

Gaza Crisis Appeal

Caritas Australia is working closely with our partners on the ground to address immediate needs, including access to food and water, emergency shelter, and essential hygiene items. Emergency shelter has been provided for over 1,200 people, and cash support has reached over 9,300 families.

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Our third Advent candle is the Shepherds' Candle or the Candle of Joy.

The colour of the candle this week is rose, which symbolises joy, the joy that the Lord is near. We are also reminded that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common folk, shepherds: The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."



Advent Concert Series St Stephen's Cathedral December 2023

5pm Saturday 2nd
Advent Vespers
Cathedral Schola #

5pm Sunday 3rd
Dominic Perissinotto
(pipe organ) *

5pm Sunday 10th
Christopher Trikilis
(pipe organ) *

5pm Sunday 17th
(in the Chapel)
Susan Collins (violin) *

3pm Saturday 23rd
Christmas Carol Service #



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Parish Churches

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17 December 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners and visitors,



John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. Do you recognise who you are in Christ? The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice.

John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Saviour of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word. Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony.

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Contact the Parish Office for more information. Ph: 3820 0100 or
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 and also send you our weekly newsletter.



NAME: _____


PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____



MASS TIMES 18 - 24 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


<p>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 <i>By Appointment call: 3820 0100</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
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 <p>Eucharistic Adoration First Friday of the month (10.00am to 11.00am), at St Mary MacKillop Church BIRKDALE</p>	 <p>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.</p>
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 <p>Scripture Readings <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> First Reading: Isa 61:1-2, 10-11 Ps 1:46-50, 53-54 Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:16-24 Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28</p>	<p>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. Friday 10:00 am Divine Mercy at St Mary MacKillop.</p>
<p>We pray for all those who are sick: <i>especially,</i> Josephine Murphy, Denis Bowman, Helen Meade, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.</p>	



<p>We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially..... Peter Kwock-Sun, 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, Departed members of Kakucska Family. To add the name of your beloved departed to the list, Please Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au</p>

<p>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.</p>


 <p>STOPline Service STOPline receives information about suspected abuse, harm and other serious misconduct by Archdiocesan workers (including priests, religious, employees and volunteers). Information can be shared anonymously. 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au www.bne.catholic.stoplinereport.com</p>	<p>"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</p>
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	<p>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</p>
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	<p>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.</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>Books Available in the Church—\$5.00</p> 
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<p>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. <i>Thank you for your support.</i></p> 	<p>Vinnies Christmas Appeal St Vincent de Paul Society <i>good works</i></p> <p>SINCERE THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY for your generous response to our Christmas Appeal. We can assure all our Parishioners that every cent donated will find its way to someone in need in our local area. On their behalf we thank you. <i>Your kindness and generosity</i></p> 
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 <p>Pope's Prayer Intention December 2023 For persons with Disabilities We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.</p>	<p>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</p>
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	<p>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</p>
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