



# St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Newsletter 28 November 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."*

### First Sunday of Advent Year C

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

#### Psalm

24:4-5, 8-9. 10. 14

#### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

#### Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins

Pope Francis tells us the greatest Sacrament for Reconciliation is the Mass or Eucharist. It is one of the greatest blessings and least known facts about the **Eucharist**. In the reception of Holy Communion and the prayers prayed by the priest, a person's sins are forgiven. The Eucharist is one of four sacraments that imparts the forgiveness of sins. The waters of baptism wash away all prior sins. Both sacraments of healing - reconciliation and anointing - also grant forgiveness. And the instruction to the sacrament of anointing says,

*"If they have committed any sins, their sins will be forgiven them" (see Jas 5:15).*

**We are very blessed to have the opportunity to celebrate with Fr Frank O'Dea, the 'Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins' THIS Wednesday evening, 1<sup>st</sup> December, at 7.00 pm in St Anthony's Church. All are welcome. Bring your family or bring a friend.**

## Scripture Reflection

### 'Stay awake, praying at all times'

*This week spend some time each day prayerfully taking stock of how ready we are to receive Jesus.*



Today marks the beginning of Advent, a time of watchfulness, waiting and renewed hope, as we get ready to welcome the Lord into our hearts and lives this Christmas. The **First Reading** focuses our gaze on God's promise to David to raise up a 'virtuous branch'. God fulfils that promise by sending his only Son, Jesus, into the world: our Saviour and King in whom we can have total confidence, who rules with honesty and integrity.

The **Psalmist** recognises the Lord as his Saviour, desiring to follow his ways of truth, love and faithfulness. We too join in the psalm refrain, 'lifting up our souls' in prayer, as we wait for the Lord.

Jesus foretells the end times in the rather ominous-sounding **Gospel**, telling his disciples to 'stay awake' and not get distracted by the 'cares of life'. But he has a message of hope too: we don't need to be afraid, for we will see the Son of Man coming to save us. God keeps his promises, so we can hold our heads high and stand confident in his presence. Meanwhile we can pray and try to lead good lives.

St Paul tells us how we can do this in the **Second Reading**. We are to live as Jesus teaches, 'loving one another and the whole human race', and putting Jesus and his values at the centre of our daily lives. This week as I wait for the Lord, I may like to spend some time each day prayerfully taking stock of how ready I am to receive Jesus, however, wherever, and whenever he comes to me.

### 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/>

**Trish Stapleton (Pastoral Associate)**

**Tues to Thurs 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
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## Volunteer Positions Vacant in our Parish

**Volunteer for Safeguarding Officer:** As a Safeguarding Officer, it will be your responsibility to develop, implement, and review your organisation's safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure they are always up to standard, and always reflect the most recent laws and regulations. Please contact Maria at the parish office if you are interested or for more information.

**Volunteer for Aged Care visits and Communion of the Sick:** We have four Aged Care Facilities. Members of our Parish are living in these facilities from Independent living to Palliative Care. These members were the key workers in our Parish and many built it into the Communities that we now have. A community is judged on how we care for our elders and vulnerable people. Our roster has spaces that can be filled by compassionate people who has a small amount of time once a week, fortnight or month depending on your availability. Please contact Trish at the Parish Office if you are interested. We are finalising rosters now.

**Volunteer Sacrament Team Member in 2022:** We have an extensive CICC or Sacrament Program in our Parish. Don't let this frighten you from offering your assistance. Five times a year we have special workshops and assistance is needed to collect forms, check-in children and parents, help set up the space, hand out resources to the children, help with organising the children and parents into groups, assist with tidying up and rearranging the space prior to the workshop. These workshops will be 1.5 hours tops as we need to get children home to bed in a favourable time. They are usually from 6.00 pm-7.30 pm. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Trish at the Parish Office if you are interested.

## Thank you

Thank you for all the volunteers who assisted in the gardens on 13<sup>th</sup> November and the week leading up to it at St Luke's.

Quite a lot was achieved, however with all this rain we may need to do some more in the next few months. Keep a look out for any future working bees.



## Volunteers needed for our Children's Christmas Masses

Parents and young adults who are able to assist in the practices for the Children's Christmas Masses, please contact Trish at the parish office as soon as possible on 3820 0100. Thank you

## Reminder: Christmas Plant and Gift Stall



Christmas Plant, Gift Stall and Multi draw Raffle.  
After all Masses on the 27th & 28th November.  
All proceeds will go to our local St Vincent de Paul Society.



