

## Pope calls on Church to be “increasingly Synodal”

“The Church must become increasingly synodal,” Pope Francis says in his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The message, released yesterday, comes as Catholics are participating in a global consultation process leading to the 2023 Synod on Synodality.

The Pope emphasised that vocations have a communal as well as a personal dimension. He wrote: “Each of us shines like a star in the heart of God and in the firmament of the universe. At the same time, though, we are called to form constellations that can guide and light up the path of humanity, beginning with the places in which we live.

“This is the mystery of the Church: a celebration of differences, a sign, and instrument of all that humanity is called to be. “For this reason, the Church must become increasingly synodal: capable of walking together, united in harmonious diversity, where everyone can actively participate and where everyone has something to contribute.” The 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations will take place on this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The annual event was launched by St Paul VI in 1964.

Source: Cathnews.com

## Faith leaders call for permanent Refugee protection

Catholic leaders have joined Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and other Christian faith representatives in calling for permanent protection for refugees. A group of inter-faith leaders, gathered at St Paul’s Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne to launch a statement urging political leaders to reconsider the needs and futures of people on Temporary Protection Visas (TPVs) and offer them permanent protection.

The statement has since been signed and sent to Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Opposition Leader Anthony Albanese. The faith leaders raised the matter cautiously, they said, mindful of how fraught the discussion of such matters has been in previous federal elections.

Read the full story: [www.welcomerefugees.info/](http://www.welcomerefugees.info/)

## Archbishop’s Vocation Dinner for Women



Thursday, June 2, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Gain insight and wisdom into your discernment journey and the questions you’re currently facing at the annual Archbishop’s Dinner, where you’ll be inspired by Archbishop Mark Coleridge’s passion for the role of women in the Church and the importance of consecrated life.

RSVP: 26 May

## We love you Mums

### A Blessing Prayer for our Mothers

May you be loving-kindness to those who call you ‘mother’.  
May you delight in nurturing and relish the gift of children.  
May your heart be open to friends and strangers in need of mothering and mentoring.  
May you grow in wisdom as you experience the struggles and rewards of life.  
May you go to sleep each evening aware of the protection and warmth of God’s embrace.

“We Love you mothers and we thank you”



“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.



## St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

“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.”

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### Parish Churches

St Anthony’s Church  
1 St Anthony Drive,  
Alexandra Hills Q 4161

&

St Luke’s Church  
45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157

### Parish Office

#### Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday: 8am to 2pm

#### Parish Personnel

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St Luke’s Catholic Child Care Centre

Phone: 3245 3300

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### Welfare groups

St Vincent De Paul Society

1800 846 643

### 8 May 2022

### 4th Sunday of Easter

Dear Friends,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is celebrated as ‘Good Shepherd Sunday’. The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the most basic, enduring and endearing images of our Lord. It is also one of the most popular Psalms, “The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I will want” (Psalm 23).

Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, fulfilling God’s promise to his people. His mission is to the lost. He will lay down his life, so his sheep will have eternal life.

The Shepherd cares for his sheep, calls them by name, leads them to pasture and water, finds shelter for them in inclement weather, defends them against bandits and wolves, and willingly lay down his life for them.

The sheep have great confidence in the shepherd. They recognize his voice, obey his commands, and they follow wherever he leads them. The people of Israel and the early Christian community understood the relation between the shepherd and his sheep.

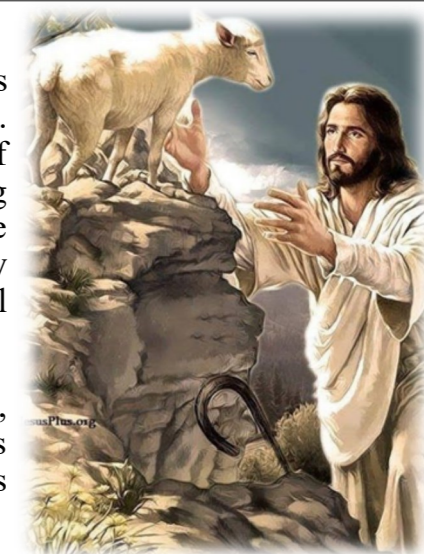
Sheep and shepherds are not very common in our high tech, computerized world, and we do not like to think of ourselves as submissive sheep. We are sophisticated human beings. We have an intellect and a free will; we can go where we will and do what we want.

To be a good ‘sheep’ and a good ‘shepherd’ are two sides of the same coin. We can be good ‘sheep’ in the fold of Jesus, rejoicing in the spiritual food given through the sacraments. We can also cooperate in the various ministries and activities in the local parish.

