

## St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

#### Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Newsletter 5 September 2021

**Mission Statement** 

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, St Anthony and St Luke's Catholic Parish is a diverse community, called to be an inclusive Eucharistic People who will live out our Baptismal call as disciples of Jesus Christ."

# Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

#### **First Reading**

Isaiah 35:4-7

#### **Psalm**

145:7-10

#### **Second Reading**

James 2:1-5

#### Gospel

Mark 7:31-37



#### **Parish Office**

Behind St Anthony's Church St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills

#### **Office Hours**

#### Saturday, Sunday & Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday and Friday - 9am to 2pm Wednesday and Thursday -9am to 4pm

Parish Office Phone: 3820 0100 Website:

https://stanthonyandstluke.org.au/ Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/St-Anthonys-and-St-Lukes-Parish-233709987932443/

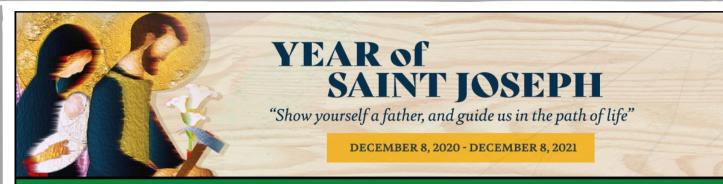
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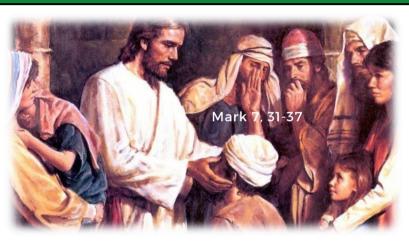
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#### **Scripture Reflection - by Fr Michael Tate**

# 'Ephphatha'

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't



be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical. Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing. It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

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### **Redlands Deanery Youth Group**



Last Friday, we had a great night at Guardian Angels Parish, Wynnum.

20 youth enjoyed the input from Felicity Jones and Fr Thomas McFadden OFM Cap, as well as the pizza and games.

Instead of a usual deanery youth night at the end of September, youth are invited to attend

the Ignite Youth Conference from 22-25 September.

More information at igniteconference.com.au

#### **2nd Rite of Reconciliation**

#### Reconciliation



(officially called the Sacrament of Penance, and also known as Confession) is a Sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in his love and mercy to offer us forgiveness for the times we have sinned and turned away from God.

At the same time, we are reconciled with the Church

because it is also wounded by our sins.

Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God.

In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and the Church.

We express our sorrow in a meaningful way, receive the forgiveness of Christ and his Church, make reparation for what we have done, and resolve to do better in the future.

Wednesday 8th of September 2021 7:00pm @ St Luke's Church Wednesday 24th of November 2021 7:00pm at St Anthony's Church

#### **Date Claimer - Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25th September commencing at 11.30am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from Monday 13 September and can be made via the following link:

https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au

or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.

#### Safeguarding Sunday September 12, 2021

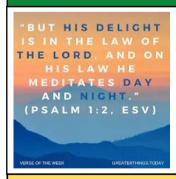


The Parish of *St Anthony and St Luke's* and the Diocese of *Redlands* are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community.

May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

#### **Scripture Meditation**



Take a moment out of your week to stop and listen to God's voice.

Olive Bool will be offering guided meditation based on the principles of Christian Meditation, on Tuesday's, 1-2pm at St Luke's church.

Dave Nightingale currently holds a Biblical reflection and discussion group on Friday mornings, 11am at the parish office meeting room (St Anthony's).



"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."





# 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

Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year B

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

**Psalm** 114:1-6, 8-9

Second Reading
James 2:14-18

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

#### **Weekly Offerings**

#### Dear Parishioners, thank you for supporting the 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 from last week/weekend are: \$3,125.05

(Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards) God bless you and thank you for your generosity

Best wishes and prayers To all the members of our Parish Community who are celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in the Month of September. Congratulations!!!

#### Catholic Leadership Intensive

Equipping today's leaders for tomorrow's Church

#### **EQUIPPING TODAY'S LEADERS FOR TOMORROW'S CHURCH**

In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers: think Brené Brown, Simon Sinek and Stephen Covey meet Jesus, St Peter and St Paul.

Missed out in 2021? Register your interest for the 2022 Catholic Leadership Intensive here

# FAN THE FLAME

#### **Towards Plenary Assembly One** October 2021

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.' Mark 7:31-37

The Church hears the cries of the poor and the groans of the earth. It seeks to stand in solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, and to exercise good stewardship of the fragile ecosystems that support life on earth.

