



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Newsletter 19 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."

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 1:39-45



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

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

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Scripture Reflection

'Blessed is the fruit of your womb!'

**We journey through these last days of
Advent in Mary's company.**



Christ is coming! The readings this weekend are full of an expectation. God's promise through Micah is fulfilled in the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth, and their faith. In the **First Reading**, Micah proclaims that the Messiah will come from Bethlehem and lead his flock back to their land in peace. The **Psalm** is a plea to the Shepherd of Israel for this return, and for the sending of the Messiah, the chosen one.

The **Second Reading** from the Letter to the Hebrews emphasises the fact that the Christ who redeemed us took on a human body, like ours. The **Gospel** helps us gather all these themes: obedience to God's will; faith in his promises; and especially faith in the Incarnation – Jesus our Saviour, already becoming flesh in Mary's womb.

May we journey through these last days of Advent in Mary's company, so that Christ may be born in us.

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Reminders for this weekend:

- ✘ Practice for all singers and musicians this Saturday 18th December at 8:30am at St Luke's Church
- ✘ St Luke's Children's Christmas practice this Saturday 18th December at 10:30am at St Luke's Church
- ✘ St Anthony's Children's Christmas practice this Sunday 19th December at 10:00am at St Anthony's Church
- ✘ St Vincent de Paul volunteers - hamper deliveries this Saturday 18th December 7:30am, Parish Hall. Contact Kathryn on 0419 716 390



Christmas Masses click HERE

Or go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/st-anthony-and-st-lukes-catholic-parish-30610165688>

St Anthony's Church:

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

Friday 24th Dec 8:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th Dec 9:00am Christmas Day Mass

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

St Luke's Church:

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

Saturday 25th Dec 7:00am Christmas Day Mass

Farewell from Dave Nightingale

It's hard to believe that it's almost 11 months ago that I arrived in the parish, Saturday 23rd January. I arrived that morning, brought my bags to the presbytery, settled in, and then attended all the weekend Masses. I'm pretty sure I would have spoken at those Masses, and while I may have seemed calm, I certainly had questions running through my head. What would my pastoral placement be like? What would the parishioners be like? How would I fit in? What things would I be doing? How would the year go?

Well, now that I've reached the end of the placement, I can very much say that I am so glad I came to St Anthony and St Luke's Parish! From the very beginning I was welcomed by so many of you and made to feel like I belonged. I enjoyed speaking with so many of you and appreciated the greetings and smiles on the way in and out of Mass. I would like to thank you all for making me feel welcome and I'd especially like to thank those people who looked out for me, showed their care, asked how I was going, invited me for dinners and coffees, gave me plants or jams or doggy bags to take home. I felt very much loved.

From the beginning, I was impressed with just how much is done behind the scenes by people who don't ask for any credit but simply want to serve God and serve the church through offering their gifts and talents. From the beginning, I've seen firsthand and want to appreciate the efforts people went to in the parish working bees, the wonderful work of the ladies group, the faithful devotion of the rosary group, the two hearts prayer group, the Christian meditation groups, the Scriptural Meditation group, the tireless service of the St Vincent de Paul society, Padua Place committee, the volunteers who take communion to and who visit the sick, the volunteers who clean the church, who mow and look after the gardens, who decorate the church, who look after the technology and sound side of things, the sacristans who prepare for each mass, the liturgy team who prepare the liturgies, the music ministry who practice so much to enrich the liturgy, the pastoral council who seek to guide the parish, the finance council who helped Fr Emmanuel so much, the people who prepare others for baptism, for RCIA, for those volunteers who helped with the sacramental program and similarly those parents who volunteered to help with children's liturgy. To the priests who have been so accommodating in filling in so that we can have Mass.

Special thanks must also go to all those who have helped out in establishing our parish youth group. I still remember meeting with you earlier in the year and how we kind of stepped out in faith to try and provide something for the wonderful youth of the parish. I remember us asking the question, "Do you think there will be much interest in it?" Thank goodness we went forward in faith. I want to thank you for the work that you have put into the youth group, whether it's in preparing food, promoting, planning games and activities, safeguarding, risk assessments etc. I feel confident that things will keep moving into next year.

Thanks also to the school staff and especially the APRE's, Kellie and Peta, who were so supportive of me this year, and who were so accommodating of the projects I wanted to try. It was a pleasure working with you.

To the children and youth of the parish, I want to thank you for the witness you've been to me. Each time I've been with you in children's liturgy, class visits, lunchtime youth groups, parish youth group, sacramental program sessions, I've been impressed with your insights and wisdom, your enthusiasm, your energy, and your openness to God. If I can leave you with anything, I just want to say that no matter what happens in life, always trust in Jesus. He will never leave you or forsake you. He loves and cares for you more than you can imagine. And talk to Him and share everything with Him, your joys and hopes, but also the things that make you worried or sad. And trust Him to look after you.

Finally, thanks to those I've been blessed to work with closely most days this year. To Maria, our wonderful parish secretary, who is so organized, so diligent, so selfless, so caring, and who has made my placement so much easier this year. Thank you for being so supportive. And to Trish, our wonderful pastoral associate who is employed for 15 hours per week but I can testify that she spends a lot more than that with the sacramental program and with pastoral concerns. Thank you also for your commitment to the parish and for the care that you showed me throughout the year. To Fr Emmanuel, thank you for having me in the parish. I certainly learnt a lot this year and gained so many skills and had some wonderful experiences. Thank you for asking for a seminarian for this parish for 2021, because that was what led me to be here to meet so many wonderful people.

I will always pray for this parish and especially that God will continue to reveal to each one of you His immense love and care. God bless you, and hopefully I'll meet you again soon.

Sacramental Program 2022

PARENTS...PLEASE NOTE!



Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the Date for the **CONFIRMATION 2022** from ~~20th May, 2022~~ TO **FRIDAY 22nd APRIL**.

I understand many parents may have organised family for the May date.

GRANDPARENTS ... PLEASE NOTE!

If you have a grandchild due for Confirmation in 2022, could you please check with their parents and ask if they have seen this notification of change of date. Many thanks. Trish Stapleton, Pastoral Associate.



2022 Calendar

Parish Office Opens: Tuesday 11th January 2022

School Opens: Tuesday 25th January 2022

Australia Day Wednesday 26th January 2022,

9.00 am Mass St Anthony's Church Alexandra hills

Parents Information for CONFIRMATION and FIRST COMMUNION
9th February @ 8.30 am, 1.50 PM OR 7.00 pm in St Luke's Church

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, Elaine Marion Hanley (Julie Bakes aunty) 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 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent Year C

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."
(LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

(Accessed on December 14, 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: \$3,165.82

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!!!**

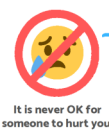
"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children,
young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God
with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and
security from physical and emotional harm. They are to
be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all."



CARE FOR KIDS



Kids will be
RESPECTED AND PROTECTED



We want you to feel safe.



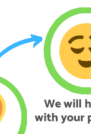
We will always listen to you.



We will help you with your problems.



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Carols by Candlelight

TUES 28 Dec

7pm – 9pm

FREE



Celebrate with us the

Octave of Christmas



*Our Lady
of Victories*

BOWEN HILLS Catholic Parish

**Book via
Eventbrite**

The Lord
is my
Shepherd;

*I shall
not want*

**DECEMBER 31ST
ST MARY'S CHURCH
GATTON**

**PRAYER, PRAISE AND
REFLECTION FROM 8PM
MASS FROM 11PM
SUPPER TO FOLLOW
AS WE WELCOME 2022**

BOOKINGS PREFERRED



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