



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, Christmas Newsletter 2021

Mission Statement

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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve Mass)

First Reading
Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm
95:1-3, 11-13

Second Reading
Titus 2:11-14

Gospel
Luke 2:1-14



Mass Times

St Anthony Church
St Anthony Drive
Alexandra Hills 4161
5:00pm Children's
Christmas Mass

8:30pm Christmas
Vigil Mass

St Luke's Church
45 Degen Road
Capalaba 4157
6:00pm Children's
Christmas Mass

Parish Office will be closed from 12:00pm Thursday 23rd December 2021 and re-open on Tuesday 11th January 2022.

Christmas Blessings to you and yours!

As the year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of you who have contributed so much to the running of our parish. It needs to be said that Fr Emmanuel, who is still on personal leave, has contributed a great deal to St Anthony & St Luke's Parish over the past five years. We keep him in our prayers and wish him every blessing for the future.

To our three retired priests: Fr Paul Rooney, Fr Frank O'Dea and Fr Paul Murphy, we are all most grateful for your generosity in stepping up for all our Sacramental Moments: Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick and pastoral care. Blessings on each of you during the Christmas Season and into 2022.

As your Pastoral Associate, I have much to be grateful for. My first year on board was definitely not boring, and I am so grateful for your hard work, coming together to keep the ship sailing. I especially want to thank Maria, our parish secretary, who was able to keep us afloat and make all the business side of things work and who supported me greatly in my pastoral work across the whole parish.

To all who got on with the job with such grace and generosity, I truly thank you, as you oriented me once again into this great parish. I must thank Larry, my husband, who has kept me on an even keel as needed, especially during the last two months. May we all be blessed and enjoy the light of Christ as we continue to grow and build our parish community in the future.

On behalf of Maria and myself I wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas and may we all be led with Holy Spirit at our side in 2022.

Trish Stapleton, Pastoral Associate

Scripture Reflection - Care for our common home

In the lead-up to Christmas and the weeks immediately after we reflect on the environment and the challenges of climate change. As we ponder the scriptures on Christmas Day, Feast of the Holy Family, Feast of the Epiphany (2 January) and the Baptism of the Lord (9 January), let us keep in mind our need to care for our common home.

This year in the wake of the Glasgow summit and unusual and destructive weather patterns, people have been reflecting on the emergency of the climate situation depicted. Some have been incredulous; others saddened and despairing; still others galvanised into action.

As a Christian, for whom life and prayer are inseparable ...
Where do I stand? What can I do in practical terms?

This year, consider these questions as you pray throughout the Christmas period, pondering both with the traditional Scriptural texts and some words from the encyclical letter of Pope Francis: *Laudato si'* ('On care for our common home': 2015). As we step into the New Year, you may like to reflect more deeply on what we can each do in response to these words:

'I would like to ask ... all men and women of goodwill: Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment.' – Pope Francis, 19 March 2013.

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First Reading
Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm
97:1-6

Second Reading
Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel
John 1:1-18



Mass Times

St Luke's Church
45 Degen Road
Capalaba 4157
7:00am Christmas
Day Mass

St Anthony Church
St Anthony Drive
Alexandra Hills 4161
9:00am Christmas
Day Mass

Reflection

Lessons from Trees!



It is important to have roots
In today's complex world, it pays to
branch out.
If you really believe in something,
don't be afraid to go out on a limb.
Be flexible so you don't break when
a harsh wind blows.
Sometimes you have to shed your
old bark in order to grow.
If you want to maintain accurate
records, keep a log.
It's OK to be a late bloomer.
Avoid people who would like to cut
you down.
As you approach the autumn of your
life, you will show your true colours.
Bloom where you are planted and
make the best of what you have!

From the Rekindling Hope Newsletter (The Rockhampton Diocesan Faith Education and Formation Bi – annual Newsletter)

Reflecting on Christmas



At this time of year, one may be
tempted to run away from the
commercialization, the hectic hustle
and sometimes the demanding family
responsibilities of the Christmas
season. Maybe a holy Christmas would
result. But we would forget the lesson
of the Incarnation, that God became a
man—the lesson that we who are
followers of Jesus do not run from the
world; rather we try to transform it.

Our challenge as Christians is to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas – maybe recapture the meaning of the angel at the top of the Christmas tree or the joy of giving. We can do this by endeavouring to be holy people—kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people—no matter how maddening is the Christmas rush! We hope you are blessed with a safe and holy Christmas!

(Adapted from Fr Andrew Greeley's article in the Woman's Day)



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Psalm

83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52



Mass Times

St Anthony Church
St Anthony Drive
Alexandra Hills 4161
9:00am Whole
Parish Mass

Please pray for...

Bob Kohlman, 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, Neeleen Rafter .

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.

