



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 13 December 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent in Ordinary Time Year B

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

Sunday Scripture

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



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

Rejoice! The Lord is near!

As we draw near to Christmas, the readings for this '*Gaudete*' Sunday are full of rejoicing. We light a pink Advent candle to focus our attention on that spirit of joy. Perhaps this year, more than any other, our hearts are longing for news of joy and happiness. Though it may not be possible for us to worship today with those we long to gather with, Christ shares in our longing, standing among us and within us wherever we come to pray.



At this time we are like the people of whom the prophet Isaiah speaks in the **First Reading**; a people who long for the One who will bring good news and proclaim liberty to captives.

In the **Responsorial Psalm** we pray the words that Mary proclaimed as she rejoiced when visiting her cousin Elizabeth. Her joyful prayer of thanks celebrates God's saving promise to us all.

In the **Second Reading** we are encouraged to pray at all times with a spirit of gratitude, never dampening the flow of the Spirit in our lives.

The **Gospel** introduces John the Baptist as a messenger for the light. Hidden within a challenging dialogue with the priests and Levites, John reveals a deep truth: Christ stands among us and is truly Emmanuel – God with us – even when we are ignorant to his presence.

Let us remember each other, and the needs of the world in our prayer this week. We remember also that we belong to a loving community of prayer that longs for and trusts in the light of Christ, even in the midst of the dark winter nights and difficult times in which we live.

So may our hearts and lives proclaim with every fibre of our being ...

'Rejoice! The Lord is near!'

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

Peter's Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. The collection is usually taken at the Masses the weekend after the Feast of the Sts Peter and Paul. Due to disruption from COVID-19, the Peter's Pence Collection will be taken this weekend at all Masses.

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

You have probably heard of political prisoners being captured and released. In your local newspapers, you have probably seen pictures of men and women getting married. You have probably seen gardens all over your town. This sounds like the year of favour that Isaiah was talking about.

Do you think it is? Why or why not?

Are there plenty of things to be thankful for and to rejoice about? Name some.

When Jesus came, he fulfilled these Scriptures of Isaiah. Jesus comes for us again and again every year at Christmas time. During Advent we do our best to prepare for Jesus in our hearts – to get ourselves ready to help Jesus make this year a year of favour.

How can you help make this a year of favour in your school? in your neighbourhood? in your family?

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Christmas Eve Masses - Children's Dramatization

Children's Christmas Eve Dramatization begins this weekend as follows:



For St Anthony's:

Sunday 13th December at the School Hall at 10am.

Sunday 20th December at 10am

For St Luke's:

Saturday 12th December at 4.30pm at the School Hall

Saturday 19th December at 4.30pm

Christmas Mass Bookings: CLOSE this 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>

Position Vacant - Pastoral Ministry Coordinator

Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish is currently inviting applications for the part-time position of Pastoral Ministry Coordinator (15 hours per week).

For more information about the position or for a copy of the Position Description please visit the following link <https://catholic.sharefile.com/d-s37cd88b120264f0c96025b867b7d56b6> or by contacting James Herd, HR Coordinator on herdj@bne.catholic.net.au

To apply for this position, please submit your cover letter and resume via the link <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/81749/archdiocese-of-brisbane/226061/pastoral-ministry-coordinator>. Applications should include the name of two (2) referees one of which preferably should be a Parish Priest.

Applications close Friday 18 December 2020.

"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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Psalm

88:2-5, 27, 29

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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 : \$1,958.90 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



Ladies Group

MULTI-DRAW RAFFLE

PLANT AND GIFT SALE after Masses this weekend. Pick up a bargain and help raise money to restore the statue of St Anthony.

Cash only please.



Please take a moment to pray for...

David Haley, 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, John Britnell, 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

Palms Australia

Palms Australia places Australians with communities that request their particular expertise to help develop the skills of local people. Palms will enter its 60th year with an **Oriental Course in January 2021**. A fresh group of skilled and committed applicants will be thoroughly prepared for this cross-cultural mission in remote parishes, schools and communities as soon as international travel resumes. If you are interested in learning more please visit www.palms.org.au.

A Stewardship Moment

"Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"
— 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up **Stewardship**. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



(Accessed on December 8, 2020 from Camden Diocese—
<https://www.camdendiocese.org/stewardship/stewardship-bulletin-reflections/>)

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	14 December	5:00pm 7:00pm	Mass - St Anthony's Church Rite of Reconciliation - St Anthony's Church <i>Saint John of The Cross</i>
TUESDAY	15 December	9:00am	Mass followed - St Luke's Church
WEDNESDAY	16 December	9:00am 10:30am 7:00pm	Liturgy of the Word - St Anthony's Church Mass at Nursing Home Rite of Reconciliation - St Luke's Church
THURSDAY	17 December		Parish Office Closed
FRIDAY	18 December	9:00am	Mass - St Luke's Church
SATURDAY	19 December	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass- St. Anthony's Church Mass - St. Luke's Church
SUNDAY	20 December	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St. Luke's Church Mass - St. Anthony's Church

Prepare for the Lord Jesus

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B

Who is John the Baptist?

Indicate whether each answer is either true or false

The cousin of Jesus

☐ True
☐ False

A pharisee

☐ True
☐ False

Elijah

☐ True
☐ False

The son of Elizabeth

☐ True
☐ False

A preacher

☐ True
☐ False

The Messiah

☐ True
☐ False

Decipher the message that John the Baptist gave to the priests and temple helpers

The third Sunday in Advent is called **Gaudete Sunday**; the Sunday of Joy! How can we share our joy for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas?

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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