

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass (24/12/2022)

5:00pm St Anthony's Church (Children's Nativity Play)

7:00pm St Mary McKillop Church (Children's Nativity Play)

Christmas Day Mass (25/12/2022)

7:00am St Luke's Church

8:00am St Mary MacKillop Church

9:00am St Anthony's Church

Christmas Carols will be sung prior to each Mass.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Bethlehem Candle

Mary and Joseph had to do a lot to prepare for the journey to Bethlehem before Jesus was born. Today, there are things that we can do so we are prepared for Jesus too.

The second Advent candle is a candle of *faith*.

Faith in Jesus may be the greatest gift we ever receive.

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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

Mon, Wed & Fri: 9am to 2pm

Parish Personnel

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Phone: 3245 3300
Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

4 December 2022

2nd Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

On this Second Sunday of Advent we contemplate on the person and mission of Saint John the Baptist, the great prophet who announced the coming of Christ and salvation in Christ.

John the Baptist boldly proclaimed: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" In other words, the Saving Lord is coming; the desired of all nations, so hearts must be prepared for the coming of God as human. In the midst of the expectation and preparations, we acknowledge too that the Lord is present already among us. Though present, we might easily miss the fact of the Lord in our daily life. Especially at this time of year we can be easily so caught up in the "Christmas rush" of preparing food or planning trips, purchasing gifts or sending Christmas greetings, that God, who stands quietly knocking at the door of our hearts, can be missed entirely.

Think about the Pharisees and the Sadducees who came to John for Baptism. John is pretty rough on them. He calls them a brood of vipers. They are going through the motions of accepting his baptism of repentance, but they are not sincere. He tells them to prove that they want a change in their world by producing good fruit, to live as God's people.

Repent and believe in the Good News, that nothing can take Christ from us. No one, no situation in life, nothing can destroy the joy that we have in being united to the Lord. It is the experience of sharing in the life of Christ.

Today it is not easy even to be an average Christian. But the voice of the one crying out in the wilderness calls us for becoming not an average Christian but to become the best Christian.

Where we need a complete, emotional, physical and spiritual preparation, deriving from self-sacrifice and self-discipline. If we can sacrifice our self, we can see the salvation of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

At the same time, we are called to be John the Baptist in our world today, announcing that God is present and that God is changing the world to reflect His love. Let us open our hearts to others; Salvation is here in our midst. Let us live in faith and confidence, that we shall experience the salvation of God in our day to day lives. The 'Conversion of life', that is an ongoing requirement, if we are to share in the life of Christ.

Lord's Blessings, Father Regi



Information about our Parish

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month (10am-11am) at St. Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 8:30am at St. Luke's Church, Capalaba
Thursday 5:30pm at St. Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
Saturday 4:00pm at St. Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
Alternatively, by appointment by calling (07) 3820 0100

Parish Prayer Groups

Monday 1:00pm Rosary at St Mary MacKillop

Tuesday 11:30am Rosary at St Luke's

Wednesday 11:00am Rosary at St. Mary MacKillop
3:30pm Prayer of Two Hearts at St Anthony's
4:00pm Rosary at St Anthony's

Friday 9:00am Rosary at St Mary MacKillop

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.

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



We remember and pray for

All those who are sick, especially Maria Mercedes Campbell, Nelson Penaflor, Greta Fitzpatrick, Irena Kelly, Denis Bowman, Joe Andrews, Chris Dennis, 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, Meghan Chircop, Julie Vincent, Peter Kwok-Sun, Antonio Ramando, Josephine Murphy, Helen Meade, Leo Berge, Ross Davies and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who are for them.

We commend all the recently deceased, especially Tony Metzen

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur during this time, especially

Felix Aguiar, Sarah Armatys, The Dwyer Family, Phil Edwards, Dorothy & Miriam Black

If you would like your name or a family members name added, please email Emily on alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

MASS TIMES

5 - 11 DECEMBER 2022

MONDAY

9:00am St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

WEDNESDAY

5:00pm St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

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

Parish Banking

Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our bank account details are as follows:

BSB: 064 786

Account No: 1000 17592

Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish

Kindly reference your deposit with your surname. To join a direct debit and Planned giving programme please contact the Parish office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL:



The SVDP members will be conducting their Christmas Appeal within the parish on the week-ends of 3/4th and 10/11th December. Donations of pantry items and Christmas food are requested and may be left in the boxes at the rear of the churches during all masses. Thank you for assisting us to make the Christmas of those whom we assist a little brighter.

Thank you for your donations during this time.

Pope's Prayer Intention November 2022



Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



GIFT THE CHILDREN
IN YOUR PARISH THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON
ACTIVITY BOOK



'Christmas isn't just one day!' is now available in our Piety Stall in both Churches for \$2.50. Through stories, puzzles, colouring-in, recipes and prayers – as well as a few ideas for parents – this little book covers most of the scripture stories and feasts of the whole of the Christmas season. Most importantly, it shares the message of God's love, revealed through the birth of Jesus our Lord.

We would like to thank and acknowledge our wonderful teachers for their love, guidance and wisdom they have shared throughout the year.

TEACHERS
PLANT
THE SEEDS OF
knowledge
THAT GROW
forever

Christmas Stall and Raffle

Christmas Stall following all masses 3rd & 4th December. Handmade gifts– hand towels, coat hangers, jam and marmalade. Christmas decorations, wrapping paper and plants. All at bargain prices, cash only please. All profits will be donated to St. Vincent De Paul.

BIBLES AND TOILETRIES FOR SEAFARERS

The Ladies Group is continuing the motel toiletries collection for seafarers and donations can be left at any Mass throughout the year.

Stella Maris is also seeking donations of Bibles for the seafarers. If you have any bibles excess to your needs, please leave them at either church.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

For the Children...

John the Baptist

John the Baptist was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

He was chosen by God to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He told them that they must be sorry for all the things they had done wrong and try to live better lives. Today we hear about how and where he lived and the message he shared.

LET US PRAY

Heavenly father, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your son. As Christmas draws closer, help us to prepare too, so that we may be ready for Christmas Day.



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: _____

