



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 8 November 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday Scripture

32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm

62:2-8

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians
4:13-18

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13



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

Stay awake! Be ready!

As we draw near to the end of the liturgical year, the readings are concerned with the end of time when Christ Jesus will return again, and God's kingdom will reign. We are reminded to stay awake, to be ready to notice when and where God is present among us now.



The First Reading describes the beauty of Wisdom who seeks to comfort, strengthen and console those who look for her help in troubles and anxiety.

When God may seem distant, we cry out to the Lord with the Psalmist. We recall with praise the glory and strength that has helped us, and rejoice in the shelter of his loving presence.

The Second Reading tells us we can be quite sure that those who have died are risen with Jesus, so that we can be comforted by this hope, for them and for ourselves. At the end, we will all be with the Lord forever.

The Lord Jesus will come again but we must be patient, keeping the flame of our love and faith alive in our hearts. We may tire of waiting for him, but must be ready to wake up quickly to answer his call. We do not know the day or hour of his coming (Gospel).

This week I pray to stay awake, ready to notice the presence of the Lord. In keeping close to him, I may lead others to a sense of the hope and faith we have, both in joy and when our lives are difficult.

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Reflection for young people by: Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart And Greg Sunter

Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

God is the source of all wisdom. Wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Wisdom is what leads to success.

Think of a time in your life when you weren't very wise, and you found yourself in a 'no oil for the oil lamp' situation. What happened? How did you deal with the consequences?

Think of a time when you were wise – a time when you did think ahead and were prepared – and your preparation paid off because something unexpected popped up. What happened? How did you benefit?

Do you think that most of the young people you know tend to be on the wise side or on the foolish side? Why? Give some examples of how that affects your school, your church, your city or town, and the world.

How would Jesus describe success?

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The three gospel accounts from the final three weeks leading up to the season of Advent all come from Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew. They can be seen together as an extended treatise on living life in response to Jesus' message and preparing for the end of time. This week's gospel starts out as a Kingdom parable and becomes a bit more of a metaphor for living a Christian life.

The gospel parable relates to ten bridesmaids – five foolish and five wise – who are participating in a wedding ritual that involves meeting the bridegroom and escorting him the last part of his way to the wedding reception. The foolish bridesmaids have not brought sufficient reserves of oil for their lamps and have to leave at the critical time to try to obtain more. When they eventually arrive at the reception hall they are turned away because they have shamed themselves as well as the bride and groom by not fulfilling their duty.

Some of the original audience of Matthew's gospel, along with many of the early Christian followers, had an expectation that Jesus was going to return and usher in the end of the world in their lifetime. The message of this gospel is captured in Jesus' final words, 'So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.' The timing of Jesus' coming cannot be predicted and so all Christian believers, like the bridesmaids, need to continue to act with hope and expectation; being prepared for the fact that it may be further off than anticipated. Many early Christians were living their lives as though the world would end at any time. The gospel warns them, and us, to continue to follow the example of Jesus and not to become complacent – expecting that everything is about to come to an end.

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Name Badges for 2021

Father Emmanuel encourages the parishioners to have name badges in 2021 for the purpose of knowing each other and to have a better relationship.

The cost of the badge is \$10.00 each. There will be order forms at each church. The forms plus the payment must be given to the Marshall's or give it to the parish office by the 27th November 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>

Position Vacant – Safeguarding Officer

Applications are open for the above position in the Office for Safeguarding Services located at the St Stephen's Cathedral precinct. The position is a full-time 37.5 hour role.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

"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."

'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'



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 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm
127:1-5

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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 : \$2,490.75 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



Spend time with God every morning

Sign up to receive the Daily Gospel Reflection. These reflections are mailed to your inbox at 6am each day (Monday to Friday) and are just a three minute read that could be done over breakfast, intended to invite you into prayer. Written by Catholic lay people (men and women from the team at Evangelisation Brisbane), for Catholic lay people about the gospel of the day to help you start your day with God. Subscribe via the Evangelisation Brisbane website <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/> or simply scan the QR Code.



Gifts of Faith

A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. You can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners.

Find out more:

www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait

Book of Remembrance for 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.

A Stewardship Moment

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don't delay. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



(Accessed on November 2, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

Please take a moment to pray for...

Michelle Cashman, Ailsa Jensen, 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, to the loving embrace of God.

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

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 November.
Congratulations

Keep the wool coming...

Ladies group are in need of yarn for knitting items for the people in need.

Help would be appreciated.

Thanks again for all your support.

St Vincent de Paul

It is this time of the year again when SVDP is starting to collect food and cleaning items for the Christmas hampers.

Please no toys, but any food you can spare would be wonderful. Hams, toothpaste, toothbrushes, surface cleaners, washing powders, mixed veges, cake mixes, personal hygiene, tin-food, b'fast cereals, shampoos, toiletpaper. Any dry or tinned food. Please check the expiry date.

We will leave a basket in the back of the church for any items. Your donation will give somebody joy at Christmas. God bless

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

Parish Office Phone
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

Father Emmanuel away on Retreat: Sunday 8th November to Friday 13th November

MONDAY	9 November	5:00pm	Liturgy - St Anthony’s <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i>
TUESDAY	10 November	9:00am 11:30am	Liturgy - St Luke’s Rosary - St Luke’s <i>Saint Leo the Great</i>
WEDNESDAY	11 November	9:00am	Liturgy - St. Anthony’s <i>Saint Martin of Tours</i>
THURSDAY	12 November		Parish Office Closed <i>Saint Josaphat</i>
FRIDAY	13 November	9:00am	Liturgy - St Luke’s
SATURDAY	14 November	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass- St. Anthony’s Mass - St. Luke’s
SUNDAY	15 November	7:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Mass - St. Luke’s Church Mass Mass - St. Anthony’s Church Baptisms - St Luke’s

Be prepared!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

What words would you use to describe the wise girls and the foolish girls?

The wise girls

The foolish girls

Help Jesus tell the story of the girls with oil lamps. Add words and pictures to the story.

Ten girls went to a _____ and waited for the groom.

Five were foolish. They took their lamps but no extra ____.

Five were _____. They took extra oil for their lamps.

The _____ was late. The foolish girls asked for some oil, but the wise girls did not have enough to share.

While the _____ girls were buying more oil, the groom arrived. Everyone went inside and closed the doors.

The foolish girls returned. They shouted, “Open the _____!”, but they were not allowed inside.

The Catholic Leader

Read the Latest News ONLINE - Keeping faith with you

The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to parishioners for free during these uncertain times. Keep faith with the Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest

Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator

Maria Mendez Villalta - Parish Secretary

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