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The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings



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Email: [alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au)

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



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



## 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

#### Office Hours

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#### Parish Personnel

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### Education

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
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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

### Sunday of the Word of God

Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Motu proprio "Aperuit illis", published on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, establishes that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. In Australia we celebrate it on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. A day specially devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.

The timing of the document is significant as 30<sup>th</sup> September is the Feast of Saint Jerome, the man who translated most of the Bible into Latin, and who famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ".

The title of the document, "Aperuit illis", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures". Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope wrote this Apostolic Letter in response to requests from the faithful around the world to celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis declares that the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity". The Bible is not meant for a privileged few, continues Pope Francis. It belongs "to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words". The Bible cannot be monopolized or restricted to select groups either, he writes, because it is "the book of the Lord's people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity". The Pope uses the scene of the Risen Lord appearing to the disciples at Emmaus to demonstrate what he calls "the unbreakable bond between Sacred Scripture and the Eucharist". Since the Scriptures everywhere speak of Christ, "they enable us to believe that His death and resurrection are not myth but history, and are central to the faith of His disciples".

"The role of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures is primordial", "Without the work of the Spirit, there would always be a risk of remaining limited to the written text alone". It is the Holy Spirit who "makes Sacred Scripture the living word of God, experienced and handed down in the faith of His holy people". Pope Francis invites us "never to take God's Word for granted", "the great challenge before us in life is to listen to Sacred Scripture and then to practice mercy".



Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi



MASS TIMES 5 - 11 February 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

### 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, **16th February 2024**, at St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale.



### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month (10.00am to 11.00am), at St Mary MacKillop Church BIRKDALE



### Scripture Readings

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Ps 146:1-6  
Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39



### 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.

### 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 pray for all those who are sick, especially,***  
Blendina Gabriel , Josephine Murphy, Denis Bowman, Helen Meade, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.

***We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially.....***  
*Barbara Woodford, Renato Gubio, Rennard Thomas, Laurencia Arco, Kristopher Bantatua, Allison Shand, Peter Kwock-Sun, Ross Davies, Dorothy Black, Felix Aguiar, Paula Vella, Alan Lowndes, John Plettell, John Dimech, 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***


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**PIETÀ** contains daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers, questions and visio divina that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. Individual books will be available to purchase or you are welcome to join either of the Parish Lenten Groups that will be following the programme:-  
**Mondays at St Luke's, Capalaba.**  
Weekly gatherings will be at 7:00pm commencing on Monday 11th February.  
**Wednesdays at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale**  
Weekly gatherings will be at 11:00am commencing on Wednesday 14th February  
Please contact the parish office at Birkdale if you have any enquiries:-



## Sacramental Programme for children 2024

### St Anthony and St Luke's Parish

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

*For Children who received Confirmation in 2023 or before.*

Parent Information Night: **THURSDAY, 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 @ 7 pm,**  
St Anthony's Church

First Holy Communion- **SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 @ 4.30pm and SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 7am & 9am.**



#### CONFIRMATION:

*For Students in Year 3 or above*

Parent Information Night – **THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 @ 7pm,**  
St Anthony's Church

Date of Confirmation - **THURSDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 @ 6.30 pm**



#### PENANCE (Reconciliation):

*For Children who received Holy Communion in 2023 or before.*

Parent Information Night– **THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 @ 7pm,**  
St Anthony's Church

Date of Reconciliation - **THURSDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 @ 6pm**




**\*For more information, please Contact the Parish Office.\***  
**Phone: 07-3820-0100 •OR• Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au**

### 14th February Mass Times


St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale – 9:00am

St Anthony's, Alexandra Hills – 6:30pm



#### CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEBRUARY

Anointing Mass will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale on **Friday 16th February** at 9.30am.  
All are welcome to give support to the sick, elderly and housebound of the parish.  
Please bring a plate of food to share for morning tea following the Mass.



### 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 (savory or sweet) to share.

If transport is required, phone Margaret 0412 161 924