## Reminder: Working Bee



**St Anthony's Church this Saturday 27th November beginning at 8:00am.**  
The focus will be on cleaning all the church glass and furniture.  
Phone Trish Purcell on 0438 863 296.



**"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

Second Sunday of Advent Year C

**First Reading**  
Baruch 5:1-9

**Psalm**  
125

**Second Reading**  
Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

**Gospel**  
Luke 3:1-6



## 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:



**Planned Giving**

**BSB: 064786**

**Account Number: 100017590**

**Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish Planned Giving.**

**Offerings from last week/weekend are: \$1,670.55**

(Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards)

God bless you and thank you for your generosity

## Saint de Paul Society

Will be holding an appeal for assistance with our Christmas hampers on the weekends of 27/28th November and 4/5th December. For our Christmas hampers we will require tinned food and pantry staples, Christmas food and cleaning products. Thank you for the support of our work throughout the year and please assist us to make the Christmas of those whom we assist a little brighter. A box for donations will be provided at the rear of each church.

**Best wishes and prayers  
To all the members of our Parish  
Community who are celebrating  
their Birthdays and Wedding  
Anniversaries in the Months of  
November and December.  
Congratulations!!!**

### Please pray for...



Ronald Thorne, Gisela Kostic (Sylvia's Mum), Joan Balcombe Meghan Chircop, Rishani Wickramasuriya, Julie Vincent, Rishani Wickramasuriya, Denis Bowman, Joe Andrews, Christine Hahes, Chris Dennis, Gerry Stack, Kerry Ann See, Mary Ford, Max Veal, Kerry Balcombe, Jane Martin, Anthony [Tony] Conner, Des Stapleton, Margaret Hobbs, Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Ailsa Jensen, Sharon MacKenzie, Luis & Sonia Mendez, Alfredo & Jennifer 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, Wendy Simmons, to the loving embrace of God.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Dorothy Doreen Iris Black.

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.**

## ST ANTHONY & ST LUKE'S YOUTH GROUP

**Friday 3rd December, 6-8pm  
Inflatable World - Victoria Point**



**Fun, Faith, Friends and Food**

**Register Here:**



**Children under 7 years old will require parent supervision on the night.**

## St Anthony's Kindergarten - Alexandra Hills



St Anthony's Kindergarten currently have availability for Kindergarten in 2022. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact 3824 5061.



## A Stewardship Moment

**November 28, 2021**

**1st Sunday of Advent Year C**



***"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)***

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

(Accessed on November 25, 2021 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

## Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office on **3820 0100** or [alexhillscap@bne.catholicnet.au](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholicnet.au) 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)



Parish Details		Week at a glance			
<b>Alexandra Hills</b> St Anthony's Catholic Church St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills Q 4161 <b>Capalaba</b> St Luke's Catholic Church 45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157 		MONDAY	29 November	9:00am to	Parish Office Open
		TUESDAY	30 November	9:00am 11:30am 1:00pm	Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Luke's Rosary - St Luke's Scripture Meditation - St Luke's
		WEDNESDAY	1 December	9:00am 4:00pm 7:00pm	Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Anthony's Prayer of Two Hearts Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins - St Anthony's
		THURSDAY	2 December	4:30pm	<b>Parish Office and Churches Closed - Pest Control</b> NO Liturgy
		FRIDAY	3 December	9:00am 9:00am 10:30am 6:00pm	<b>Parish Office Closed</b> Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Luke's End of Year St Anthony's Primary School Mass End of Year St Luke's Primary School Liturgy <b>Parish Youth Group - Inflatable World Victoria Point</b>
<b>Parish Mass Times</b>  <b>WEEKEND</b> <b>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</b> Saturday 4.30pm Sunday 9.00am <b>St Luke's Church, Capalaba</b> Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 7.00am <b>WEEKDAY</b> 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 Friday 9:00am St Luke's <b>WEEKDAY - School Masses</b> <b>(Refer to Weekly Newsletter)</b>		SATURDAY	4 December	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's
		SUNDAY	5 December	7:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's Baptisms - St Anthony's
Preparing for Advent and Christmas					
<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Saturday</b> St Anthony's Alexandra Hills 4:00pm - 4:30pm <b>Or by appointment</b> <b>Anointing Mass</b> <b>Fourth Thursday of every 2nd month</b> St Anthony's Church. At 5:00pm <b>Adoration</b> <b>First Wednesday of the month</b> St Anthony's Church at 7:45am <b>Education</b> <b>Alexandra Hills - St Anthony Drive</b> St Anthony's Catholic Primary School 3820 1200 St Anthony's Kindergarten 3824 5061 <b>Capalaba - Degen Road</b> St Luke's Catholic Primary School 3245 9595 St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre 3245 3300		 <p>Preparing for Advent Christmas</p> <p>We are very close to the Church's new Year.</p> <p><b>On the 28th November 2021, we enter the Liturgical year of Year C the Year of Luke.</b></p> <p>Preparations are beginning for this important time.</p> <p>On 28th November we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. You will note a change in the Church environment and the music, the Readings and Prayers of Advent.</p> <p>We enter a time of waiting and joyous expectation for the birth of the Jesus.</p> <p>This is a great family time in which the children can relate to the story of Christmas. If any families aren't going away during the holidays we will be asking children to come to a practice for the Children's Mass. [More information soon]</p> <p><b>Wed 1st Dec: Whole Parish Reconciliation Service</b>  <b>7.00 pm St Anthony's.</b></p> <p><b>Wed 15th December: ADVENT Reflection &amp; Prayer</b>  <b>7.00 pm St Luke's</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Masses: Children's Mass</b>  <b>5:00pm - St Anthony's</b>  <b>6:00pm - St Luke's</b></p> <p>Blessings, Trish Stapleton [Pastoral Associate]</p> 			
 <p><b>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Archdiocese pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.</p>				 <p><b>Safeguarding Commitment</b></p> <p>The Archdiocese has <b>zero tolerance</b> for all forms of abuse &amp; is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries &amp; services.</p> <p><i>The safety &amp; wellbeing of children &amp; adults-at-risk is paramount.</i></p>	

