

## Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

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

Christopher Trikilis (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](http://www.trybooking.com/CNGCC)



### HELP THE LADIES GROUP

provide male toiletry packs to Centacare, for clients being assisted to resettle into the community. Each pack will contain shampoo and conditioner, comb, razor, deodorant, soap, toothpaste and toothbrush. Your purchase of jams will help us to buy toiletries, or, you may wish to donate any of the above items. There is a collection box near the piety stall.

**Motel toiletries** can also be left in the collection box. These will be distributed at the St Vincent de Paul drop-in centre Spring Hill.

**Ladies Toiletries** can also be left, for inclusion in Care Packs gifted through our local St Vincent de Paul conference.

*The Ladies Group thank you for your ongoing support.*



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.

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](http://tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023)



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### 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](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au) The Parish Office will then be in touch with you and also 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

### Parish Churches

**St Anthony's Church**

St Anthony Drive,  
Alexandra Hills Q 4161

&

**St Luke's Church**

45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157

### Parish Office

#### Office Hours

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#### Parish Personnel

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**Inez Barry**

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### Education

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**St Anthony's Kindergarten**

Phone: 3824 5061

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Alexandra Hills

**St Luke's Catholic Primary School**

Phone: 3245 9595

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**St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre**

Phone: 3245 3300

Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

10 December 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was more than a prophet (Luke 7:26). John was the voice of the Consoler who is coming (John 1:23; Isaiah 40:1-3). He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah (Matthew 11:13-14). What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others?

Prayer: Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ.

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MASS TIMES 11 - 17 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 12th January 2024,  
 at St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale.

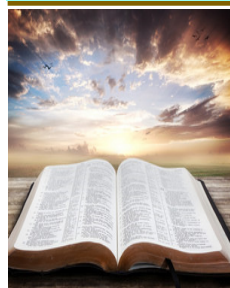
### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### Scripture Readings

**Second Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isa 40:1-5, 9-11  
 Ps 84:9-14  
 Second Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14  
 Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



### 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.....

**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](mailto: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: [A0B@stopline.com.au](mailto:A0B@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

## THANK YOU

to everyone who so generously supported the recent Christmas Stalls hosted by Ladies Group.

Following the **Thank You Morning Tea** and teacher's stall, \$1500 was forwarded to **St Anthony's School H.O.P.e Program**, supporting school families in crisis situations.

A further \$2000 has been forwarded to **St Veronica's Welfare Committee** following the stalls at St Anthony's and St Luke's churches last weekend, to support health care in the small community of Medmidalam, India.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.45 pm (for 1 hour) and a dress rehearsal on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.30am at St. Anthony's church.

### 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**



**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](mailto: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**