



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba, New Years Newsletter 2022

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."

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading
Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm
71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Second Reading
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel
Matthew 2:1-12



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

Parish Office Phone: 3820 0100

Website:

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

Facebook:

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

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Welcome Fr Regi

It is with great joy that we welcome Fr Regimon Gervasis [Fr Regi]. During the past two months we have been able to meet with Fr Regi and prepare for the new year. We look forward to working together to build a community according to our Mission that we are:

"Guided by the Holy Spirit, ... called to be an inclusive, Eucharistic people, who will live out our Baptismal call, as disciples of Jesus Christ."

We are grateful that we will be able to meet Fr Regi this weekend at all Masses.

It is important that we begin to widen our perspective as we come to understand and be supportive of Fr Regi as he begins the new year with two parishes and three churches to look after. Let us pull together and help make it work. I have every confidence that it will work well, as we hand over these changing times to the Holy Spirit. May God bless us all on this new part of our journey.

Trish Stapleton (Pastoral Associate) and Maria Mendez Villalta (Parish Administrator)

Scripture Reflection

Settling down to pray today, I might want to revisit the blessings this season has brought me. Perhaps there have been challenging times too? I thank the Lord for his presence beside me throughout. When I am ready, I read the Gospel slowly, a couple of times.

If it helps, I may want to put myself in the place where the star halted, and watch and listen as the scene unfolds. What do I notice as the wise men offer their gifts to the infant Jesus? ... gold for the king; frankincense for the Son of God; and myrrh foretelling the sacrifice he will make for our salvation. As the wise men kneel before him, I make my own homage in whatever way I am drawn.

I look back on my prayer with this booklet over the past twelve days, and reflect again on my actions to protect creation. I may already be playing my part in caring for God's world in simple ways, but are there further challenges I can respond to? Perhaps I can see these as my gifts to the Lord in gratitude for his love for me and for the world. In time, I gently bring my prayer to a close, asking the Lord's blessings for the year ahead, and for an ever-deeper awareness of his life in me.

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Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm

103:1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



Best wishes and prayers

To all the members of our Parish
Community who are celebrating
their Birthdays and Wedding
Anniversaries in the
Month of January.
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."**

Scripture Reflection

Today marks the end of the Christmas season, as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It heralds the beginning of Jesus's public mission: the work of teaching, preaching and healing. God's great love and mercy offer salvation to all through Jesus, by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, God proclaims Jesus as his beloved Son at his baptism in the Jordan. St Luke draws our attention to the descent of the Holy Spirit while Jesus is at prayer.

The First Reading offers hope and joy. God has seen his people repent and will bring them home across the desert. He is both their defender and their shepherd, who gathers, guides and nourishes.

The image of God gathering and nourishing is echoed in the Psalm. The Lord renews with his Spirit all who look to him. St Paul (Second Reading) tells us it is entirely due to God's mercy, love and compassion that we are offered salvation; not for anything we have achieved. God's loving kindness is revealed through 'the cleansing water of rebirth' and renewal with the Holy Spirit in Christ.

Today is an opportunity to reflect on the gift of baptism. We remind ourselves that the words spoken at Jesus's baptism also apply to us. We, too, are beloved daughters and sons of God, called to make known the love of God to all we meet. Let's pray this week, and in the weeks ahead, for whatever grace God feels we need to help us.

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CICCA [Sacramental Journey] 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.

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

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.

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.

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:



BSB: 064786

Account Number: 100017590

Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish Planned Giving.

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

**Newsletter
available via
Email!**

Contact the
Parish Office
on **3820 0100**

or

**alexhillscap@b
ne.catholicnet.
au.**

You are also
able to view
our weekly
newsletter on
our **Website**
and **Facebook**

**Scripture
Readings**

**Sunday 16th
January 2022**


**Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time C**

First Reading
Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm
95:1-3, 7-10

Second Reading
1 Corinthians
12:4-11

Gospel
John 2:1-11

Parish Details		3rd January to 9th January 2022			
Alexandra Hills St Anthony's Catholic Church St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills Q 4161 Capalaba St Luke's Catholic Church 45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157 		MONDAY	3 January	Parish Office, Churches and Hall Closed No Masses	
		TUESDAY	4 January		
		WEDNESDAY	5 January		
		THURSDAY	6 January		
		FRIDAY	7 January		
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 - Masses 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 WEEKDAY - School Masses (Refer to Weekly Newsletter)		SATURDAY	8 January	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's
		SUNDAY	9 January	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's
10th January to 16th January 2022					
		MONDAY	10 January	Parish Office Closed	
		TUESDAY	11 January	9:00am 11:30am 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass - St Luke's Rosary - St Luke's Scripture Meditation - St Luke's Liturgy Team Meeting
		WEDNESDAY	12 January	9:00am 9:45am	Mass - St Anthony's Communion of the sick meeting
		THURSDAY	13 January	4:30pm	Rosary followed by Mass - St Anthony's
		FRIDAY	14 January	9:00am	Mass - St Luke's
		SATURDAY	15 January	4:30pm 6:00pm	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's
		SUNDAY	16 January	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's
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					
