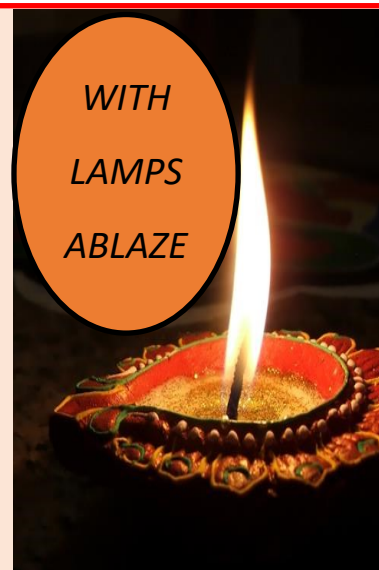


Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023

1. TEACHING PRAYER
2. RESHAPING PARISH COMMUNITIES
3. BRINGING CULTURAL COMMUNITIES TO THE CENTRE
4. RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND THE ABUSED
5. ENGAGING ANEW WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES
6. IMPLEMENTING INTEGRAL ECOLOGY
7. EMBEDDING SYNODAL GOVERNANCE



NATIONAL CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT EXTENDED TO 30 MAY 2023

the **Australian Pastoral Musicians Network & National Liturgical Council** are hosting a joint national liturgy & liturgical music conference at the **Hilton Brisbane** from **28 to 30 September 2023**.

Mystery & Mission features:

6 Keynote Speaker Presentations

- **Prof Timothy O'Malley** - liturgical & sacramental theologian (Notre Dame USA)
- **Sarah Hart** - contemporary Catholic composer & OCP recording artist (Nashville USA)
- **Rev Dr Tom Elich** - internationally renowned liturgist (Liturgy Brisbane)
- **Assoc Prof Maeve Louise Heaney** – theologian & composer (ACU)

Watch the conference promo video: [Conference Video](#).

For full information and to register, visit <https://mysteryandmission.com.au/>.



Women to vote in Synod assembly for first time

Pope Francis has approved changes to allow lay women, including religious sisters, and lay men, to take part as full members of the Synod summit in October, emphasising that it restores a model of the Church as the “People of God” and where the hierarchy is in close relationship with the laity.

Pope St Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops in 1965, at the end of the Second Vatican Council, and since then its gatherings have been made up of bishops, ordained presbyters and male religious.

Read more: [cathnews.com](#)

Bishops call for tighter religious regulations after ‘starvation cult’ deaths

Kenya’s Catholic bishops have expressed disgust at a “starvation cult” and called for stiffer regulations in creating religious groups, after at least 73 bodies were exhumed from mass graves in the Khakahola forest, in the east of the country. Source: [cathnews.com](#)

PARISH HALL HIRE

Did you know you can privately hire the St. Anthony’s Church Hall for special functions and events?

For more information please contact the Parish office:

Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

Are you New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Parish, please fill this form and drop it in the collection Plate 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.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____



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](#)

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&
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30 April 2023

4th Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

“The Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want.....even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”. The psalm 23 seems to be so fitting for our world that always seek everlasting comfort and peace. As we turn to the lord, we listen his voice. We are strengthened by his words. As we place our trust in Jesus, the good shepherd, we find comfort in his protection.



Sheep and shepherds were very relevant part of the ancient world. Even though the modern way to care for the livestock has changed, still we can find that the way the sheep behave has not changed much. They continually follow the master’s voice.

There is always a voice talking to each one, from within the person. This inner voice helps us to discern what is right and wrong, what is good and bad. We may say this is the voice of our conscience. When our life is in God this inner voice reflects the voice of God.

God’s voice helps us always to do the right thing even when we appear to be a minority. It is the guiding force to do something or not to do something in a particular situation. In fact, this takes us beyond the requirement of law, to be a person with good principles, not just obeying the guidelines for its own sake.

Sometimes, we have to perk up our ears to hear the voice of the Good shepherd. There are so many distractions in life, including the doubts and fears as we face challenges, that we have to listen closely to hear His voice. Prayer is the best channel to receive the voice of Good Shepherd who will lead us through the gate of life.