Scripture Reflection

Taking a few deep breaths, I settle myself in the place where I will pray. I sit for a while in silence and simply let God love me – just as I am. When I am ready, I slowly begin to read the text. I notice where my attention is drawn, and may want to repeat those words or phrases – noticing the feelings they stir within me. Perhaps I think of the love the Father has lavished on me. How do I keep his commandments? How much do my choices as a consumer indicate the love I have for God's creation?



On this feast of the Holy Family, my prayer might now naturally turn to my own family. Perhaps I think of those family members who particularly display compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness?



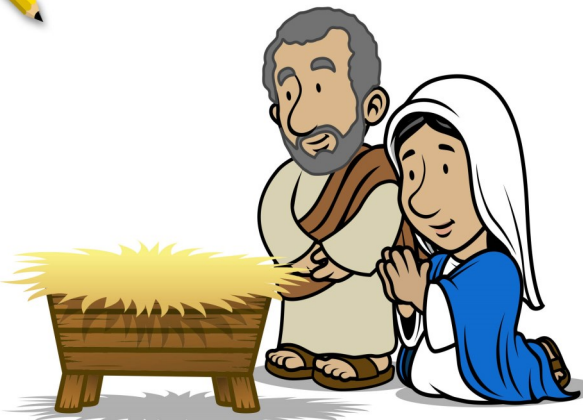




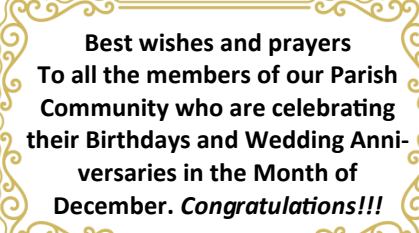
Maybe I picture myself bringing them before the Lord to receive his blessing. I bring before him too, those to whom I may not be as close, for whatever reason. What do I want to ask of him for each of them?

Perhaps I am also drawn to pray for those who have no close family, or who have been rejected by their own. Entrusting them to the Lord, I ask him to heal the hurt in those families separated by conflict, war, forced migration and persecution. I end my prayer giving thanks to God for the love he has lavished on me.

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"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."



Parish Details		Week at a glance			
<div>Alexandra Hills</div> <div>St Anthony's Catholic Church</div> <div>St Anthony Drive,</div> <div>Alexandra Hills Q 4161</div> <div>Capalaba</div> <div>St Luke's Catholic Church</div> <div>45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157</div> <div></div>		MONDAY	27 December 2021	Parish Office, Churches and Hall Closed No Masses	
		TUESDAY	28 December 2021		
		WEDNES- DAY	29 December 2021		
		THURSDAY	30 December 2021		
		FRIDAY	31 December 2021		
Parish Mass Times		SATURDAY	1 January 2022	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's
<div>WEEKEND - Masses</div> <div>St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</div> <div>Saturday 4.30pm</div> <div>Sunday 9.00am</div> <div>St Luke's Church, Capalaba</div> <div>Saturday 6.00pm</div> <div>Sunday 7.00am</div> <div>WEEKDAY - Masses</div> <div>Monday NO MASS</div> <div>Tuesday 9:00am St Luke's</div> <div>Wednesday 9:00am St Anthony's</div> <div>Thursday 4:30pm Rosary followed by Mass St Anthony's</div> <div>Friday 9:00am St Luke's</div> <div>WEEKDAY - School Masses</div> <div>(Refer to Weekly Newsletter)</div>		SUNDAY	2 January 2022	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's
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.					
Reconciliation		<div> Draw a picture of the newly born Jesus lying in the manger.</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div>			
Anointing Mass		Parish Office			
Fourth Thursday of every 2nd month St Anthony's Church. At 5:00pm		Behind St Anthony's Church, St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills.			
Parish Youth Group		Office Hours: Saturday, Sunday & Monday - CLOSED Tuesday and Friday - 9am to 2pm Wednesday and Thursday - 9am to 3pm			
2nd Friday of the Month 6:00pm-8:pm (rotated between both churches)		Parish Office Phone: 3820 0100			
Education		Website: https://stanthonyandstluke.org.au/			
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School		Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/St-Anthonys-and-St-Lukes-Parish-233709987932443/			
Phone: 3820 1200		Priest Administrator: Rev Fr Ladu Yanga			
Address: St Anthony's Drive, Alexandra Hills		Parish Priest: Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy			
Email: palexhills@bne.catholic.edu.au		Pastoral Associate: Trish Stapleton: pa.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au			
St Anthony's Kindergarten		Parish Administrator: Maria Mendez Villalta: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au			
Phone: 3824 5061		Safeguarding: Isr.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au			
Address: St Anthony's Drive, Alexandra Hills		Work Health and Safety Officer: Kathy Metzen: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au			
St Luke's Catholic Primary School		Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners			
Phone: 3245 9595		<div></div>			
Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba		<div></div>			
Email: pcapalaba@bne.catholic.edu.au		<div></div>			
St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre					
Phone: 3245 3300					
Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba					