



# St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 6 December 2020

## 2nd Sunday of Advent in Ordinary Time Year B

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### Sunday Scripture

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



### 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

## Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord

The call to repentance lies at the heart of the Advent season. Like the people in today's readings, we, too, are called to a change of heart, as we long for a better world where injustice will cease.



Today's **First Reading** is full of hope and consolation for a nation weary of suffering. God is seen by the prophet Isaiah both as a warrior who fights for his people, and as a shepherd who nourishes and guides them to rest.

The **Psalm** reveals God's inner ways and intentions; he is a God of peace, mercy, faithfulness and justice, who longs to help us. One of the themes of Advent is that of looking forward to the second coming of Jesus. St Peter advises us to wait patiently. We are to live in a way worthy of our Christian calling; living lives that please God as we allow his peace to fill us. (**Second Reading**)

The **Gospel** underlines how radical John the Baptist was in his calling, just like the Old Testament prophets. His focus was on the need to repent, for people to change their world view and live accordingly. In this way, they will be more open to the teachings of Jesus, so that 'the glory of the Lord shall be revealed' (Isaiah 40: 5).

This week, we might ask for the grace of trust, and to receive the deep love of God into our hearts. God is offering us new life in Christ, empowering us to be his instruments for change in a world torn apart by self-serving actions and fear. Perhaps we can make this our prayer: 'Lord, make us channels of your peace and justice. Amen.'

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

### Welcome to the Family

We welcome and congratulate

**Tadhg Nathan Nolan and Jamison Asher Wild**

who are being Baptised this Sunday 6th December 2020.  
May they continue to grow in God's own image and likeness.



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

Waiting for Christmas is hard. It is hard to wait for anything. But it is especially frustrating to wait for something when you don't know how long it will take or what is holding it up – for example, driving along on a busy highway and coming upon a traffic jam that cannot be explained. As far as you can see there is no accident, no construction, no reason for all four lanes to be at a standstill. But if you have been in such a situation long enough, you might have seen what sometimes happens. Sooner or later people start trickling out of their cars to talk to one another. They start getting acquainted and cracking jokes. Suddenly the waiting doesn't seem like such torture. Why? Because people begin to comfort one another.

How does attitude affect waiting and even pain? How does comfort affect attitude?

When have you been comforted by a friend or a family member? What words helped? What actions helped? What did he or she try to do for you? Have you ever been able to be of comfort to another? What have you done or said? What happened?

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## Christmas Eve Masses - Children's Dramatization

If you are intending taking part in our Dramatization of the Gospel, please let your parents know that you need to attend 2 practices ONLY.



### For St Anthony's:

Sunday 13th December – at the school hall at 10am. Hopefully only 1 hour.

Sunday 20th December: 10am

### For St Luke's:

Saturday 12th December at 4.30pm at the Emmaus Hall – 1 hour only

Saturday 19th December at 4.30pm – same venue and only 1 hour

## Christmas Mass Bookings: CLOSE on Sunday 13th December 2020

**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>**

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

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

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

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

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

## 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 - CLOSE on Friday 11th December 2020

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 New-comers Welcome Night.

## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday Third Sunday of Advent Year B

**First Reading**  
Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

**Psalm**  
Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

**Second Reading**  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel**  
John 1:6-8, 19-28



## 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 : \$3,347.05 (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...

*Alfredda Rossouw, Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Michelle Cashman, Ailsa Jensen, 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, Dinkha Gabriel 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](http://www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au)

## Ladies Group



Shoppers pick up an early bargain and some free gardening advice at the Devonshire Tea last Wednesday.

The stall will operate after Mass this weekend and next weekend. Cash only please.

## Songs of Advent Joy

**Each Thursday in December  
(December 3, 10 and 17)  
commencing at 7:30pm**

Following the success of 'Songs of Easter Hope' series earlier this year, the Cathedral of St Stephen will again be filled with sound to celebrate the Season of Advent.

Entry is by donation 'notes for notes' (with all money raised supporting the Cathedral Music program). Registration for the three evenings is via the Cathedral website: [https://](https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/christmas.html)

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*Songs of Advent Joy* will be live-streamed for those who are unable to attend in person. via [https://](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/)  
[brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/](https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/)

## A Stewardship Moment

**"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3**

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a **Stewardship** lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.



(Accessed on December 4, 2020 from Camden Diocese—  
<https://www.camdendiocese.org/stewardship/stewardship-bulletin-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

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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	7 December	5:00pm	Mass followed by Advent Meditation - St Anthony’s Church <i>Saint Ambrose</i>
TUESDAY	8 December	9:00am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass followed by Advent Meditation - St Luke’s Church
WEDNESDAY	9 December	9:00am 7:00pm	Mass followed by Advent Meditation - St Anthony’s Church Mission Statement Committee
THURSDAY	10 December		<b>Parish Office Closed</b>
FRIDAY	11 December	9:00am	Mass followed by Advent Meditation - St Luke’s Church
SATURDAY	12 December	4:30pm 6:00pm	<b>Mass- St. Anthony’s Church</b> <b>Mass - St. Luke’s Church</b>
SUNDAY	13 December	7:00am 9:00am	<b>Mass - St. Luke’s Church</b> <b>Mass - St. Anthony’s Church</b>

Sunday 13th December: Bookings for Christmas Masses CLOSE

Make a straight path for the Lord

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The prophet Isaiah wrote:

“I am \_\_\_\_\_ my  
\_\_\_\_\_ ahead of you,  
who will \_\_\_\_\_ your way;  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of one \_\_\_\_\_ out  
in the \_\_\_\_\_:  
‘Prepare the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_,  
make his paths \_\_\_\_\_.’”

crying  
straight  
way  
voice  
sending  
prepare  
wilderness  
messenger  
Lord

What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this second week of Advent?

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus by telling people to turn back to God and baptising them. He wore clothes made from camel’s hair and wore a leather strap around his waist. For food he ate grasshoppers and wild honey. Draw a picture of John baptising someone in the Jordan River.

Mk 1:1-8

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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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