God empowers those who listen to him to be the good shepherds, since the listening to God always leads us into action. Our faith is in action when we look in on the elderly person two houses down who didn’t pick up his paper for the last two days. Some of are or have been care-givers, for your partners, some for your parents, and some for a chronically ill child.

Sometimes people have been pushed beyond their comfort zone and so many times that people forgot what a normal event-less day is like. Many could find ways to turn from their responsibilities, but the force of the inner voice helps us to be courageous. Then we recognise, these are times that we find ourselves with the heart of the good shepherd.

Can I hear the voice of Good Shepherd? Am I ready to be a good shepherd?

Lord’s Blessings, Fr Regi

MASS TIMES 1 — 7 MAY 2023		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6.00 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
FRIDAY	9.30 AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
SATURDAY	4.30 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
	6.15 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
SUNDAY	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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
MONDAY 8.30am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba
TUESDAY 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
SATURDAY 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills

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

Scripture Readings
4th Sunday of Easter
First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41
Psalm: 22:1-6
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

We pray for all those who are sick:
especially, Leo Berge, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.

We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially, Helen Anderson, Christopher Lees, Maria Harris, Kelvin Christensen, Robin Duncan, and Joshua Rhoades. **To add the name to the list, Please contact Parish Office. Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au**

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.

STOPline Service
 "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

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 APRIL.

Ladies group: A SPECIAL THANK YOU to everyone who has generously donated yarn for knee rugs. This ministry touches many with love, comfort and warmth.
 In the last few years, an astounding 543 knee rugs have been lovingly created and gifted to sick, frail or elderly people in their homes, nursing homes and hospitals.
 Yarn, (preferably 8ply) is always needed and can be left at either church or the Parish Office.
Next Ladies Group meeting: Wednesday 3rd May 9.00am in the Parish Hall.
 All are welcome to come and learn how to make a beautiful gift card for your own personal use. All equipment will be provided.
 The meeting will focus on fun and friendship and a shared cuppa. We would love for you to join us.



Summit²³

MAY 18-20, 2023
 RIVERLIFE CENTRE
 Seventeen Mile Rocks

BE EMPOWERED, INSPIRED AND EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH.

The principal gathering of the Archdiocese of Brisbane in 2023.

Summit 2023 is a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese: parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy - this event is for everyone.

The Summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the Plenary Council and where Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the years to come.

The Summit will include:

- Keynote presentations
- Masterclasses
- Panel discussions with a focus on mission, faith communities, and prayer
- Moments for personal encounter with Christ through prayer and Eucharist
- Earlybird registration from \$170, group discounts are available

For costs and more information head to our website brisbanesummit.com

Our Parish is looking for more volunteers to assist as:- Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Power point Operators, Greeters, Tea/Coffee, hospitality and Counters, etc.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office.



First Holy Communion

We wish all the blessings to the Children and families preparing to receive the Holy Communion for the first time. We support them with our presence and prayers.

Pope Francis appeals for end to violence in Sudan and return to dialogue.
 "The majority of those arriving are women and children, who are currently sheltering out in the open," it said in a press release. "The initial most pressing needs are water, food, shelter, health care, child protection and prevention of gender-based violence. Due to the violence experienced by those crossing the border, psychosocial support is also among our top priorities."
 Read Full story: [Thecatholicleader.com](https://thecatholicleader.com)

Australian Catholics increasingly female, older and born overseas, report finds
 THE latest data from the National Church and Life Survey shows Australian Catholics are increasingly female, older and born overseas. The current 2021 data shows the whole population of Australian Catholics fell by about 220,000 people since 2016. The median age increased from 40 years old to 43 years old. There are now 89.1 males for every 100 females in 2021, compared to 90.6 in 2016. Catholics speaking a language other than English has increased about 2 per cent from the 2016 data with the leading languages being Italian, Filipino and Spanish. This reflects the top five birthplaces for Catholics born overseas:- Philippines, Italy, United Kingdom, India and New Zealand.