On the other hand, we have to be good ‘shepherds’: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a ‘shepherd’. Pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials and politicians are all ‘shepherds.’ Since shepherding is very demanding, dedication and self-sacrifice are needed every day on the part of the ‘shepherds.’

Today we celebrate Mother’s Day. We thank every Mother who through her sacrificial love, support the life in the world. They are really Good Shepherds following the heart of Jesus. Thank you, dear wonderful Mothers. Wish you a very happy Mother’s Day!

Lord’s blessings, Fr Regi



## Mass Times



8 May — 15 May 2022

MONDAY

9.00 am, St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

WEDNESDAY

5.00 pm, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

THURSDAY

9.00 am, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

FRIDAY

9.30 am, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

SATURDAY

4.30 pm St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.15 pm St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

SUNDAY

7.00 am St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

8.00 am St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

9.00 am St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

## The Sacrament of Penance



MONDAY

8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba

THURSDAY

5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale

SATURDAY

4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills.

OR

*By Appointment (call :3820 0100)*

## Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

### 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 14: 21-27

Psalm

Ps 144:8-13

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel

John 13:31-35



## Vocations

We celebrate the Vocation Sunday and the call that God gives us through our Baptism to grow to become like Jesus Christ. The word vocation comes from a Latin word 'vocare' meaning "to name or call".

In ordinary everyday language it can mean just our job or occupation, but when we are looking at things from the background of faith, it usually is understood to be the call that God gives us through our Baptism to grow to become like Jesus Christ – to share his life and love, to be holy and to offer our gifts and talents in the service of God and for the benefit of other people.

In the Catholic Church, there are four main states of life which a person can follow in responding to the invitation that God gives:

that of a single person,

a married person,

a member of a religious congregation,

that of an ordained minister i.e. a priest or deacon.



## New Parish Secretary



*Welcome Emily!!!*

We extend a very warm welcome to **Ms. Emily Vincent**, as she joins the parish office team, as our Parish Secretary.

We wish her all the blessings and support, that she may enjoy working in her new position.

## Let us Pray for Vocations

Loving God, With one voice we lift up our hearts to thank you today for our lives, our vocation and all your gifts to us. Inspire us all to know and live our vocation. Give courage to young people, to listen and follow the call, to serve you in the Archdiocese as your priests, religious and lay ministers. Bless us, your family of Brisbane. Help those you call to listen to what your Holy spirit is saying to us. Guide them to serve in your vineyard, that they may fulfill your holy will and make all things new. Through Christ our Lord, amen



## We remember and pray

Maria Mercedes Campbell, Nelson Penaflor, John McMahon, Greta Fitzpatrick; Irena Kelly, 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, Alfredo & Jennifer Mendez and Samuel Tyler, Bob Kohlman, Ronald Thorne, Gisela Kostic (Sylvia's Mum), Joan Balcombe, Meghan Chircop, Julie Vincent, Rishani Wickramasuriya,

## We pray for the Sick

We Pray for those in our community who are ill, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

## Happy Birthday

*We thank God for the gift of life. We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their Birthdays in the month of May.*

*To protect your privacy, we are required by the National privacy Act Australia to collect a written prayer intention form, which is available at the Entrance of the Church and from the Parish office.*



**Mass Intentions**

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the Entrance of the Church.

Please PRINT the NAME and date.

## The Biggest Morning Tea



The Parish Ladies group invites you to the Biggest Morning Tea, on Wednesday 18th May, beginning at 10.00am in the Parish Hall.

Lots of bargain plants and gifts available. Multi Draw Raffle. Plant and gift stall. Lucky square.

\$15 entry includes lucky door ticket. (Cash only please.) Please BYO cup.

**All are Welcome!!!!**

RSVP to Trish Purcell 0438863296 or Margaret Kostowski 0412161924



## Sacrament of Confirmation UPDATE!



*A reminder to all mums and dads who have children registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation,*

**PLEASE NOTE!**

\* **Confirmation WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY**

**Either 3.30 pm OR 6.00 pm**

**One must be attended.**

\* **Confirmation PRACTICE: MUST BE ATTENDED**

**Wednesday 1st June at 6.00 pm**

\* **THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:**

**CELEBRATION on 3rd JUNE 2022.**

**Please be at the Church by 5.30 pm**

## Are you New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill this form and drop it in the collection box or give us your details by phone, on 3820 0100 or email, alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter.

We look forward to welcome you to our New Parishioners Welcome Night.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