## COVID Vaccination for Volunteers - limited roles (does not apply to all volunteers)

In clarifying the situation relating to vaccination requirements for volunteers, most volunteers are **not** required to be vaccinated against COVID under the policy that was released 15 November 2021.

Volunteers that are required to be vaccinated include volunteers who deliver or undertake activities:

- with children and vulnerable adults
- in homes, in workplaces, and hospitals and health care settings working with any person (this is not limited to children and vulnerable adults only)

Typical volunteer roles that require to be vaccinated include:

- Administration work in parish office
- Community leaders – ethnic and faith communities
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to sick (Hospitals, etc)
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to sick (Private Residence, etc)
- Hospital Chaplains
- Outreach - Homeless Support including children
- Safeguarding Local Officer
- Transport Ministry
- Youth Co-ordinator
- Ministries involving children such as: Catechists, Leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Coordinators and Altar Server Coordinators



### Evangelisation Brisbane invites applications for the position of Supervisor at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston



Applications are invited for the part time role of Supervisor as part of the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre team.

This position requires a dedicated person to assist in efficient running of the operations of the Centre for 30 hours per week. Operational needs require flexibility with start and finish times between the hours of 8am and 7pm Thursday to Sunday.

Effective interpersonal skills, hospitality experience, administrative skills and the ability to manage individual and group bookings are required. Commitment to the vision of the Centre is essential.

For full details of the position description and selection criteria, including a copy of the Santa Teresa Vision Statement, email: [hayerc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hayerc@bne.catholic.net.au) Applications close on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

### Position Vacant – Administration Assistant

Applications are open for the above full-time 37.5-hour position. The Archbishop's Office is currently an Administration Assistant.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/398833/administration-assistant>

### Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at The Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish (Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton).

A person who can establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 15 hours per week.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/399009/youth-ministry-coordinator-hendra-hamilton-parish>

