abounding love is for the whole of creation. Such wonderful greatness cannot be measured.

Paul declares that life itself is Christ, and his evident enthusiasm encourages us to fully embrace a life centred on Christ. (**Second Reading**)

In today's **Gospel** passage, Jesus uses a parable of workers in the vineyard to challenge and stretch our thinking about those who are called to live and work for the Kingdom of God. We are all equal in God's eyes, and there is no room for human ideas of hierarchy and self-importance. The first will be last and the last will be first.

As we come to pray together, with Christ at the centre of all that we are and do, how might we live out these radical Gospel values in a world that is in so much need of the kindness and compassion of God?

May we have the grace to listen to the cry of the prophet, and to seek the Lord with all our heart, mind and spirit. In this coming week, let us pray for each other with a generous love, recognising that we are all equal as we work together in the vineyard of the Lord.

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



The 6th grade children participated in Friday's Mass at St Luke's with their APRE Peta.

Their presence was delightful and much appreciated by Father Emmanuel and the parishioners.

They would like to come regularly to the mass and we are very happy to have them.

Dear children, you are always welcome and God bless you.

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

The parable of the vineyard owner and the workers doesn't always play out in the real world as cleanly as we might wish it to. It often bothers us.

Would it bother you if you worked at a car wash or a bakery all day, and another young person who showed up an hour before closing time received the same pay as you did? Why or why not?

Would it bother you if you worked for a week typing up a wonderful English essay, and received an A for your work, and then you found out that someone else who scribbled their essay on scrap paper during the lunch break and handed it in late also received an A? Why or why not?

If we work hard and do well, why are we jealous if someone else does well also – especially if we think that they have not worked as hard as we have?

This parable is not exactly about an effective workplace or school policy. It's really about the way God forgives. If we have a small sin, we are forgiven. If we have a really huge sin, we are forgiven just as much.

Does the 'equal forgiveness for the unequal sin' policy seem easier to take or harder to take than the 'equal pay for unequal work' or the 'equal grade for unequal work' policy? Explain.

Does this mean that we can go out and commit tremendous sins and do reckless things and hurt people we care about because, in the end, we will be forgiven just the same anyway? What is wrong with this plan? What would Jesus say about this?

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Reconciliation - Monday 21st September 2020

On Monday 21st September 2020, Fr. Emmanuel will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after the 5pm Mass.

Please phone parish office to register 07 3820 0100.

We will all look forward to this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament and be reconciled with our God and our neighbour.

Want to become a Catholic?

Perhaps you have been attending Mass with your partner/family for some time, although you have NOT received the Sacraments yourself? Do you feel that this is the right time to enquire about becoming a full member of our Parish Community (Sacramentally) IF so, we would like to offer you the opportunity to learn more, and prepare for that time? SO if you have not been Baptised, or if you have been baptised in another faith, please ring Margaret at the Parish Office for more information of how we can make this happen.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

A weekend experience for married couples, daytime, going home on the Saturday evening – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. **Paul and Lyn Joseph will be talking about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter on all masses for the weekend of 19th and 20th of September 2020.**

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalms
24:4-9

Second Reading
Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel
Matthew 21:28-32

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 : \$5,222.80 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



Supporting those in need through Centacare.
With your donation to the Annual Catholic Campaign you help continue the vital work Centacare does in our local communities. With your support, they provide ministries such as:
•Homelessness and housing support
•Hospital chaplaincy
•Domestic and family violence support
•Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care
•Murri ministry

catholiccampaign.com.au



The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914.

It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September; in 2020 it will be celebrated on 27 September. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee" to focus on the pastoral care of internally displaced people (IDPs).

A Stewardship Moment

"So the last will be first and the first last."
(Matthew 20:16)

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.



(Accessed on September 14, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

Please take a moment to pray for...

Andrew Cieslak, Glen Gray, Kevin Hardy, Lesley Hopkins, Mary Tucker, Samuel Tyler and Sonia Mendez 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

Jim Kelly, Meryl Rusk, Joycelyn Alford, Regina Millar, Patricia Kennedy, John Hogan 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 September.
Congratulations

Ladies Group News

Ladies Group is always looking for 8ply yarn for the beanies and rugs also, request for motel toiletries. Here is a photo of some of the tiny beanies that are sent from Ladies Group for pre term and sick babies, born in the Caboolture Hospital as well as to babies in PNG.



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

www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au

PARISH OFFICE

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

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9.00am to 3.00pm
Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm
Thursday CLOSED

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 4.30pm
Sunday 9.00am

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

WEEKDAY

Monday
5.00pm St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills

Tuesday
9.00am St Luke’s Capalaba

Wednesday
9.00am St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills

Friday
9.00am St Luke’s Capalaba

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

Wednesday
2.15pm St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills

Friday
9.00am St Luke’s Capalaba

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday
St Anthony’s Alexandra Hills
4.00pm - 4.30pm
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	21 September	5:00pm 5:30pm	Mass - St. Anthony's Reconciliation - St Anthony’s <i>Feast Saint Matthew</i>
TUESDAY	22 September	9:00am	Liturgy - St Luke’s
WEDNESDAY	23 September	9:00am	Liturgy - St. Anthony's <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
THURSDAY	24 September		Parish Office Closed
FRIDAY	25 September	9:00am	Liturgy - St Luke’s
SATURDAY	26 September	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass- St. Anthony’s Mass - St. Luke’s
SUNDAY	27 September	7:00am 9:00am	St. Luke’s Church St. Anthony’s Church

Monday 21 September

→ Saturday 10 October

Fr Emmanuel on Holidays



God is generous

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will be come first. What kind of people are the ‘last’ in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.

SELFISH

CARING

VAIN

GREEDY

KIND

GENEROUS

SHARING

CARELESS

JEALOUS





How many words can you make from the letters in the word “generous”?

GENEROUS

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Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest

Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator

Maria Mendez Villalta - Parish Secretary

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