



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 1 November 2020

All Saints

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Sunday Scripture

All Saints

First Reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm

23:1-6

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12



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



A message from Fr Emmanuel

Think of the love that the Father has lavished upon us!

The Feast of All Saints celebrates the true life in Christ that we are all called to live.

The **First Reading** is a vision of the heavenly realm. It reminds us of the community of Saints who have gone before us, those inspirational people who embodied their love of Christ through their words and deeds.

The **Psalm** celebrates a vision of the world vibrant with the reality of God's presence in creation and his people. We are blessed when we are able to see the Lord throughout the whole of creation.

In the **Second Reading**, we are encouraged to think of the love that has been lavished on us by being called God's children. This is a truth that we need to pause and ponder on to let it truly transform how we see ourselves and each other.

Today's **Gospel** is the Beatitudes: a teaching that finds holiness both in the depths of human experience of loss, poverty and persecution, and in the expressions of compassion in response towards these sufferings. The lives of the Saints and of countless others have been transformed by their deep truth.

These teachings speak to the difficult realities of our times too. Many live in poverty, or are innocent victims of war; many mourn lives cut short by the Covid-19 virus; others are persecuted for their beliefs. Let us hold all of these members of our human family in our prayer this coming week and pray for each other, that we may awaken to our true selves as lavishly loved children of God.



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

Image: The statues of Jesus and Twelve Apostles in Domus Galilaeae on the Mount of Beatitudes near the Sea of Galilee, Israel. depositphotos.com

Welcome to the Family

We welcome James Dewar and Stevie-Ann Christensen who will be baptised this Sunday 1st November 2020 at St Anthony's Church. May they continue to grow in God's own image and likeness.

All Soul's Mass

Family, Friends and Parishioners of our Beloved Deceased you are invited to attend The All Souls' Mass on Monday 2nd November at St Anthony's Church at 5:00pm to be followed by prayer at the Memorial Wall.

Reflection for young people - by Greg Sunter

Saints are sometimes regarded as 'Catholic superheroes'. Stories of miraculous and remarkable deeds abound, though more in the vein of conversions and cures than speeding bullets and tall buildings. But to get caught up on the Saints of the stained glass windows is to overlook the vast majority of saints. You see, a saint is anybody whose soul is in heaven. The Church celebrates a certain number of Saints whose lives provide a glimpse of God for the rest of the Church. But there are many, many more saints whose glimpse of God was only ever experienced by their family, friends and those with whom they worked. The feast of ALL Saints is an opportunity to remember and reflect on the lives of those saints who've been known and loved by just a few and whose sphere of influence was such that they will never be recognised as Saints by the universal Church.

Today's gospel, the Beatitudes, from the Sermon on the Mount describes perfectly those 'lower case s' saints we celebrate in this feast day. The Beatitudes are sometimes referred to in parallel with the Ten Commandments. However, the Beatitudes are not 'rules' or 'instructions' for life as the Commandments are. They are more in line with a strategy that today we would call 'positive reinforcement'. They celebrate those who respond to God's call through particular attitudes towards life and towards others. Jesus presents them to the disciples and the crowd as images to inspire imitation. They're not hard and fast rules for life, but attitudes for life; the Be-Attitudes, so to speak. Those who live with these attitudes in this life are to be celebrated – 'Happy are you' – for they will be saints. They will be welcomed into communion with God in heaven.

Scriptural context – Kingdom Attitudes

Unlike the Ten Commandments, which describe the rules for life on earth for the ancient Jews, the Beatitudes describe the character or attitudes of people of the Kingdom of God. Like the many Kingdom parables that appear later in this gospel (esp. chapter 13), the Beatitudes present an image of what the Kingdom is like without an explicit explanation of the Kingdom. By praising and honouring the attitudes of the Kingdom, Jesus paints a picture of what life could be and should be like if we choose to live in the Kingdom of God.

Living the gospel – Calling on the Saints

Saints play an important role in the devotional life of many Catholic people, but it is a role that causes some confusion for other traditions. Whilst all prayer is directed to God, sometimes that prayer may be directed through one of the Saints or a Saint is called upon to pray on behalf of the petitioner. Images of people kneeling before statues of Saints has led to a misconception that Catholics pray to Saints, rather than to God through the Saint. The Litany of the Saints, with its 'Pray for us' response, calls on the Saints to intercede for us.

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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 to be filled in and payment will be required by the 27th November 2020 at the parish office.

Latest Encyclical of Pope Francis

Fratelli tutti (All Brothers) is the third [encyclical](#) of [Pope Francis](#), subtitled of "on [fraternity](#) and social friendship". In the document, Francis states that the [COVID-19](#) pandemic has proven the failure of the world to work together during the crisis.

The encyclical calls for more human fraternity and solidarity, and is a [plea](#) to reject wars.

The document was signed on 3 October 2020, on the occasion of Pope Francis's visit to the tomb of his namesake, [Saint Francis of Assisi](#), and was published the following day, the saint's [feast 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 Thirty-Second 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

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 : \$1,378.60 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



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, to the loving embrace of God.

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

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.

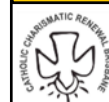
St Vincent de Paul

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

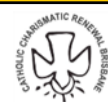
Newsletter available via Email!

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

The 'Spirit of Hope' Prayer Meeting



Fostering a personal conversion and rela-



tionship with Jesus Christ through the release of the Holy Spirit

On 1st Wednesday of Each Month

St Stephen's Chapel

(In the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane)

Wednesday 4th November 2020

10.45am – 12.15pm

(after 10am Mass in Cathedral)

You will need to ring the Cathedral to book for Mass

Join us for Praise and Worship in the CBD
Personal Prayer Ministry available to book
Please ring Maureen or email
maureenallison43@gmail.com
EVERYONE WELCOME!
Contact: Maureen 0403002199
or Helena 0405321901



The Spirit of Hope

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

"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." - Matthew 5:11

We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others.

When this happens, how do you respond?

Do you become silent?

Do you react in anger or do you react with love?

Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favourite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.



(Accessed on October 26, 2020 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

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

Email Address:
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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	2 November	5:00pm	All Souls Mass - St Anthony’s <i>All Souls’ Day</i>
TUESDAY	3 November	9:00am 7:00pm 7:30pm	Mass - St Luke’s Liturgy Team Meeting St Vincent de Paul Meeting
WEDNESDAY	4 November	9:00am	Mass - St. Anthony's <i>Saint Charles Borromeo</i>
THURSDAY	5 November		Parish Office Closed
FRIDAY	6 November	9:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	Mass - St Luke’s Rosary - St Luke’s Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SATURDAY	7 November	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass - St. Anthony’s Mass - St. Luke’s
SUNDAY	8 November	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St. Luke’s Church Mass - St. Anthony’s Church

Be happy and you will have a great reward in heaven

All Saints Day

Complete the Text Maze

“Blessed are the humble, the earth will belong to them.”

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How can you be like a saint?
Finish these sentences

I am like a saint when I...

I am like a saint when I...

I am like a saint when I...



Blessed are those who grieve...

Blessed are the merciful...

Blessed are those who make peace...

Blessed are those with pure hearts...

...they will be treated with mercy.

...they will be called God’s children.

...they will see God.

...they will find comfort.

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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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