

## What's on in the community

**Guided Retreat | 19– 21st August at 6:00pm | Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston | \$400**  
Experience spiritual renewal and growth at this weekend-long guided retreat at the tranquil Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Throughout the course of the retreat, you'll be accompanied by spiritual director and Evangelisation Brisbane's Associate Director of Adult Formation, Shane Dwyer. Register here: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/GuidedRetreatAugust2022>

**'A Morning's Prayer' | 3rd September 2022 at 9:00am | Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston | \$20**  
The Catholic experience can be about liturgy, sacraments and responding to Church teaching. As valuable as these elements of our faith are, A Morning's Prayer is about locating something that sits underneath all that – the profound engagement with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – who loves us and desires to walk with us in our lives as they are. Register here: <https://santateresa.org.au/news-events/>



**Congratulations to the children who are celebrating their first Holy Communion this weekend. May you feel the warmth and comfort of the Lord's love with you every day.**



### Baptism for Infants

Baptisms are celebrated in the Parish every Sunday at 10:30am either in St Anthony's Church or St Luke's Church. Parents have a choice of which Church and the Date of the Baptism. Parents are invited to a Parents Preparation session at 7:00pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, in St. Anthony's Church. Baptisms are always celebrated AFTER the parents have attended the Preparation Session.

Please contact the Parish office  
3820 0100 or  
[alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au) to register for the programme.

*thank you*



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See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission> for the Advertisement and the Position Description.

**We would like to thank and acknowledge Capalaba Carnations for the donation of flowers to our Church's this weekend.**



**21st August 2022**

[catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)

## MARY MACKILLOP BURSARY FUND

You give children living in hardship the love and care of a Catholic school community. With your support, these young people have access to a quality Catholic education.



**2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**  
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

Next weekend the 21st August, we will be asking that you please donate to the campaign in the envelopes provided and return them to the Parish Office or in the baskets during collection. Thank you.

**Workplace Health & Safety:** We have brand new first aid kits in both churches and in the Parish office. There is a seal on each of the kits, which you break open when you use the kit. Please notify the office if the seal has been broken, so products can be replaced efficiently.

**"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.**

**STOPline: 1300 304 550 | Email: [AOb@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOb@stopline.com.au)**



## 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."*

1, St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills, Qld 4161 Phone: 3820 0100 Email: [alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au)

Web: [www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au](http://www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au)

Facebook: [St Anthony and St Luke's Parish](https://www.facebook.com/StAnthonyandStLukesParish)

### 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

Monday to Friday: 9am to 2pm

#### Parish Personnel

**Fr Regimon Gervasis MCBS**  
Parish Administrator  
[gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Fr. Prem Kumar**  
Associate Pastor

**Trish Stapleton**  
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**Emily Vincent**  
Parish Secretary  
[alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Kathy Metzen**  
Workplace Health & Safety

**Inez Barry**  
Safeguarding Officer  
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### Education

**St Anthony's Catholic Primary School**  
Phone: 3820 1200  
Email: [palexhills@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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  
Email: [pcapalaba@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pcapalaba@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
**St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre**  
Phone: 3245 3300  
Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

### 14 August 2022

### 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Dear Parishioners and visitors,*

The fire of God's purifying love and cleansing word

Fire is a sign and symbol of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11-12 and Luke 3:16-17). When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the disciples at Pentecost "tongues of fire" appeared above their heads (Acts 2:3).

Why did Jesus link fire from heaven with costly division on the earth? Did he expect his followers to take his statement of "father against son and son against father" and "mother against daughter and daughter against mother" literally? Or was he intentionally using a figure of speech to emphasize the choice and cost of following him above all else? Jesus used a typical Hebrew hyperbole (a figure of speech which uses strong language and exaggeration for emphasis) to drive home an important lesson. We often do the same when we want to emphasize something very strongly. Jesus' hyperbole, however, did contain a real warning that the Gospel message does have serious consequences for our lives.

When Jesus spoke about division within families he likely had in mind the prophecy of Micah: a man's enemies are the men of his own household (Micah 7:6). The essence of Christianity is loyalty to Jesus Christ - the Son of God and Saviour of the world - a loyalty that takes precedence over every other relationship. The love of God compels us to choose who will be first in our lives. To place any relationship (or anything else) above God is a form of idolatry.

Who do you love first and foremost?

Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who they love first and foremost. A true disciple loves God above all else and is willing to forsake all for Jesus Christ. Jesus insists that his disciples give him the loyalty which is only due to God, a loyalty which is higher than spouse or kin. It is possible that family and friends can become our enemies if the thought of them keeps us from doing what we know God wants us to do. Does the love of Jesus Christ compel you to put God first in all you do (2 Corinthians 5:14)?

The Gospel message is good news for those who seek pardon, peace, and the abundant life which God offers us through his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus offers true freedom to those who believe in him - freedom from slavery to sin, Satan, and the oppressive forces of hatred and evil that can destroy body, mind, and spirit. Do you listen to the voice of your Saviour and trust in his word? Commit your ways to him, obey his word, and you will find true peace, joy, and happiness in the Lord your God.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, may the fire of your love consume me and transform my life that I may truly desire nothing more than life with you. Fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit that I may always seek to please you and do your will.



Scripture Readings

This Sunday, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18  
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4  
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Next Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21  
Psalm: Ps 116  
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

**MONDAY** 8.30am: 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)*

Donations Needed

Ladies Group are seeking donations of baby wool. If you are able to donate please call the Parish office on (07) 3820 0100.

Mass Times

15th– 21st August 2022

**MONDAY**  
9:00am, St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

**WEDNESDAY**  
NO MASS

**THURSDAY**  
9.00am, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS  
6.00pm, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

**FRIDAY**  
9.30am, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE


**SATURDAY**  
4.30pm St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS  
6.15pm St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

**SUNDAY**  
7.00am St Luke's Church, CAPALABA  
8.00am St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE  
9.00 am St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

**We remember and pray for** Maria Mercedes Campbell, Nelson Penaflor, Greta Fitzpatrick, Irena Kelly, Denis Bowman, Joe Andrews, Christine Hahes, Chris Dennis, Gerry Stack, Kerry Ann See, Mary Ford, Max Veal, Kerry Balcombe, Anthony Conner, Des Stapleton, Margaret Hobbs, Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Ailsa Jensen, Sharon MacKenzie, Alfredo & Jennifer Mendez, Samuel Tyler, Bob Kohlman, Ronald Thorne, Gisela Kostic, Joan Balcombe, Meghan Chircop, Julie Vincent, Peter Kwok-Sun, Antonio Ramando, Josephine Murphy, Helen Meade, Leo Berge


**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**

Eucharistic Adoration



First Friday of the Month  
(10.00am to 11.00am),  
at St Mary MacKillop Church,  
BIRKDALE

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.

*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.*

Parish Prayer Groups

**Monday**  
1.00 pm Rosary group, St Mary's, Birkdale

**Tuesday**  
11.30 am, Rosary group, St Luke's , Capalaba

**Wednesday**  
11.00 am Rosary, St Mary's, Birkdale  
3.30 pm, Prayer of Two Hearts, St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills  
4.00 pm, Rosary, St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills

**Friday**  
9.00 am, Rosary, St Mary's, Birkdale



**Little Saints Play Group**

Children from birth to school age along with their parents, grandparents or carers are welcome to join us for friendship and social play each **Monday 8.45am - 11.00am** in the parish hall at St Anthony's.

Drop in and say 'hello'. You will be assured of a warm welcome.



**Parish Social**

Join other members of the Parish for lunch at 11:30am on Wednesday 17th August at Bush Pantry @ My Horizon, Runnymede Road Capalaba. All welcome! Please RSVP Sunday 14th to Trish Purcell on 0438 863 296.

**CONNECTED YOUTH**



Star of the Sea Catholic Parish

JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT WITH DINNER, FELLOWSHIP, GAMES AND GETTING CLOSER TO JESUS! FOR YOUTH AGED 9 - 14

**Friday 19th of August 6pm - 8pm**

**53 PASSAGE STREET, CLEVELAND QLD, 4163, IN THE PARISH HALL**

Contact Sam Sachse: sachse.sam24@gmail.com  
0499 024 309

**SPIRITUAL HEALING RETREAT**  
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**THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SHIELD**  
Psalm 28: 7


**Saturday, 27th August 2022**  
**9.30am-4pm**  
Holy Cross Church,  
Church Hall  
68 Nottingham St,  
Kippa-Ring  
QLD 4021

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The Divine Retreat Centre promotes the safety and protection of children and other vulnerable persons in its care.



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Monday 15th August at St. Luke's.**



**Pope's Prayer Intention August 2022**

**Small Businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.



**Welcome**  
To Our Church Family

**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: \_\_\_\_\_