



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 29 November 2020

1st Sunday of Advent in Ordinary Time Year B

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

Sunday Scripture

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 63:16-17;
64:1, 3-8

Psalm

79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37



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

'Well done, good and faithful servant!'

As we begin another liturgical year, we focus on the coming of Christ. We wait for his coming in our own lives; we wait for his coming at Christmas; and we await his second coming.



In the **First Reading**, the exiles, freshly returned from Babylon, plead with God to return to them to help them rebuild their land. They are weary with

waiting for him. The psalmist too pleads with God, 'the shepherd of Israel', to come once again to help, protect and show his power.

In the opening words of his letter to the Corinthians, Paul thanks God for all the graces they have received. He is confident that God will keep them faithful while they wait for the Lord Jesus Christ to be fully revealed (**Second Reading**).

In the **Gospel**, Jesus clearly warns his disciples to stay awake, to be on their guard, to be like the doorkeeper . . . ever alert, because he does not know when his master will return.

Let us enter this new season with confidence, knowing that the Lord will give us, and our world, the graces we need, because 'God is faithful'.

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

Christmas Eve Masses - Children's Dramatization

Christmas Eve Masses at 4.30pm at St Anthony's School Hall & 6pm Mass at St Luke's School Hall will both have the children doing a dramatization of the Gospel (The Nativity of the Lord).

We welcome all children to participate BUT be aware that we will need to have a practice before the night.

If your child would like to be involved, or you as a parent, can assist us, please phone the Parish Office on 3820 0100 ASAP.



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

It is hard to be the clay and to let God be the potter. That's like praying, 'Whatever you ask of me, God, I'm willing to do it. I'm all yours. Point the way, and I'm walking it.'

It is easier to be the potter and want God to be the clay. That's like praying, 'God, please do this and do that; please give me this and give me that.'

When did you pray as if you were the potter? What happened? How did you feel?

Did you ever pray as if you were the clay? If so, what happened? How did you feel? If not, why not? What might happen? And how could you feel?

What is the hardest challenge God might ask you to accept? What is so hard about it?

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Reflection for young people by: Greg Sunter

The image of the doorkeeper from this week's gospel is an interesting one. It is not unusual to hear references to people being 'gatekeepers' today in relation to projects or groups working together. The role of the gatekeeper, or the doorkeeper, is to maintain a watching brief – to be alert to dangers or distractions and to ensure that everyone who is important to the process is invited to participate. Today's gospel reminds us that as believers we are to be the doorkeepers, or gatekeepers, of the Kingdom, watching for dangers and welcoming in all those who wish to enter.

Questions for Adolescents:

Q. In what ways does our society need a call to 'Stay awake'?

Q. How is it possible to challenge attitudes of complacency in society?

Q. How can you demonstrate that faith is an important aspect of life?

Q. How do you nurture your spirituality and faith?

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Christmas Mass Bookings

Christmas Mass Eve Bookings are now open - links are below:

4:30pm - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-anthony-christmas-eve-mass-430pm-tickets-128452437699>

8:30pm - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-anthony-christmas-eve-mass-830pm-tickets-128581094515>

6:00pm - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-lukes-christmas-eve-mass-600pm-tickets-128694872829>

Christmas Mass Day Bookings are now open - links are below:

9:00am - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-anthony-christmas-day-mass-900am-tickets-128583628093>

7:00am - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-lukes-christmas-day-mass-700am-tickets-128695956069>

Weekend Mass Bookings

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>

Name Badges for 2021

Reminder: Name badges are still available for purchase for \$10.00 each payment will be required by the 11th December 2020. Please fill in the order form along with payment and give it to the Marshalls at Mass.

"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 Second Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm
84:9-14

Second Reading
2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel
Mark 1:1-8

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 : \$2,468.95 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



The Ladies Group and Care and Concern group invite you to...

A **DEVONSHIRE TEA** this Wednesday 2nd December in the parish hall at St Anthony's beginning at 9.30am.

The focus of the morning is on

FRIENDSHIP

Bring some cash for raffle tickets and Christmas Gift Stall.

RSVP is essential. Please phone or message Trish 0438 863 296 or Jackie 3824 2023

Advent 2020 with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy

Join me and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected! Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent. Starting November 29th you'll receive daily emails with short inspirational videos from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent>

Email: info@brucedownes.org

A Stewardship Moment

First Sunday of Advent Thankful Stewards

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in ad-vance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God through your Stewardship for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



(Accessed on November 24, 2020 from Camden Diocese—
<https://www.camdendiocese.org/stewardship/stewardship-bulletin-reflections/>)

Please take a moment to pray for...

Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Michelle Cashman, Ailsa Jensen, Dinkha Gabriel, 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.

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 December.
Congratulations

St Vincent de Paul

We are thrilled with the response to the Christmas appeal.

Please keep it up.

Just a reminder: We need people to deliver and sort the food.

The dates to keep in mind are: Friday 18/12 at 7.00pm at the hall at St Anthony's to sort food. Saturday 19/12 at 7.30am at the hall at St Anthony's to deliver the hampers.

The more people we have to deliver the quicker it all will be done. 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

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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	30 November	5:00pm	Mass - St Anthony <i>Saint Andrew</i>
TUESDAY	1 December	9:00am 11:30am	Mass - St Luke’s Rosary - St Luke’s
WEDNESDAY	2 December	9:00am 7:00pm	NO MASS Music Ministry Meeting
THURSDAY	3 December		Parish Office Closed <i>Saint Francis Xavier</i>
FRIDAY	4 December	9:00am	NO MASS
SATURDAY	5 December	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass- St. Anthony’s Mass - St. Luke’s
SUNDAY	6 December	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St. Luke’s Church Mass Mass - St. Anthony’s Church

Watch out and be ready!

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Let’s Get Ready

Complete these sentences

I get ready for church by

I get ready for school by

I get ready for bed by

I get ready for Christmas during Advent by

During Advent one way we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus is by helping others. Draw yourself helping another person.

Christmas

Jesus

prepare

season

is the

when

we

for the

of

at

arrival

Advent

Rearrange the following words to complete the sentence below

Mk 13:33-37

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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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