(Australian Catholic Social Justice Council, "A New Earth: The Environmental Challenge. Social Justice Statement 2002", accessed 23 April 2021, https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2019/11/Social-Justice-Statement-2002.pdf,

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

# **Piety Store**

**Parish Event** 

You are invited to a

Reflection Morning

'Taking Time for our Relationship

with God'

in the church at St Anthony's on

Wednesday 15th September

• 9.30am Morning tea will be

• 10.15am Presentation by

Feel free to attend any or all of

the sessions. For catering purpos-

es, please RSVP to Trish Purcell

0438 863 296.

• 9.00am Liturgy

served - BYO cup

Dave Nightingale.

Both of our churches have a small piety store located near the front door of the church. Each store sells a range of items including rosary beads, medals, cards, gift items for Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion as well as The Catholic Leader and many more. The store is open before and after our weekend Masses.

#### A Stewardship Moment

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time "Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" **JAMES 2:5** 

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



(Accessed on September 3, 2021 from https:// www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletininserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

### Please pray for...



Denis Bowman, Joe Andrews, Christine Hahes, Chris Dennis, Gerry Stack, Nicholas Culpeper, Kerry Sharing Love of God Ann See, Mary Ford, Max Veal, Kerry Balcombe,

Jane Martin, Anthony [Tony] Conner, Fr Ray Sanchez, Des Stapleton, Margaret Hobbs, David Haley, Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Ailsa Jensen, Niamh Hughes, Sharon MacKenzie, Luis Mendez, Sonia Mendez 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 until notified to remove them.

To request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions please contact the Parish Office.

#### **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 Details Alexandra Hills

St Anthony's Catholic Church
St Anthony Drive,
Alexandra Hills Q 4161

#### Capalaba

St Luke's Catholic Church 45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157



#### 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 NO MASS
Tuesday 9:00am St Luke's
Wednesday 9:00am St Anthony's
Thursday 4:30pm Rosary followed

by Mass St Anthony's 9:00am St Luke's

WEEKDAY - School Masses (Refer to Weekly Newsletter)

#### Reconciliation

#### Saturday

Friday

St Anthony's Alexandra Hills 4:00pm - 4:30pm **Or by appointment** 

#### **Anointing Mass**

Fourth Thursday of every 2nd month St Anthony's Church. At 5:00pm

#### **Adoration**

First Wednesday of the month

St Anthony's Church at 7:45am

#### **Education**

Alexandra Hills - St Anthony Drive

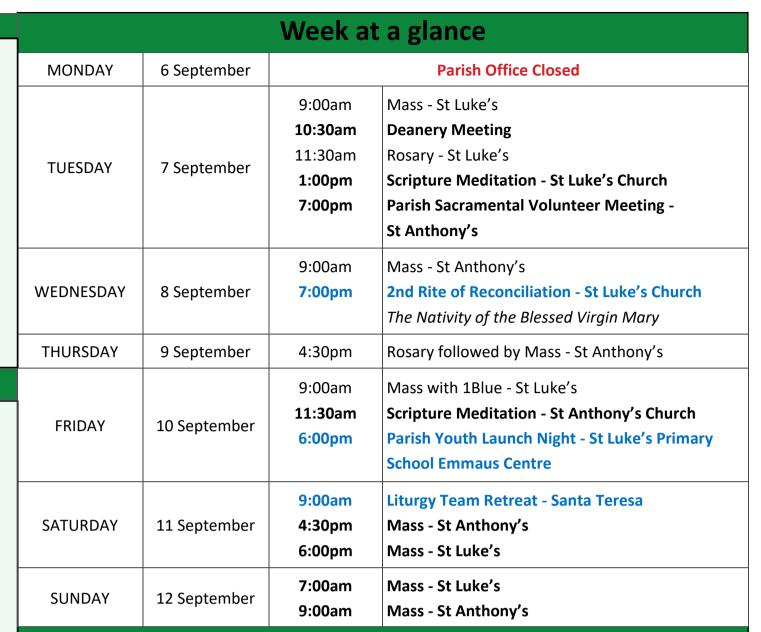
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School 3820 1200

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



#### **Parish Sacramental Volunteer Positions Vacant**









Children learn best by watching and seeing, and then copying what they see. What do we as a community want them to see and learn? Our Mission statement gives us pause for thought and assists us in answering that question.

The children in our Parish/School community will walk a journey that is based on our Catholic Christian practice with community support and involvement. We will be relying on our gathered community to welcome and support the children and the mums and dads as they begin or continue the Parish Sacramental Journey.

