

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm

Christopher Trikili (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm

Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm

MUSIC AND POETRY
TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC



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.

KNITTING YARN NEEDED

The Ladies Group is again seeking donations of yarn (preferably 8ply) which will be knitted and crocheted into knee rugs to be gifted to residents of hospitals and nursing homes as well as beanies to be distributed by Centacare. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be left in either church or Parish office.

Thank you for your support.



Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has created a collection of resources to help children engage with the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas, including: - Advent candle holder and baby Jesus Christmas tree ornament craft activities - Little



Nativity pray and play pack - Weekly Advent Minute video series - Christmas carol lyrics and action videos - Nativity story animated video - A printable Advent Calendar with daily activity ideas. All of these resources can be accessed for free at tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023

Anointing Mass will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop Church, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale on
Friday 18th December.



Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.
All Welcome.



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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 and also send you our weekly newsletter.

NAME: _____

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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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St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre

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3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



We begin the Advent with the call to Stay Awake. The season of advent invites us to watch for the coming of the Lord! The advent wreath and candles reminds us about our preparation and waiting for Christ.

We can be awake and watchful in different ways. The first is to watch for those moments when the Lord is calling on us to reach out to others. Sometimes this might be obvious like a proclamation of our faith when we stand up for what is right, regardless of what the crowd around us is saying or doing. We need to watch for those times we can be the hands and feet and voice of Jesus.

There is a second way that we need to watch. We need to watch for those seemingly minor changes or additions to our lives that might change the very direction of our lives. It may be finding partners or friends, birth or death in family, moving to a new and different life situation. When we are fully awake, what happens can be understood as a direction more towards God, and take a wonderful turn for the better.

The third way we need to watch might appear a bit scary, but it is realistic. It is the time that the Lord is calling us to leave this world and be fully united to Him. We always need to be ready to come before the Lord, no matter how young or old we are. Let us join our mother Church to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Let us move to the Light of Christ, let us move with the light of Christ.

Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

MASS TIMES 4 - 10 DECEMBER 2023		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6:00PM	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 SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

We will celebrate the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 6.30pm at St Anthony's 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
 or *By Appointment call: 3820 0100*

Anointing Mass

We will have the special Anointing Mass on the Second Friday of every Month.
 Next celebration will be at 9.30 am,
 on Friday, 8th December 2023,
 at St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Scripture Readings

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isa 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8
 Ps 79:2-3,15-16, 18-19
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

We pray for all those who are sick:

especially, Josephine Murphy, Denis Bowman, Helen Meade, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.

We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially.....

Departed members of Kakucska Family, Ross Davies, Michael Vella (anniversary), Dorothy Black, Felix Aguiar, Nancy Ragonese (anniversary), Paula Vella, Alan Lowndes, John Plettell, John Dimech, Grazio Vella (anniversary), Antonino Di Raimondo, Zita Cilvanas, Gisela Kostic, Michael Nolan, Len Murphy, Shona Kwock-Sun, Trish Rooney, Menuli Perera.

To add the name of your beloved departed to the list, Please Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au



"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



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Sunday 24th December

4:30pm Christmas Carols – St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills
 5:00pm Children's Pageant and Mass– St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills
 6:30pm Christmas Carols – St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale
 7:00pm Children's Pageant and Mass – St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

7:00am Mass – St Luke's, Capalaba
 8:00am Mass– St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale
 9:00am Mass – St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills

THE SIGN: Advent Program 2023 on sale now!

Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with **The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023**—a captivating 80-page book containing spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (3 December 2023) through to the Baptism of the Lord (8 January 2024).

Books Available in the Church—\$5.00



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

On the weekend of 2/3rd and 9/10th December our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting our Christmas appeal in the parish to assist us in providing Christmas hampers to people in need in our community. Donations of Christmas food, pantry food, toiletries would be much appreciated. Boxes for donated items will be placed at the rear of each church and envelopes will be available for those who may prefer to donate cash. Thank you for your generosity and helping to make the Christmas of these families a little brighter."



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works



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 narrators, 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 two practices: on the 20th December at 6.45 pm (for 1 hour) and a dress rehearsal on Saturday 23rd December at 8.30am at St. Anthony's church.

DATE CLAIMER!!!! 2ND & 3RD DECEMBER

Christmas Stall
following all weekend Masses.

Plants and home made items



Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our bank account details are: **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.

Parish Hall Rental

Did you know you can privately hire the St. Anthony's & St Luke's Church Hall at Alexandra Hills for special functions and events? For more information please contact the Parish office: Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au



Our Parish is looking for more volunteers to assist as:- Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Power point Operators, Greeters, Tea/Coffee—hospitality, Counters, and Children's Liturgy, etc. If you are interested in participating, please meet the Priest or Sacristans after the Mass or Contact the Parish Office: 3820 0100