



Our fourth Advent candle is called the Angels' Candle or the Candle of Love. Mary and Joseph were both visited by Angels to announce Jesus' coming and again to the shepherds upon Jesus' arrival. It was because of God's love for us, that He sent His only Son to save us. Through the love of God then, let us prepare our hearts as the Lord's coming draws near.

*Fr Regi, Fr Prem, the office staff and the Parish Pastoral Council members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year and to thank all volunteers who have been involved in our many and varied ministry groups for their commitment and dedication over the year. Many hands make light work, and we look forward to your continued support in 2024*

*May you have a happy and holy Christmas and many blessings for the coming year.*



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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](mailto: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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### 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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Phone: 3824 5061

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St Luke's Catholic Primary School  
Phone: 3245 9595

Email: [pcapalaba@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pcapalaba@bne.catholic.edu.au)

St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre  
Phone: 3245 3300

Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

24 December 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

25 December 2023

Christmas 2023



**Dear Parishioners and visitors,**

"A child is born for us; a son is given to us" (Is 9:5). What Isaiah prophesied, as he gazed into the future, consoling nations amid its trials and its darkness, is now proclaimed to the shepherds as a present reality by the Angel, from whom a cloud of light streams forth: "To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11).

The Lord is here. God is truly "Emmanuel". No longer God is distant from creation and from our own consciousness. God has entered the messy world. God is close to us and now reminds us of the message that the Angel announced to the shepherds. It is a message that cannot leave us indifferent. It changes everything. It also affects us. The shepherds show us the right way to respond to the message that we too have received. Hurry, let us meet the saviour, let us be filled with Peace and Joy!

I wish you all a Blessed *CHRISTMAS* and



a Happy *NEW YEAR!*


Lord's blessings, *Fr Regi*



MASS TIMES 25 - 31 DECEMBER 2023		
MONDAY		SEE CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ON PAGE 3 OF THE NEWSLETTER
TUESDAY		NO MASS
WEDNESDAY		NO MASS
THURSDAY		NO MASS
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><b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>  <b>MONDAY</b> 8.30am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba  <b>TUESDAY</b> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale  <b>SATURDAY</b> 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills  or By Appointment call: 3820 0100</p>	<p><b>Anointing Mass</b>  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><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>  First Friday of the month (10.00am to 11.00am), at St Mary MacKillop Church BIRKDALE</p>	 <p><b>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners</b>  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><b>Scripture Readings</b>  <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>  First Reading: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12,14, 16  Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29  Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27  Gospel: Luke 1:26-38</p>	<p><b>Parish Prayer Groups</b>  <b>Monday</b> 1:00pm Rosary at St Mary MacKillop.  <b>Tuesday</b> 11:30am Rosary at St Luke's.  <b>Wednesday</b> 11:00am Rosary at St. Mary MacKillop.  3:30pm Prayer of Two Hearts at St Anthony's.  4:00pm Rosary at St Anthony's.  <b>Friday</b> 9:00am Rosary at St Mary MacKillop.  Friday 10:00 am Divine Mercy at St Mary MacKillop.</p>
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<p><b>We pray for all those who are sick:</b>  <i>especially</i>, Josephine Murphy, Denis Bowman, Helen Meade, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.</p>
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<p><b>We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially.....</b>  <i>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.</i>  <b>To add the name of your beloved departed to the list, Please Email: <a href="mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au">alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au</a></b></p>
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<p><b>Support Your Parish:</b> Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our bank account details are: <b>BSB:064 786, Account No: 1000 17592, Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish.</b> Kindly reference your deposit with your surname.  To join a direct debit and Planned giving programme please contact the Parish office.</p>
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 <p><b>STOPline Service</b>  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.bneatholic.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.  <b>STOPline: 1300 304 550   Email: <a href="mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au">AOB@stopline.com.au</a></b></p>
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	<p><b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</b>  <b>Christmas Eve—Sunday 24th December</b>  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  <b>Christmas Day Monday 25th December</b>  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><b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>  The Parish Office will close on Friday 22nd December 2023 and reopen on Monday 8th January 2024.  If you need a priest urgently, please phone 3820 0100 and choose option 3.</p>	<p><b>A BIG THANK YOU</b> to all the volunteers who give of their time and talents for our Christmas celebrations. We thank everyone for their support in the ministries in our Parish.</p> 
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<p><b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>  There will be no Mass celebrations at St Anthony's, St Luke's or St Mary MacKillop Churches from Monday 25th December to Thursday 28th December.  Mass will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop Church, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale on Friday 29th December at 9:30am. <b>All Welcome</b></p>	<p><b>THE LADIES GROUP</b>  Invites you to <b>MORNING TEA</b> in the parish hall on <b>Wednesday 7th February 2024</b> beginning at 9.30am.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new friends. Please bring a plate (savoury or sweet) to share.</p>  <p>If transport is required, phone Margaret 0412 161 924</p>
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<p><b>THE SIGN: Advent Program 2023 on sale now!</b>  Discover the profound spiritual journey of Advent and Christmas with <b>The Sign: Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2023</b>—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).  <b>Books Available in the Church—\$5.00</b></p>	<p><b>Parish Hall Rental</b>  Did you know you can privately hire the St. Anthony's &amp; St Luke's Church Hall at Alexandra Hills for special functions and events? For more information please contact the Parish office: Email: <a href="mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au">alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au</a></p>
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 <p><b>Volunteers Needed</b></p>	<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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