



SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

In Preparation for Christmas our parish will celebrate the **Second Rite** of reconciliation on **Wednesday, 21st of December at 7.00 pm, At St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills.** We will have 5 priests helping us for the celebration. Let us prepare the way for the Lord.

In our candles of advent series, for this week, we'll cover the third candle known as the candle of joy. Instead of the previous two weeks of purple or violet candles, this week the colour of the candle will be different: it's pink. As a reminder, three candles are purple, one is pink, and the one in the centre is white. The Candle of Joy, otherwise known as the Shepherd Candle, this candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus' arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us. This third Sunday in advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday* inviting the faithful to "rejoice" for "indeed the Lord is near." In other words, this week celebrates the joy of Christ's coming to earth. It is also known as the Shepherd Candle to highlight the joy the shepherds experienced when they received the good news about Christ's birth. Let us rejoice with the church that our salvation is near. Our God is among us.



The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation

Strong demand to learn more about the Catholic faith and how to share it with others has sparked Brisbane Archdiocese to launch the Centre for Catholic Formation, with courses on offer from early next year.

The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation exists to engage the baptised in a deeper experience of God in the Catholic tradition. It provides four core modules as well as supplementary guest lectures, short courses, retreats, and one off events.

This course is designed with all baptised Catholics in mind. Particularly for: Those who want to grow deeper in their love for God and others, Those preparing for the ministries of lector, acolyte and catechist, those who want to share their faith with others and those who are parish staff or volunteers who may not have engaged in formal theological study previously.

For more information visit: <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au>

OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised the Parish office will be closed from Wednesday 14th December till Wednesday 21st December. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. In the event of an emergency, please call the office phone number.

Advertise your business here

12 months coverage on printed newsletter, emailed to parishioners, on the parish website. Contact the Parish Office for more information.



"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.

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

Parish Churches

St Anthony's Church
1 St Anthony Drive,
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&
St Luke's Church
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Parish Office

Office Hours

Mon, Wed & Fri: 9am to 2pm

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St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre
Phone: 3245 3300
Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

11 December 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday, 24 th December 2022 (Christmas Eve)	5.00 pm	Mass (Beginning with Children's Nativity play)	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
	7.00 pm	Mass (Beginning with Children's Nativity play)	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
Sunday, 25 th December 2022	7.00 am	Mass	St Luke's Church, Capalaba
	8.00 am	Mass	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
	9.00 am	Mass	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills

***Christmas Carols 30 minutes prior to all the Masses.

"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Eucharistic Adoration



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

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.
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



Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Advent
First Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-6,10
Psalms: 145: 6-10
Second Reading: James 5: 7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

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 Penafior, 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

Joseph Antony Kakucska and Susan Kakucska

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

MASS TIMES

12-18 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 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.

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Christmas Stall and Raffle. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity. The Ladies Group has passed the profit of \$1500 on to our parish St Vincent de Paul conference for their work within the local community. Prize winners have all been notified and a list of winners is in the notice board of each church. The collection of Bibles and motel toiletries for seafarers is ongoing and donations can be left in either church. Thank you.

Delivery of Christmas Hampers

St. Vincent de Paul would like to request the assistance of some parishioners to assist with the delivery of Christmas hampers on Saturday 16th December from 7:30AM. Please contact Kathryn on 0419716390 if you may be able to assist. Thank you

thank you

The Metzen family would like to thank all the Parish for their love and support during this time. Thank you again, Kathy, Michael, Tom and Sam Metzen

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

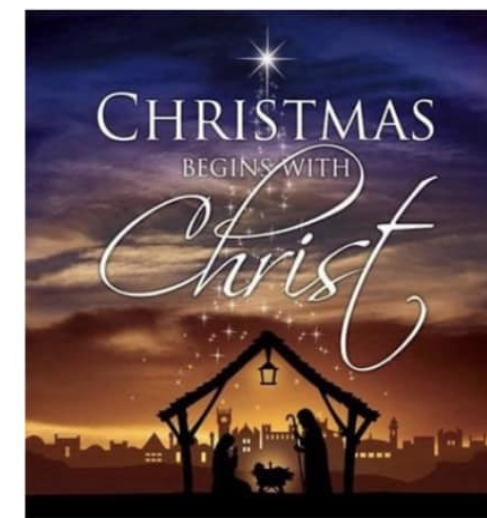


The Archdiocese of Brisbane acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which the Archdiocese lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

The Archdiocese pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

The Christmas season is busy, fast, and fun! So, why not set aside time now to develop meaningful traditions for the entire family.

To begin our Family Christmas Mass at 5pm on 24th December at St. Anthony's we are having a dramatization of the Christmas story. We are looking for children to join with us in celebrating the birth of Jesus. We require a narrator, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus, Angels, Innkeeper, Shepherds, and Kings. If your children would like to be involved, please contact Jane Kiely by sending her a text on 0423373155. Jane will contact you back to discuss what is involved. We are planning to have a practice on the 23rd December at 5.30 pm at St. Anthony's church.



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: _____

