#### EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES











23/03/2024 SATURDAY	4.30 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills			
PALM SUNDAY	6.15 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale			
Vigil Mass	0.13 pm	St Wary Wacking Church, Birkuale			
24/03/2024 SUNDAY -	7.00 am	St Luke's Church, Capalaba			
PALM SUNDAY	8.00 am	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale			
	9.00 am	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills			
28/03/2024 HOLY THURSDAY	6.00 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale			
	7.00 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills			
29/03/2024 GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross	10.00 am	St Luke's Church, Capalaba			
Passion of the Lord	3.00 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale			
Passion of the Lord	3.00 pm	St Luke's Church, Capalaba			
30/03/2024 SATURDAY	6.00 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills			
EASTER VIGIL	7.00 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale			
	7.00 am	St Luke's Church, Capalaba			
31/03/2024 EASTER SUNDAY	8.00 am	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale			
EASTER SUNDAT	9.00 am	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills			



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Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday) 23 & 24 February





As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

## Please donate to Project Compassion

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



## **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**

#### 24th March 2024

**Palm Sunday** 

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**

Fr Regimon Gervasis MCBS **Parish Administrator** gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au

> Fr. Prem Kumar **Associate Pastor**

**Kathy Metzen** Workplace Health & Safety

**Inez Barry Safeguarding Officer** Isr.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

#### 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.

Holy Week has begun. This weekend we celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday because the theme of Jesus' suffering and death begins with the reading of the Passion Story. We actually begin with the blessing of the palms in imitation of the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem.

The Palm Sunday liturgy therefore is devoted to the suffering of Jesus. Ironically the 'same' people who cheered Jesus one day, condemned him the next. We should notice the mood change as the week's events unfold.

So, the Great Week is upon us. We can choose to enter fully into the week or stand simply as spectators. The challenge is to immerse ourselves into the most important week of our Christian lives by participating in all the liturgies, including the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday liturgy, Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Importantly one liturgy follows the other yet they combine to tell the story of salvation history. It is an awe-inspiring mystery and as a Parish we are invited to take time to deepen our understanding of our participation in this mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, for we too die and rise with Christ.

We have been carried in the womb of the Lenten church up to Jerusalem which demands of us a courage like never before because dying is part of life and Jesus shows us the way. We "die" not alone but with him and the good news is that death is destroyed forever by him. Yes, we suffer but never in vain because Alleluia is our song or our praise of the Easter Light of the world.

Let us this time therefore gather as ONE when and where it can during the coming week. The Liturgies are designed by the church for a purpose and the Sacred Triduum (the Great Three Days) gives us every opportunity to be enlivened spiritually with the strong conviction that Jesus Christ is not only the beginning and the end but our LIFE.

Together this week may we walk by faith. I wish you a grace-filled Holy Week.



24th—30th March 2024		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY	6:00 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY		SEE EASTER MASS TIMES ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWSLETER
FRIDAY		SEE EASTER MASS TIMES ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWSLETER
SATURDAY		SEE EASTER MASS TIMES ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWSLETER
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

**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, 12th April 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. Next Adoration 3rd May** 



## **Scripture Readings**

Palm Sunday First Reading: Isa 50:4-7 Psalm: 21:8-9, 17-20,23-24 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

We pray for all those who are sick, especially, Joan Burke, Paul Norton, Blendina Gabriel, Josephine Murphy, Julie Vincent, Matthew Scott and Bernadette Gick.



## **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...Desmond McDevitt (anniversary), Denis Bowman, Alfred Brifffa and Lawrence Briffa (anniversaries), Darcy Rafter and Cathy Sheen (anniversaries) Helen Meade, Mark Paten, Barbara Woodford, 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

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

## Sacramental Programme for children 2024 St Anthony and St Luke's Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: For Children who received Confirmation

in 2023 or before.

SATURDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 @ 4.30pm and **First Holy Communion-**

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 7am & 9am.



**CONFIRMATION:** For Students in Year 3 or above

THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 @ 7pm, Parent Information Night -

St Anthony's Church

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



**PENANCE** (Reconciliation): For Children who received Holy Communion

in 2023 or before.

THURSDAY, 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2024 @ 7pm, Parent Information Night-

**St Anthony's Church** 

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



For more information, please contact the Parish Office Phone: 07 3820 0100 OR

email: alexhillscap@bne.catholci.net.au

## Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 29th March until 7th April (reopen on 8th April). Wishing you all a very Blessed Easter



Ladies Group will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 17th April at 9:00am to prepare small gifts to be distributed to mothers at all masses on Mother's Day weekend.

All welcome.

Please bring a plate for a shared morning tea. If transport is required, phone Trish 0438863296 or Margaret 0412161924

**PARISH VISITING PROGRAMME:** Our Parish offers Communion/visits to the Sick at Homes, hospitals or Residential Care facilities. Please email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au if you would like to arrange for a Priest or Communion Minister visit.



Mass Intentions: Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the

NAME and DATE.

## **WORKING BEE**

## St Anthony's Church Saturday 23rd March from 7am. We are very grateful to the

parishioners who continue to help with cleaning and maintenance of our church building, lawns and gardens. It is now time to spring clean some of the areas that can't be cleaned on a regular basis. Please add your name and number to the list at the front of the church if you can help on the day and you will be contacted before 23rd.

## Good Friday Collection 2024

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land rely on assistance from the Good Friday Collection. This collection is also used to maintain over 70 Churches and Shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Your generosity is appreciated.

> Please also pray for peace and harmony in the birthplace of Jesus.