



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Newsletter 12 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."

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



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 3pm

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Website:

<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 - This weekend at all Masses



It is with a tinge of sadness that we farewell Dave this weekend.

However, I am mindful that Dave has been listening to the Holy Spirit and being guided in the direction that God wants him to go at the moment. Let us keep him in our prayers over the next 12 months as he continues his discernment.

Dave has been integral to our lay pastoral ministry in our parish over the last twelve months. He is a man of integrity and deep faith. Dave has also been a support to Maria with his IT and editing skills and to me as we both have navigated through being in a new community and finding our place in it. We wish him every blessing in 2022. You will all have an opportunity to wish him well, after each of the Masses. Let us continue his spirit of inclusion and participation as we enter a new era with Fr Regi in 2022. Blessings, Trish.

Scripture Reflection

The Lord is near: Rejoice!
How do I prepare for the coming of the Lord this Christmas?

This Third Sunday of Advent is often called Gaudete Sunday from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin: Gaudete! – that is, 'Rejoice!'



It is as though, like small children, we can barely wait to celebrate the wonder and joy of Christmas, the coming of Christ Jesus into our world. Indeed, we rejoice now because he is already here in the midst of us. We see that God exults in us, his people, renewing us by his love (First Reading).

We might want to pray using the words of the Psalm: 'The Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour'. 'Give thanks to the Lord, Praise his name!'. 'Sing and shout for joy!'

St Paul (Second Reading) encourages us to have confidence in God, to be happy in the Lord. We do not need to worry, because if there is anything we need, we can ask God for it. God will give us a peace of heart and mind that is far greater than we can grasp or understand, keeping us safe in Christ Jesus.

In the Gospel, the people come to John the Baptist to ask him, 'What must we do?' to prepare for the coming of the Christ. The answer is not the same for everyone, but all are asked to share with those who have less than themselves. Perhaps I ask the Lord: What must I do to prepare for your coming this Christmas?

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Padua Place Vacancy

Padua Place has a vacancy for a 2 bedroom unit. Interested persons should acquire an application form from the Parish office and return to the office. Applications close mid January.

Urgent Volunteer Position in our Parish for 2022

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.

CICCA [Sacramental Journey] 2022

Dear Parents,

We have scheduled a Parents Information Session for 9th and 10th February. It is important that all parents attend this meeting.

Due to the Parish circumstances, at the moment, we will advise you of Workshop Dates as soon as we can in the new year or, if possible, in the newsletter before Christmas. Most of our dates are on hold until Fr Regi gets here as he will now have two parishes to consider.

We have Confirmation scheduled for 20th May, but please note it may be earlier eg 22 April. Workshops will be on Wednesday afternoons and/or evenings. I will get dates to you as soon as possible.

Blessings Trish.



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C

First Reading
Micah
5:1-4

Psalm
79:2-3, 15-16,
18-19

Second Reading
Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel
Luke 1:39-44

Thank you to all St Anthony's Church Volunteers

Thank you to all the mowers, gardeners and cleaners who continue to keep St Anthony's Church and Office surrounds looking fabulous.



Catholic Earthcare - Become an earthcare parish/family

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical [Laudato Si'](#) in which he implores us to protect our common home. To escalate the implementation of Laudato Si', Pope Francis has now established the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years. Our [Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22, 'Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor'](#) reinforces the call to care for all creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the Laudato Si goals. Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

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 12, 2021 - 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

***"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."* (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)**



St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

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

Weekly Offerings

Dear Parishioners, thank you and God bless you for supporting the parish.

- Please try the new Parish Giving Portal located on our Website or via link: <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: \$2,311.55

**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

Parish Details		Week at a glance		
<div>Alexandra Hills St Anthony's Catholic Church St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills Q 4161</div> <div>Capalaba St Luke's Catholic Church 45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157</div> <div></div>	MONDAY	13 December	Parish Office Closed	
	TUESDAY	14 December	9:00am 11:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Luke's Rosary - St Luke's Scripture Meditation - St Luke's Liturgy Team Meeting
	WEDNESDAY	15 December	9:00am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Anthony's
	THURSDAY	16 December	4:30pm	Rosary followed by Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Anthony's
	FRIDAY	17 December	9:00am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion - St Luke's
	SATURDAY	18 December	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's
	SUNDAY	19 December	7:00am 9:00am 10:30am	Mass - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's Baptisms - St Luke's
Parish Mass Times				
WEEKEND - Masses St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills Saturday 4.30pm Sunday 9.00am St Luke's Church, Capalaba Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 7.00am WEEKDAY - Liturgy of the Word Monday NO LITURGY Tuesday 9:00am St Luke's Wednesday 9:00am St Anthony's Thursday 4:30pm Rosary followed by Liturgy St Anthony's Friday 9:00am St Luke's WEEKDAY - School Masses (Refer to Weekly Newsletter)		<div><div>ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE The Catholic Church in South East Queensland</div></div> <div>Position Vacant – Senior Funeral Director/Mortuary Supervisor Applications are open for a full-time position at Holy Cross Funerals. A person with previous funeral experience is required for 37.5 hours per week. https://tinyurl.com/4t3ffsjv Application close: 17 December 2021 <i>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.</i></div>		
Reconciliation				
Saturday 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				
Parish Youth Group				
2nd Friday of the Month 6:00pm-8:pm (rotated between both churches)				
Education				
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Phone: 3820 1200 Address: St Anthony's Drive, Alexandra Hills Email: palexhills@bne.catholic.edu.au St Anthony's Kindergarten Phone: 3824 5061 Address: St Anthony's Drive, Alexandra Hills St Luke's Catholic Primary School Phone: 3245 9595 Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba Email: pcapalaba@bne.catholic.edu.au St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre Phone: 3245 3300 Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba		<div><div>ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ideas for kids</div></div> <div>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.</div>		
<div><div>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.</div></div>		<div><div>STOPline STOPline receives information about abuse, harm and other serious misconduct by Archdiocesan workers (including priests, religious, employees and volunteers). Information can be provided anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: AOB@stopline.com.au Online Report: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com If you think it's wrong report it.</div></div>		<div><div>ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE Safeguarding Commitment The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services. <i>The safety & wellbeing of children & adults-at-risk is paramount.</i></div></div>