



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 20 December 2020

4th Sunday of Advent in Ordinary Time Year B

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Sunday Scripture

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



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

'I am the handmaid of the Lord'

As we look forward to Christmas, quickly approaching, today's readings speak of God's plans: for the House of David ... for Mary ... and for us.

In the **First Reading**, David resolves to build a house for God, but God, who has journeyed with his people through all their ups and downs, has different plans. Speaking through the prophet Nathan, God promises to build a house for the people of Israel, establishing David as head of the dynasty and providing security to his people for generations to come. Jesus himself will eventually spring from this House of David, which will continue to the end of time.



We hear Jesus's name spoken at the beginning of the **Gospel**, where Luke describes how the angel comes to Mary with good news. Gabriel tells of God's plan: through Mary, a virgin, the son of God will be born; a successor to the House of David, whose reign will never end. Mary shows her faith and trust in God by responding with an unconditional yes.

The Psalmist begins by expressing his joy in God's everlasting love and support, then speaks of God's faithful and enduring love. He echoes the promise God makes to David (**First Reading**).

St Paul gives praise to God, whose plan, hidden for so long, has now been revealed in Jesus. Through Jesus's birth, death and resurrection, we are offered salvation. Paul urges us to share this news with as many as possible. (**Second Reading**)

Perhaps I can pray this week, especially in these unusual times, to be always aware of God's faithful presence and love. I ask for the graces of humility, trust, and openness to God that we see Mary herself express.

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

Bookings for Masses Update

As the restrictions are easing, Fr Emmanuel has decided to have no more Eventbrite bookings for Mass after Christmas Day Masses. The new procedure will be as follows:

- Sign on sheets will be at the front door of each Church at all Masses where you will be asked to provide your name, phone number and address for all attending, including children.
- Once the church capacity has been reached, there will be no further admittance as COVID-19 restrictions prevent over capacity.

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

Lots of paintings, movies and TV specials have shown Gabriel visiting Mary. Usually, it is dramatic and fascinating.

How do you think the visitation really happened? Do you think Gabriel flew through the window or just appeared out of thin air? Do you think Gabriel was really there or is the angel just a literary symbol? How else could Mary have received her message? What do you suppose Mary was thinking? Angels are popular decorations, and they appear as characters in TV programs, movies and stories. Their appeal has increased in recent years.

Why do you think people are so interested in angels? Do you believe in angels? Do you believe you have your own guardian angel? If not, why not? If so, what do you think your guardian angel does?

What do you think the purpose of angels is? What can angels do that people cannot? Do you think you can communicate with angels? Why or why not?

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Parish Motto Vision and Mission Statement

In 2013, the separate entities of St Anthony's and St Luke's formally amalgamated to create what we now know as St Anthony and St Luke's Catholic Parish, Alexandra Hills and Capalaba.

While the two former independent parishes had their own mottos and Mission Statements, these now no longer reflect our current parish. As such, Fr Emmanuel has coordinated a project team to discern a new motto, vision and mission statement for St Anthony and St Luke's Catholic Parish.

The project team would like to gather input from as many people within the parish as possible. To that end, you are invited to contribute by spending some time in prayer and reflecting before completing and submitting your feedback either electronically using the following link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9yCGN0qqrECQKi75E9jtaR9xfEdgLi9Gpq5czcFfgQtUNVRUR1BHQUIQODIQVUg2WERIOUFS)

[id=9yCGN0qqrECQKi75E9jtaR9xfEdgLi9Gpq5czcFfgQtUNVRUR1BHQUIQODIQVUg2WERIOUFS](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9yCGN0qqrECQKi75E9jtaR9xfEdgLi9Gpq5czcFfgQtUNVRUR1BHQUIQODIQVUg2WERIOUFS) [TTBBS4u](#) or by collecting a hard copy of this form at weekend Masses (or from the Parish Office).

These submissions will be de-identified and you can submit as many times as you would like. For further information about this process, please feel free to contact Nick Tyler (ntyler@bne.catholic.edu.au or 0422 961 927).

Christmas Masses - COME EARLY for all Masses!!

We are expecting hundreds of people over the 2 days, and you will be required to Sanitise and Check-in before being shown to your seat. This will require extra time; so please allow plenty of time for the process. Thank you

Quinn Medal

Quinn Medal was presented to Doug Miller from the **Australian Catholic Campaign** for his many years of selfless service.



Volunteers Needed

Children's Liturgy:

We are in need of volunteers to lead the Children's Liturgy from January next year for the Sunday's Masses.

Padua Place Committee:

We are in need of volunteers to join the Padua Place Committee from January next year.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact the parish office on 3820 0100.

"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

The Holy Family of Advent Year B

First Reading
Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Psalm
104:1-6, 8-9

Second Reading
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel
Luke 2:22-40

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 : \$2,505.15 (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...

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, Sr. Mauritia, John Britnell, Dinkha Gabriel to the loving embrace of God.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Neeleen Rafter.

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

Vinnies would like to thank everybody for their generosity. We were able to help 34 families. We were able to put all the trimmings in for a lovely Christmas meal.

Thank you also for all the helpers on Friday night for packing the hampers and Saturday morning for delivering the hampers.

Once again the spirit of our church is well and alive.

Wishing you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas with lots of love and laughter. 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

Aid to the Church in Need A C N Australia

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Thank you to all the individuals, families and parishes who helped us support suffering and persecuted Catholic communities, particularly in this year of the coronavirus pandemic.

We pray that the joy and peace of the Christmas season will refresh all our hearts and prepare us to live our faith into the New Year.

www.aidtochurch.org.

Palms Australia Orientation Course January 2021

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 **Orientation 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

4th Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal **Steward**. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



(Accessed on December 15, 2020 from Camden Diocese—
<https://www.camdendiocese.org/stewardship/stewardship-bulletin-reflections/>)