In order for us to do this as well and effectively as possible, it would be beneficial if a team of volunteers could assist the Pastoral Associate, Trish Stapleton, at events prepared for the children of our Parish.

Your assistance would include: helping to set up chairs, marshalling and registration at the door prior to events starting, assisting in handing out resources, if needed, and assisting with closing up after the session.

We could work on roster or tag teams depending on how many can volunteer for this important ministry. Could you please come to a meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00-8.00 pm in St Anthony's Church or contact Trish Stapleton: pa.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

# Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners



The Archdiocese of Brisbane acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which the Archdiocese lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

The Archdiocese pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.





#### **Safeguarding Commitment**

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.

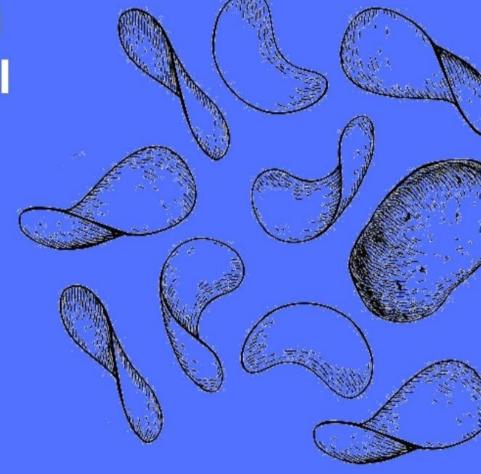
The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.

ST ANTHONY & ST LUKE'S

# YOUTH GROUP Relaunch night

Friday 10 September, 6-8pm St Luke's Catholic Primary School

3 Streams: Senior (Gr7-12) Junior (Gr3-6) Kids (Prep-Gr2)



Fun, Faith, Friends and this month: South American Hot Dogs!







# MARCH FOR LIFE BRISBANE

SATURDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 2021

Speakers' Corner Parliament House, George St, Brisbane

2:30pm to check-in & collect signs

3pm rally, with a March afterwards



# URGENT - PARLIAMENT VOTES IN SEPTEMBER THE QLD ASSISTED SUICIDE & EUTHANASIA BILL WOULD:

1

Force healthcare providers (eg Catholic Health Australia, Anglicare, BaptistCare, UnitingCare, Churches of Christ Care, etc) with institutional conscientious objections to euthanasia to allow an outside doctor on to the premises to euthanise a patient or assist in their suicide.

2

Force doctors with a conscientious objection to euthanasia and assisted suicide to refer for it anyway.

3

Result in more deaths in Queensland every year including wrongful deaths from coercion, elder abuse, suicide contagion and having little or no access to palliative care services.

#### TAKE ACTION! YOUR MP NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU.

Meet with your state MP.

Meeting with your state MP is by far the most effective thing you can do. Your state MPs contact details can be found here. **Scan here** 



If you aren't sure what electorate you are in please **scan here** 





#### Email your MP.

To send an email to your MP asking them to reject the Bill please **scan here**.





As always the march will be a family-friendly event, and Queensland Police will have a presence to help ensure our safety at all times.

Please wear a white top if you can.

For more information please go to www.cherishlife.org.au or call (07) 3871 2445



Cherish Life Queensland is honoured to be the sponsor of the March for Life Brisbane.

#### Mercy Community are hosting a

#### community event for Queensland Seniors Month.

The event is being held on Friday 8 October (10am – 1.30pm) on the front lawns of the Mercy Community campus at 131 Queens Road,



Nudgee. With this year's Queensland Seniors Month theme being Social Connections, we are looking to create a market/picnic type atmosphere with activities for people of all ages.

We have Home Care, Aged Care, PCYC, Romero Centre, Tufnell Pharmacy, and more. Harry has agreed to provide some rock painting activities, along with Welcome to country. Silver Memories Radio station will provide music for the event, and there'll be market stalls with a range of goodies.

(And just to let you know, we will have a COVID-Safe Event Management Plan in place and run this as a COVID-safe event — with our aged care residences on site at Nudgee, we take the health and safety of all our community very seriously).

#### Mercy Community Seniors Month – free community event

Friday 8 October 10am - 1.30pm

Food, family, friends and fun – building social connections across the generations

Music Silver Memories Radio, Market stalls, Food trucks & coffee cart, Technology tips for seniors, Indigenous art classes, PCYC senior activities

No RSVP needed – just come along to the front lawn at Mercy Community, 131 Nudgee Road, Nudgee.

COVID-safe, parking available onsite and on-street.