



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.

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia.

This weekend our Parish will hold a special retiring collection to “support refugees and people in Ukraine during this winter, which will be the most challenging for our country for decades of independence”.

All donations raised during the Advent appeal will support the work of *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

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

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“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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&
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18 December 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

About 2000 years ago a man found himself in a very difficult situation. He was promised to a woman in marriage, already legally bound, but now she was pregnant. If he divorced her, as he was entitled to do, then she would be shamed and if he did not divorce her then he would be shamed.

This was of course Joseph and Mary. But then an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife and it says that ‘when he awoke he did exactly as he had been commanded to do’.

The place of dream in Holy Scripture is the ground of encounter between God and Man. From the dreams of Jacob to the dreams of Daniel, we see the borderland between the conscious and the unconscious as the meeting place.

The supreme dreamer of the Old Testament, and interpreter of dreams, is Joseph. It is dream that gets him into trouble and dream that gets him out. So, it is no surprise to us when the Joseph of the New Testament, the chosen guardian of the Son of God, turns out to be a dreamer too.

The great dreamers of history have one thing in common. However incredible the dream, they have been convinced that, if it is of God then, though we know not how, His Word will be fulfilled.

Joseph responded to a dream, prompting him to do the opposite of what he had intended to do and Joseph becomes the part of the holy family. No doubt the reason he responded to God in this positive way because he was open to God.

What God asks of us can be difficult, but it will always be the most worthwhile path. God is speaking to us all the time, through the Scriptures, through each other and God is still asking us to live by his law of love and mercy, even though it may mean going against the tide.

Many of us are disturbed by the things we are hearing on the news every day. War, terrorist attacks, domestic violence, shooting the police officers on duty. Could it be because many people have abandoned the way of life that God calls us to live?

Making our society and our world a better place begins with me, where I live, with the people I live and deal with. The individual responses of many people, like Joseph and Mary, to God changed the course of history. Their responses at the time probably seemed quite insignificant, but in the long run it made all the difference in the world.

Let the coming of Christ and this Christmas be a wake-up call for us from our dreams.



Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

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

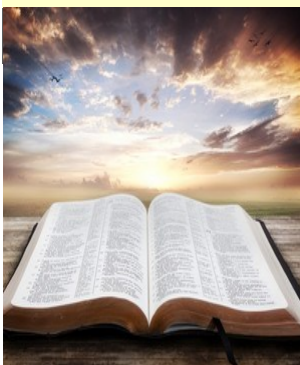
Parish Prayer Groups

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

Psalms: 23: 1-6

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

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

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

19-25 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

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

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Account No: 1000 17592

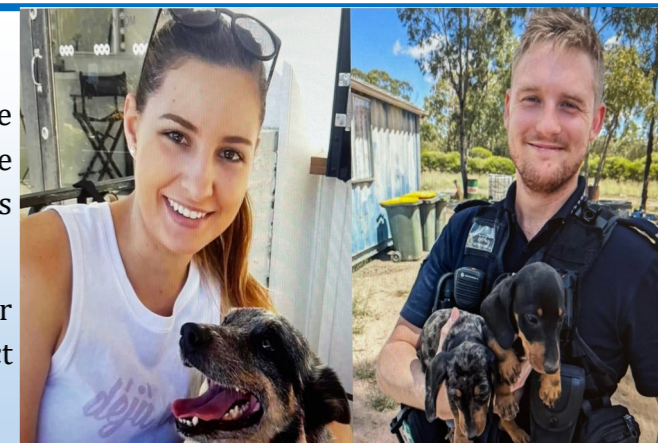
Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish

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

Tributes for Queensland police officers

We join the nation to express our love and prayers for the two officers, Constable Rachel McCrow, 29, and Constable Matthew Arnold, 26, who were killed by a hail of bullets from a trio of shooters in a property in Wieambilla.

We keep their families and the entire police force in our prayers. May God comfort everyone, May God protect everyone.



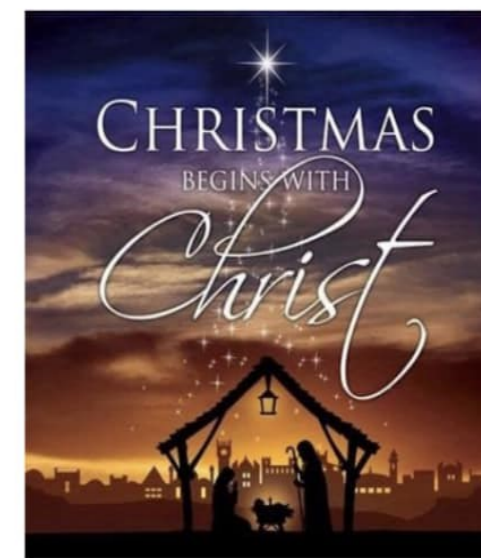
SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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. Let us join this spiritual preparation to prepare the way for the Lord.



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: _____

