

Have you ever wanted to experience the Passion, death and Resurrection of Jesus up close?

> The Iona Passion Play is looking for potential apostles, Pharisees, crowd members and a Roman army! United in our mission to spread the message of Easter the Play is often a family experience with children, parents and grandparents getting involved. Performed locally and around Australia for over 66 years this year we will be performing in Hervey Bay on the 22nd and 23rd of March. Rehearsals are held on Sundays from 21st January.

* Join us in the Iona Passion Play! *

Experience the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus like never before! The Iona Passion Play is seeking cast and crew, no experience necessary. Auditions on Sunday, Jan 14th, from 12:30 pm -4:30 pm and Sunday, Jan 21st, from 11 am - 12 pm at Iona College, 85 North Rd, Lindum (Wynnum

Family-friendly and performed for over 66 years, join this incredible production in Hervey Bay on March 22nd and 23rd. Rehearsals start Ján 21st. Don't miss this chance to be part of something special. For more details and audition package, visit www.passionplay.org.au or contact us at info@ipp.org.au.



An information day for anyone who would like to find out more about becoming a guide and/or a welcomer at The Cathedral of St. Stephen will be held on Thursday 1st February from 9.30am until 1pm in the Hanly

Room, Francis Rush Centre. Refresh-

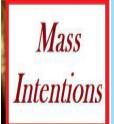
ments will be provided. We'd love to welcome you. Please register your interest with Carmel Devery at the Cathedral Office on 07 3324 3006 or by email cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.

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."





Mass Intentions:

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the NAME and DATE.



Advertise your business in the Parish Newsletter

12 months coverage on printed newsletter, emailed to parishioners and on the parish website. 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.

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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

14th January 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Contact through Email or Phone (07) 3820 0100 alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Personnel

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> Fr. Prem Kumar **Associate Pastor**

Kathy Metzen Workplace Health & Safety

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Education

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School Phone: 3820 1200 Email: palexhills@bne.catholic.edu.au 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 St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre Phone: 3245 3300 Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

Our World leaders try to gather as many as followers they could. People check the Facebook or X or other social media to see how many likes they got for the post and to see how many people are following them. Today in the gospel we find a person with a different attitude. John the Baptist, the forerunner of



Christ is giving witness to Jesus. He is happy to guide his disciples to follow Jesus.

At the birth of Jesus, the angels announced a saviour is born for you in Bethlehem. On the feast of epiphany, the wise men searched for the king of the Jews, who will save his people from bondage and suffering. Now John the Baptist is revealing to the world that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The imagery of the Lamb of God is one that we see strongly in the Old Testament. In the book of Exodus, when God wanted to save the people from the hands of the Egyptians, God asked them to kill a lamb and mark their doors with the blood. Every year the Jews celebrated the Passover festival and this imagery of Paschal lamb stands for salvation, forgiveness of sins and restoration.

In the Book of Leviticus, we see guidelines for offerings and sacrifices, just about every aspect of life. Animal Sacrifices were necessary in order to make the offerings. Lambs were commonly used in ritual sacrifice and, when a lamb was specified, it was to be a "lamb...without blemish." Thus, the lamb stood as a sign of reunion of human with God.

In this context when John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the lamb of God, he is revealing to us, that through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we would be saved not only from our failures but also from the power of death. This is the lamb without blemish. This is the last lamb to be offered. This is the one who will restore the humanities lost status as children of God.

The Church bears witness to the Saviour as the church expresses her faith in the real presence of the Son of God in the Eucharist! "Behold, the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world". No doubt we have already believed in Christ as the Saviour of the world. But how deep is our faith, that Jesus can really make miracles in our personal life, and help us to live in peace and harmony, with an expectation of eternal life.

Are we truly confident to say, "Yes, I have found the Messiah, come and see!" Lord's blessings, Fr Regi

	MASS TIM	ES 15 - 21 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

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





Scripture Readings

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time First Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Gospel: John 1:35-42

We pray for all those who are sick:

especially, Josephine Murphy, Denis Bowman, Helen Meade, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.

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, 9th February 2024, at St Mary Mackillop Church, Birkdale.



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.

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.



"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

THE LADIES GROUP

Invites you to

MORNING TEA

in the parish hall on Wednesday 7th February 2024

beginning at 9.30am.

This is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new friends. Please bring a plate (savoury or sweet) to share.



If transport is required, phone Margaret 0412 161 924

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 **NOT** open the emails or click on any links. Move the email to your JUNK



folder and block the sender if you are able.

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

A vocation view: 1 2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME⊷

God's Spirit is given to each ¶ The person for the common good. ¶ What are your aifts? Are you willing ¶ To share them for the good of others? ¶



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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 dropin 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.



Our Parish is looking for more volunteers in the following Ministries:-

Sacristans, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Power point Operators, Greeters, Tea/Coffee—hospitality, Counters, and Children's Liturgy, etc. If you are able to assist please meet the Priest or Sacristans after the Mass or Contact the Parish Office: **3820** 0100 or alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au