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#### Mass Intentions:

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Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church.

Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.

#### 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.

#### POPE FRANCIS MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the gift of diversity in the Church

During the month of January, Pope Francis has asked the faithful to pray for the gift of diversity in the Church. He emphasised recognising "the gift of different charisms within the Christian community."



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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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

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St Anthony's Kindergarten

Phone: 3824 5061

Address: St Anthony's Drive,  
Alexandra Hills

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

#### 7th January 2024

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

The Wise still Seek Him.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is literally the manifestation or showing of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the nations. Jesus is revealed as God. Jesus comes as a baby born of Mary. It took a revelation for others to begin to believe that this was truly God. That beginning to believe is Epiphany.

As we encounter epiphany almost every day, we are also presented with contrasts. We are presented with the wise men who were searching. They were looking for truth in the world. They saw a star rising, and believed that some god somewhere was trying to announce something through that star. So, they continued the journey of their lives by following the star. They grew in faith as they travelled.

When they first arrived in Jerusalem, they looked for a political figure, the King of the Jews. That is why they went to Herod. But when they arrived at the house where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were staying, they fell down in worship and offered their gifts of gold, fit for a king; frankincense, given to a god or a deity; and myrrh, used in burial rights, for the one who is going to die.

In contrast to the magi is King Herod and the scholars in the Temple who devoted their lives to the Sacred Word and traditions of the Jewish people were not so wise. They knew that the Messiah was coming. This was foretold in Scripture. They even knew that he was coming to Bethlehem. But the political mood was such that it just was not a good time for a Messiah. They were motivated by the events of the world instead of the search for God. As a result, they missed entering into the presence of the Messiah.

Every experience of God demands a change in the status quo of our lives. If on Christmas we feel drawn closer to the Lord, then we have to refine our lives so we can enjoy his presence. If we are not willing to come closer to Christ, then Christmas is just a week full of empty sentiment. Jesus is calling all of us to come before his presence. This presence is not just in Bethlehem, but in the many places of our everyday lives. He is present in the members of our family who are depressed or going through difficult times in their lives. He is present in all who are struggling to get by in difficult times. He is present in each of us as we stop to listen to our consciences rather than just go with our emotions. He is present in the nature in every breath we take.

If we really want the experience of meeting the Lord, we will continue the search, the journey towards a new experience of God's presence. Let God, Light of the Nations, fill our lives with new light and strength, in this new year.






Lord's blessings, Fr Regi



MASS TIMES 8 - 14 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><b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY 8.30am:</b> St Luke's Church, Capalaba</p> <p><b>TUESDAY 5.30pm:</b> St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale</p> <p><b>SATURDAY 4.00pm:</b> St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills</p> <p>or <i>By Appointment call: 3820 0100</i></p>	<p><b>Anointing Mass</b></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><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b></p> <p>First Friday of the month (10.00am to 11.00am), at St Mary MacKillop Church BIRKDALE</p>	 <p><b>Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners</b></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><b>Scripture Readings</b></p> <p><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i></p> <p>First Reading: Isa 60:1-6</p> <p>Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13</p> <p>Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6</p> <p>Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12</p>	<p><b>Parish Prayer Groups</b></p> <p><b>Monday</b> 1:00pm Rosary at St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p><b>Tuesday</b> 11:30am Rosary at St Luke's.</p> <p><b>Wednesday</b></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><b>Friday</b> 9:00am Rosary at St Mary MacKillop.</p> <p>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></p> <p><i>especially,</i> Josephine Murphy, Denis Bowman, Helen Meade, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.</p>	<p><b>We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially.....</b></p> <p><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, Maria Harris, Departed members of Kakucska Family, departed members of the Alberto family.</i></p> <p><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.</p> <p>To join a direct debit and Planned giving programme please contact the Parish office.</p>
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 <p><b>STOPLine Service</b></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><a href="mailto:AQB@stopline.com.au">AQB@stopline.com.au</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.bneecatholic.stoplinereport.com">www.bneecatholic.stoplinereport.com</a></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><b>STOPLine: 1300 304 550   Email: <a href="mailto:AQB@stopline.com.au">AQB@stopline.com.au</a></b></p>
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<p><b><u>THE EPIPHANY BLESSING TRADITIONS</u></b></p> <p>Marking Homes with Blessed chalk for the New Year.</p> <p>The ancient custom of marking the door of the home with blessed chalk is a way of incorporating the liturgical feast of the epiphany as a domestic ritual into the prayer life of the family.</p> <p>The people mark the lintel of their front door as follow:</p> <p><b>20 C+M+B 24</b></p> <p>The letters C,M and B stand for the traditional names for the Three Wise Men who come seeking Jesus: Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar. The letters also represent the words <i>Christus Mansionem Benedicat</i> (May Christ Bless this Abode).</p>
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<p><b>ANOINTING MASS</b></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 <b>Friday 12th January.</b></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> 	<p>We thank God for the gift of life.</p> <p>We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their birthdays in the month of <b>JANUARY.</b></p> 
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<p>The Archdiocese of Brisbane has advised that scammers are once again targeting Parishioners in some of our Parishes. The emails are supposedly from the Parish Priest requesting the purchase of gift cards or transfer of money. Please be advised that the Parish will never contact you in this manner and will never request gift cards. Do <b>NOT</b> open the emails or click on any links. Move the email to your JUNK folder and block the sender if you are able.</p> 	<p><b>THE LADIES GROUP</b></p> <p>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>Parish Hall Rental</b></p> <p>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>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: <b>3820 0100</b></p>
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