Application close: 15 December 2021

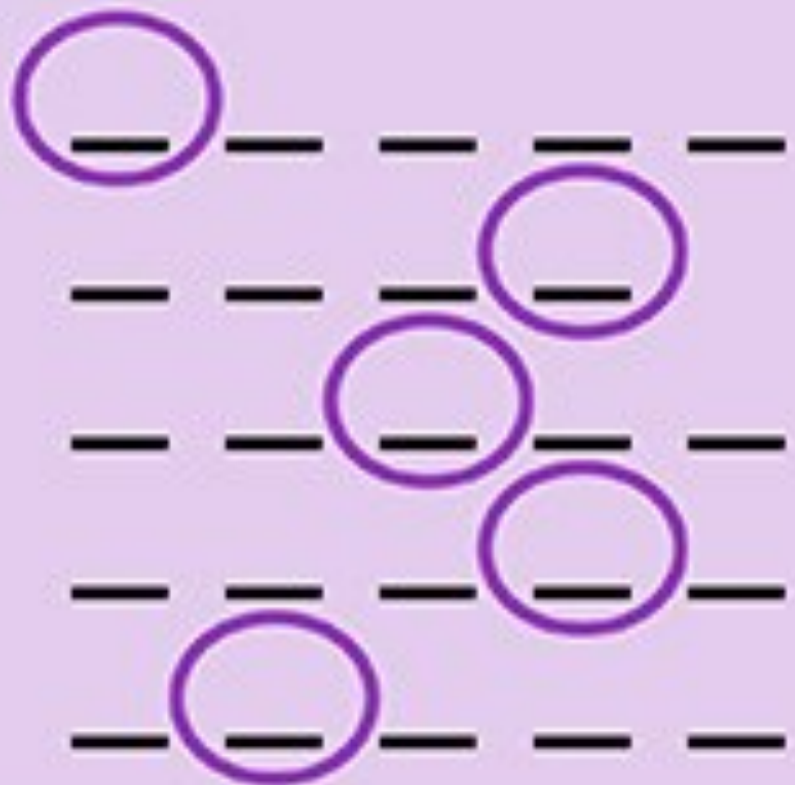
The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.



Find the opposite of each word, then rearrange the circled letters to complete the sentence below.



MAN  
UNDER  
OPEN  
SAD  
ALWAYS



“the Son of Man will be seen, coming in a cloud with great \_\_\_\_\_ and glory.”

- ✧ What are some things that you look forward to?
- ✧ How do you prepare for them?
- ✧ How much do you look forward to Christmas?
- ✧ Over the next four weeks how can we prepare for Christmas?
- ✧ Jesus asks us to watch out in Advent so that we can prepare for his coming. How can

During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others. Draw a picture of yourself helping another person.







Color the shapes that contain dots purple.

Fill the other shapes with different colors.



During Advent we can prepare for the arrival of Jesus by helping others. Write down some of the ways you can help family, friends and people in need during Advent.

**I can help my family by**

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**I can help my friends by**

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**I can help those in need by**

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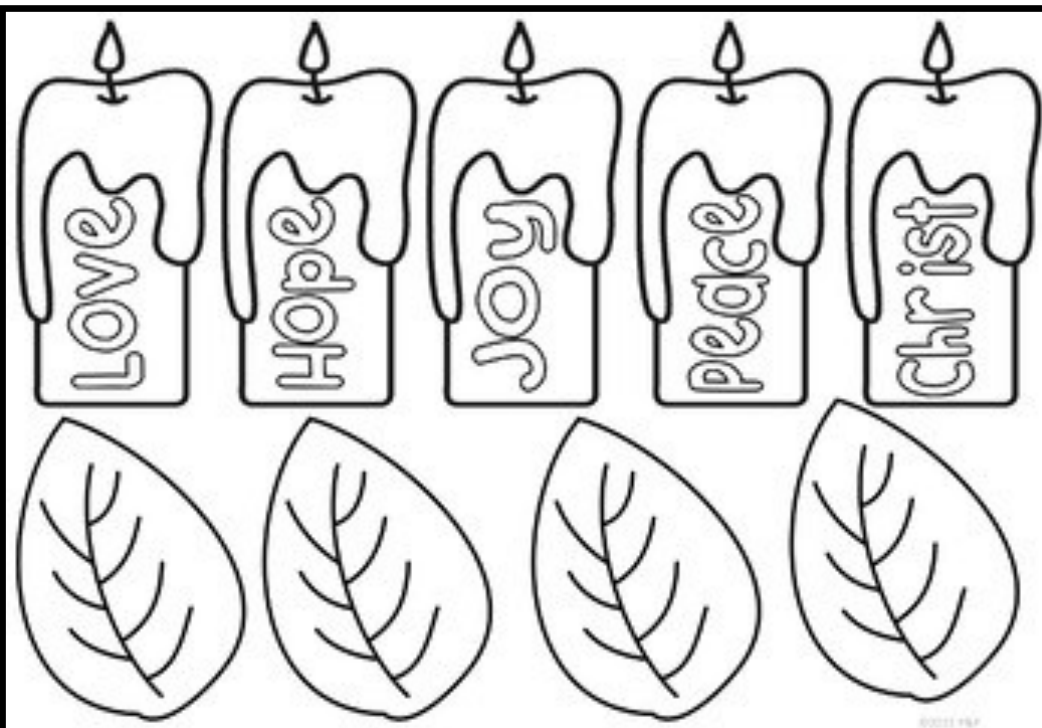
## Gospel

**Lk 21, 25-28, 34-36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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