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Mass Intentions:

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Mass Intentions

POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION - DECEMBER



For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14
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. This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocese of Brisbane Code of Ethical Behaviour for employees and volunteers who work in service of the Church as well as adherence to the legislative imperatives of the State.



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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.

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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

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Alexandra Hills Q 4161

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St Luke's Church
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Parish Office

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St Anthony's Kindergarten

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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

31 December 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Dear Parishioners and visitors,

I hope you all are still having a wonderful celebration of Christmas. The Sunday after Christmas is usually the Feast of the Holy Family.

The birth of a child is a moment of joy and happiness for the whole family. Many young couples refine their lifestyles when a baby comes. They want the baby to be brought up with the best they have, by being the best people they can be. Children can bring out the best in their parents too. And this is what God has done for us through the birth of His son. The birth of Jesus has brought Joy to the entire humanity and our humanity is made sacred.

Look at the members of the Holy Family and their relationship as a family. Joseph is a loving father who does everything possible to keep the Holy Family together. As an expectant father, he cared for Mary, and joined her in the joy of the birth of the child whom he promptly adopted by naming the baby, Jesus. When danger threatened the life of the child, he didn't leave the family to protect himself. He took them to Egypt, and then, keeping the family together, returned with them from Egypt to Nazareth.

Mary like all other women was a mother in waiting. After the birth of Jesus Mary ponders in her heart the events that involve her child. She is present during the ministry of Jesus and she standing beneath the cross, not breaking down, but standing.

Jesus is the centre of the Holy Family. All children have the right to be the centre of their families. As an infant and a child, he depended on his mother and father and is subject to them. He also knew that their every move will be for his care and concern. As we move to the New Year, we have the Holy Family as a model. Let every family and society work together to protect our children. Let the light of Christmas keep the family relationships strengthened. Let the joy of the holy family last forever in our families.


I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year 2024.

Lord's blessings, *Fr Regi*

MASS TIMES 1 - 7 January 2024		
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</p> <p><u>MONDAY</u> 8.30am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba</p> <p><u>TUESDAY</u> 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</p> <p><u>SATURDAY</u> 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</p> <p>or By Appointment call: 3820 0100</p>	<p>Anointing Mass</p> <p>We will have the special Anointing Mass on the Second Friday of every Month.</p> <p>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</p> <p>First Friday of the month (10.00am to 11.00am), at St Mary MacKillop Church BIRKDALE</p>	 <p>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The Archdiocese pays respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.</p>
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 <p>Scripture Readings</p> <p><i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i></p> <p>First Reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3</p> <p>Ps 104:1-6, 8-9</p> <p>Second Reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19</p> <p>Gospel: Luke 2:22, 39-40</p>	<p>Parish Prayer Groups</p> <p>Monday 1:00pm Rosary at St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>Tuesday 11:30am Rosary at St Luke's.</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>11:00am Rosary at St. Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>3:30pm Prayer of Two Hearts at St Anthony's.</p> <p>4:00pm Rosary at St Anthony's.</p> <p>Friday 9:00am Rosary at St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>Friday 10:00 am Divine Mercy at St Mary MacKillop.</p>
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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.....

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, Maria Harris, Departed members of Kakucska Family, departed members of the Alberto family. **To add the name of your beloved departed to the list, Please 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: **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>STOPLine Service</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1300 304 550</p> <p>AQB@stopline.com.au</p> <p>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.</p> <p>STOPLine: 1300 304 550 Email: AQB@stopline.com.au</p>
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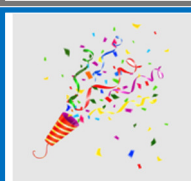
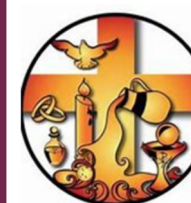


Fr Regi, Fr Prem and the Parish Pastoral Council members would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful New Year and to thank all volunteers who have been involved in the many and varied ministry groups in our Parish for their commitment and dedication over the year. Many hands make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

Special thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas Mass celebrations

2024 *Wishing you all of God's blessings for the coming year.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

<p>NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS</p> <p>will be celebrated at 9.00 AM at ST LUKE'S CHURCH, 45 Degen Rd, CAPALABA on 1st January 2024.</p>	<p>THE LADIES GROUP</p> <p>Invites you to MORNING TEA in the parish hall on Wednesday 7th February 2024 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>
 <p>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>ANOINTING MASS</p> <p>is celebrated on the second Friday of each month at 9.30am at St Mary MacKillop Parish, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale.</p> <p>The next Anointing Mass will be on Friday 12th January.</p> <p>All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.</p> <p>Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.</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

Volunteers Needed

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