

A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped to celebrate the Christmas in our Parish. We thank everyone for their support with children's nativity play, music, reading, decoration, sacristans and other ministries in the Parish.



Baptism Preparation



Parents wishing to have their children Baptised please contact the Parish Office to pencil in a date and Church in which you would like to have your child baptised. This date is confirmed once the parent/s have attended a Preparation Workshop on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm in St Anthony's Church. Baptisms are celebrated in either St Luke's or St Anthony's church on Sundays at 10.30 am. For more information, please call the parish office PH 3820 0100 or Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

Altar Servers play a very important role by assist ing with the celebra- tion of Mass. Some of the tasks are carrying candles and thurible, holding the book, and performing other duties at Mass and other liturgical rites. Servers assist the priest during processions, rituals, gestures, at the chair and at the altar.

Those who have received the Holy Communion can be an altar server. We invite those who would like to join this wonderful team.

For more details please contact the Parish office. Call: 3820 0100 or email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au



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12 months coverage on printed newsletter, emailed to parishioners, on the parish website.

Contact the Parish Office for more in-formation.



"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: A0B@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."

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Web: www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au

Facebook: St Anthony and St Luke's Parish

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

25 December 2022

Christmas 2022

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



God is born as a child in a manger. We have the Good News, that the saviour of the world is born, the one who offers the freedom from darkness and captivities. The oracles of hope and expectation of the old testament now give way to the fulfilment of God's kingdom among us.

We celebrate the birth of our redeemer, who calls us, to proclaim the Good News, to the ends of the world. The Spiritual has become physical. And now we, the physical can become spiritual. We can join the Prince of Peace by choosing Love and peace. We can unite ourselves to God, the Divine Lover, and make the spiritual real.

We journey amidst imperfections, in the world and may be in our lives but we have the cause for celebration, because our perfect sal- vation 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.

Let us proclaim the Gospel of peace and joy to the world. Let the warmth of Love of God in Christmas reach every heart, every relationship, every Family.

I wish you all a Holy CHRISTMAS and a Happy NEW YEAR!

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

CHRISTMAS

First Reading: Is 9:1-7
Psalm: Ps 95:1-3, 11-13
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

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

Neeleen Rafter

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

MASS TIMES

26 DECEMBER 2022 - 1 JANUARY 2023

**THIS WEEK THERE WILL BE NO
MASS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

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

Support Your Parish

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

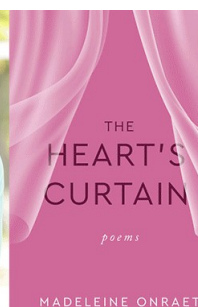
Kindly reference your deposit with your surname. To join a direct debit and Planned giving programme please contact the Parish office.

Merry Christmas from the Parish Office!!

Please note, the Parish Office will reopen on Monday 9th January 2023. In the event of an emergency, where a Priest is needed, please phone (07) 3020 0100 and select option 3 to be redirected. Alternatively, for non-urgent matters, you are welcome to phone and leave a message for the office.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Fantastic 2023!

minjerribah



Australian writer Madeleine Onraet, recently published two poetry collections, *Minjerribah* and *The Heart's Curtain*. She describes "My poems have always felt like love letters to God," "Writing comes out of the felt experience of living an ordinary life."

Located just 25 minutes from Cleveland by water taxi, North Stradbroke Island – Minjerribah boasts a lush landscape and crystal waters. For many Australians, the island represents a secluded getaway, but for Ms Onraet, Minjerribah is a spiritual retreat. "*Minjerribah* is a personal response to the land and sea and honours the place that has held my family for many years," she said.

Ms Onraet's second publication, *The Heart's Curtain* examines the nature of personal suffering through reflection and meditation. "If the mind is constantly agitated then it is difficult to distinguish what is an authentic response and what is automatic," she explained.

As to the future, Ms Onraet said she has some manuscripts and other ideas. "I'm open to where the spirit leads me and what will be asked of me." Read full story: Catholicleader.com.au

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

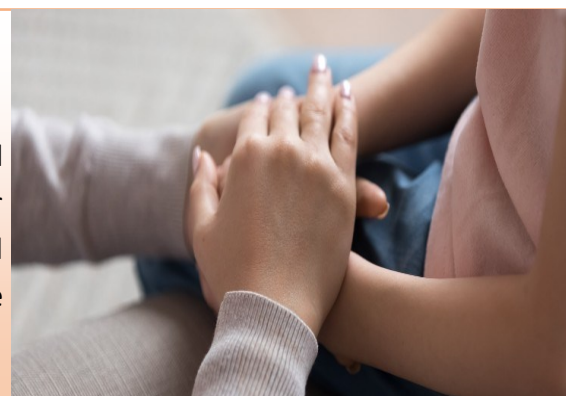


The Archdiocese of Brisbane acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the country upon which the Archdiocese lies and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

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

Call for action to safeguard children in family settings

Five years after the royal commission into child sex abuse handed down its final report, a leading child protection academic has called for more supports to help families safeguard their children and spearhead conversations about sex and sexuality, consent, respect, and online safety. Read the full story: catholicleader.com.au



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: _____

