



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Newsletter 5 December 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."

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



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

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<https://stanthonyandstluke.org.au/>

Facebook:

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

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Farewell and Thank you Dave!



We all knew we had Dave with us for just one year, but what a year it has been! Dave has contributed to all aspects of Parish life and has shared with us his faith, integrity and beautiful spirituality of service. Dave has also organised and facilitated several projects throughout the year including the ministry of youth in our parish and across the Deanery [with Isaac and his band of volunteers].

We will farewell Dave officially at each of the Masses on the weekend of 11/12th December.

There will be time after each Mass for you to have a cuppa and wish Dave well for the future. Please bring a small plate of food to share. There will be a box for contributions at each of the Masses over the next two weekends.

Scripture Reflection

Prepare a way for the Lord!

Who is the Lord for me? What is he saying along the winding ways and rough roads of my life?



Today's readings offer the gift of joy, and the invitation to hear and respond to God who is reaching out to draw us ever closer.

In the **First Reading**, the Prophet Baruch reminds us that, despite all the challenges to our faith and hope in the Lord, we are called to follow God by the light of salvation.

Today's Gospel puts this salvation of the Lord in a specific political, historical and geographical setting. By firmly anchoring the ministry of John the Baptist to a particular point in history, St Luke also gives weight to the reality of Jesus in a time and place. (Some scholars have deduced from these historical references that Jesus was baptised in the October of CE 27 – just after his 30th birthday – and was crucified on 3 April CE 30). In addition, Luke introduces us to 'the voice' that will announce the Saviour with insistence and urgency.

The **Psalmist** heralds the marvels worked for us by the Lord. St Paul (**Second Reading**), writing this letter of gratitude to the church at Philippi from prison, acknowledges his confidence in the one who, in us, will complete these good work of faith.

In the coming week, how may I be a 'voice crying in the wilderness'? How can I more fruitfully respond to Christ's wonderful call? How will I continue to discern what is always best?

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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.



Children's Christmas Masses Dramatization Practice:

St Anthony's Church:

Sunday 12th December at 10am

Sunday 19th December at 10am

St Luke's Church:

Saturday 11th December at 4.30pm

Saturday 18th December at 4.30pm

Christmas Masses

St Anthony's Church:

Friday 24th December at 5:00pm Children's Christmas Mass

Friday 24th December 8:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

Sunday 26th December 9:00am Whole Parish "The Holy Family Mass"

St Luke's Church:

Friday 24th December at 6:00pm Children's Christmas Mass

Saturday 25th December 7:00am Christmas Day Mass

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



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

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading
Zephaniah
3:14-18

Psalm
Isaiah 12:2-6

Second Reading
Philippians
4:4-7

Gospel
Luke 3:10-18

REMINDER: We are still waiting to receive any keys that belong to the parish. If you are not in any roster or assisting in other duties, could you please return them to the office by latest next Friday 10th December that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Thank you - Christmas Plant and Gift Stall

Thanks to everyone who supported the plant and gift stall and raffle last weekend as well as at the Thank you Morning Tea. \$2000 was raised for the work of St Vincent de Paul within our community. Raffle winners were Marg Hindle, Lina, Suzanne McTierney, Trish Purcell and Bill White.

Thank you to all St Anthony's Church Volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted on the cleaning and revamping St Anthony's Church and gardens for Christmas.

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, 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, 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.

A Stewardship Moment

December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C



"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

We During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

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

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.



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: \$2,246.55

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 An-
niversaries in the Months of
December. Congratulations!!!**

**"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."**



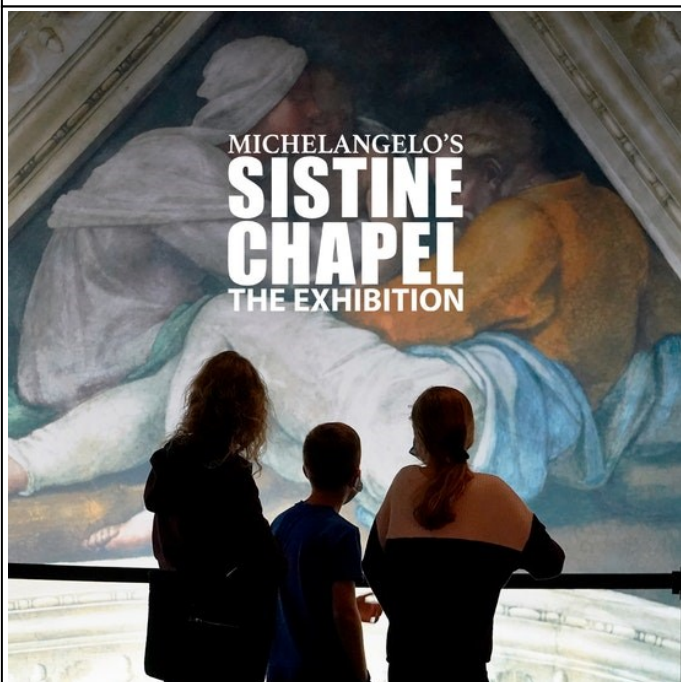
Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office on **3820 0100** or 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



ALL SAINTS IDEAS FOR KIDS To help you and your family prepare throughout Advent and then explore the Christmas message, check out these free resources, including an advent calendar and Christmas story booklet with puppets to make.

Click [Here](#) to watch video.



SISTINE CHAPEL EXHIBITION OCTOBER 27 — JANUARY 2, 2022

Take a life-size up-close perspective of Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel. With special expertise and care, the ceiling paintings from the Chapel have been reproduced in a truly unique way using high definition photos. Visitors are given a way to engage with the artwork in ways that were never before possible; seeing every detail, every brushstroke, and every colour of the artists 34 frescoes.

Tickets: Adults for \$22 per person; VIP Adult \$28 per person; Seniors or students \$17.60 per person, VIP Senior or Student \$23; Children for \$15.50 per person

Venue: The Ice Cream Factory, Level 2, West Village, 97 Boundary Road, West End 4101

Visit <https://feverup.com/m/101306> for bookings.

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at Star of the Sea Cleveland Catholic Parish. A person who can establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 10 hours per week on a fixed term contract.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/402918/youth-ministry-coordinator-cleveland-parish>

Application close: 10 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.

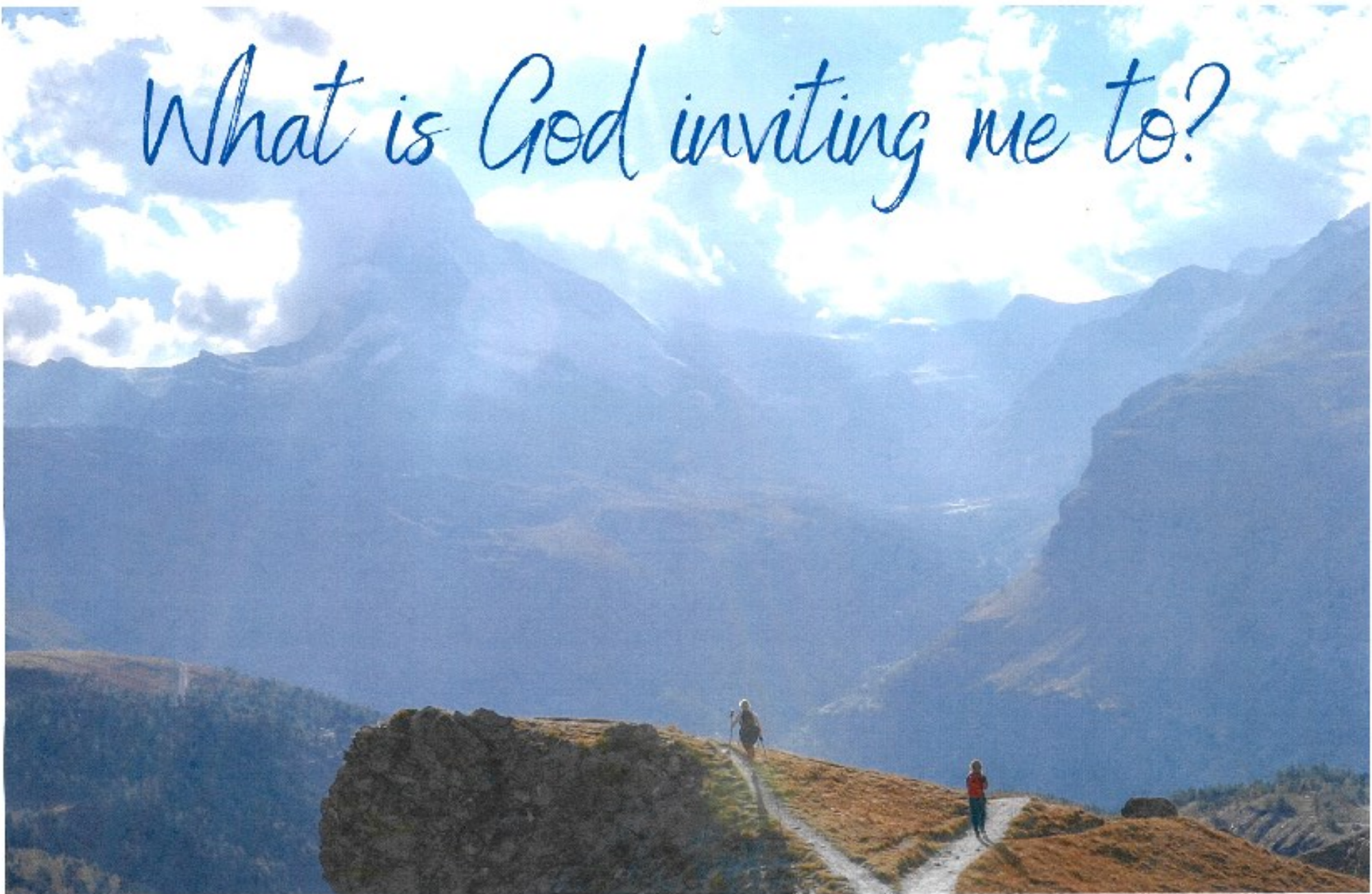


ST JAMES COLLEGE, SPRING HILL a progressive multicultural Catholic Co-Educational Secondary College in the tradition of Edmund Rice (EREA) is still welcoming enrolment enquiries for vacancies in 2022 in Years 7 – 12.

Welcoming students from diverse backgrounds and abilities so they can flourish in their learning and realise their potential. ENQUIRE NOW online or call Maria Young,

Enrolments Officer on 3230 8600, MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au - the college office closes Friday 10 December and reopens Monday 10 January. www.stjamescollege.qld.edu.au.

Applications can also be submitted to school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au



What is God inviting me to?

Applications open for 2022 Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life

Nourishment

Discernment

Clarity

Freedom

Looking to deepen your relationship with God and discern God's will in your life?

The full Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola are a practical way of discovering God's unique love and desire for you in your daily life.

This one-on-one program involves daily prayer/reflections and weekly face-to-face or online conversations with an experienced Ignatian Spiritual Director - adapted to your individual needs as your journey unfolds.

Anyone is welcome to apply for the program - no prior experience necessary. It can be started anytime and will span across 30-35 consecutive weeks.

PHONE 1300 392 636, or EMAIL info@jisa.org.au



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