



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 17 November 2019

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

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Sunday Scripture

Thirty Third
Sunday

in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

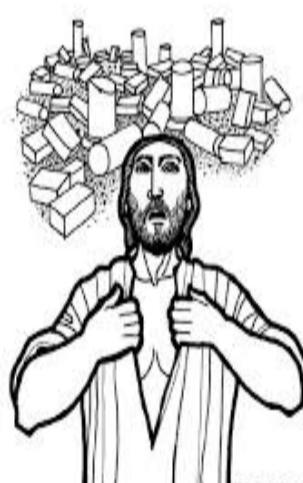
Psalm
97:5-9

Second Reading

Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel

Luke 21:5-19



Our Churches

Alexandra Hills

St Anthony's Catholic Church
St Anthony Drive
Alexandra Hills QLD 4161

Capalaba

St Luke's Catholic Church
45 Degen Road
Capalaba QLD 4157



Weekly Reflection



Praying Hearts and Helping Hands

Dear Friends,

I would like to share with you a couple of excerpts from the Catholic Leader on the bushfire situation in the archdiocese of Brisbane and beyond.

EXHAUSTED fire crews battled flames in catastrophic conditions, as

unprecedented bushfires claimed lives and livelihoods, and smoke shrouded east coast towns from Sydney to far north Queensland.

"All it takes is one spark to start a fire that may burn for days," Queensland Fire and Emergency Services acting commissioner Mike Wassing said, declaring a state of emergency on November 12. amid tinder-box conditions, unpredictable winds pushed firefronts towards communities with a speed and intensity that have shocked even the most hardened firefighters. More than 100 fires are burning across New South Wales and parts of Queensland. "Everyone should have a bushfire survival plan and know what they are going to do if a fire approaches," Mr Wassing said.

On one day last week, air quality in Brisbane was worse than Beijing – at an emergency level that can cause shortness of breath and aggravate heart conditions.

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland launched [the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal](#) calling for cash donations to help victims through the unprecedented bushfire emergency.

Catholic parishes and priests are among those on alert and boosting emergency preparations. Across Brisbane archdiocese, 104 parishes were urged to have plans ready to secure churches, including removing valuable assets like baptismal records, chalices and vestments, and to move Mass if necessary.

"Very high to extreme fire danger ratings conditions have been experienced by parishes in the archdiocesan deaneries of North Country, North Coast, South Country, South Coast and Logan," a Work Health and Safety newsletter sent to parishes said. "Parishes should discuss and develop plans to conduct Mass and house the parish priest(s) away from bushfire danger areas in these circumstances." Remember the safety of people must come first.

Let us pray

"Dear God, we pray for all affected by bushfires in our archdiocese of Brisbane and beyond. We pray for the brave firefighters risking their lives for others. May everyone stay safe and know that they have the support of others."

<https://catholicleader.com.au/news/brisbane-parishes-prepare-for-possible-fire-dangers>



Hearty Welcome...!

We cordially welcome seminarian Mathew Popovic to our parish. Mathew will be with us for one month as a part of his pastoral formation. He is completing his second year and is from the Gold Coast. He is a student for Brisbane Archdiocese. Best wishes dear Mathew..!

Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



Stories of Faith: Anonymous

I came close to God through crisis. In many ways I feel like the prodigal son. When my wife was diagnosed with cancer at [in her 20s] my understanding of my faith was changed forever. Two years into her journey, I had completely turned my back on God – why would a loving God allow my wife to die and be in so much pain? Why would he let her get cancer at precisely the time we were planning to have children? Why would my life be completely disrupted to become her carer – losing my job and moving away from friends and family? I did not understand God, or where He was in my life at all. But I did witness my wife completely surrender her life to Him. She knew she was going to die and that God would take her to Heaven when He was ready for her. Three-and-a-half years after the diagnosis, He did exactly that. And I then realised that God was helping me the whole time – He was working through me to care for her, to be God for her and to love her. I sacrificed everything to care for her, but God gave me the physical, emotional and mental strength to carry [my wife] through her difficult earthly pilgrimage.

How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is



Have you given us a copy of your Blue Card yet?

Please provide the Parish Office with a copy of your Blue Card once you've received it.

Thank you so much.



St Luke's Childcare Centre

51 Degen Road, Capalaba has limited vacancies across all groups. Please phone 3245 3300 to make enquiries.

COSSAG Christmas Market

The Cathedral of St Stephen Art Group (COSSAG) is holding their Christmas market again in the Francis Rush Centre adjacent to the Cathedral.

You're all invited to come and celebrate the start of the season with our weekend market. **Saturday 30th November from 2pm to 7:30pm with live music and Christmas cheer. Sunday the 1st of December 9am to 3pm with food stalls.**

Lots of unique handmade and fair trade products. It's a great way to get some Christmas shopping done.

Parking is available under the Cathedral via Charlotte St.

Contact cossagart@gmail.com for more information.

Prayer in Time of Drought

O God, Lord of all creation,
By whose power, the whole earth came to be,
Look upon our parched land, we pray,
And bestow upon it abundant rain,
That pastures, fields and paddocks
May by your goodness, thrive once more.
Through Christ our Lord.....Amen

St Vincent de Paul

A big thank you to everybody for collecting the plastic bottles for us. We have enough now to fill with oil for our clients.

SVDP will also put a basket at the back of each church so we can collect food for the Christmas hampers. Things we are always short of are: shampoo, toothpaste, long life milk and custard, tinned vegetables, cereals (please no Weetbix or porridge as this is always in the emergency package), tinned fruit, cleaning materials, toilet paper and fruit juices. Whatever you would like to donate is welcome. We most likely will have 30 to 40 hampers this year. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

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Scripture Readings for next Sunday:
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

First Reading
Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm
121:1-5
Second Reading
Colossians 1:12-20
Gospel
Luke 23:35-43

Weekly Offerings and Mass Attendance

Offerings for the Week Ended 10 November 2019

Mass offerings **\$1643.10** (Envelopes, Loose coin, Direct Debits and Credit Cards)

Should you wish to set up a direct debit in place of your envelope offering, please contact the Parish Office for a direct debit form. Direct debits can be made from either your savings account or credit card.

Mass Attendance for the Week Ended 10 November 2019

St Anthony's 5pm - 116

St Anthony's 9am - 122

St Luke's 6pm - 32

St Luke's 7am - 52

18% of your offerings go to the Archdiocese and the rest are used for paying Parish Staff, utility bills, insurance, parish administration costs, building maintenance, charities, updating office and church equipment, newsletters and other publications and maintaining parish ministries among other things. God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for...

Please take a moment to pray for:

Raymond Cash, Jim Kelly, Jane Martin, Brian McGrath, John Rhule and Maggie Stewart along with all those in our community who are ill, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

We commend all the recently deceased, especially Matt Cranitch and Susanna Luck to the loving embrace of God.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Michael Vella.

If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the parish newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office on 3820 0100.

Note: All names for prayers will remain in the newsletter for one month. Envelopes to request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special



Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office today and ask to be added to our emailing list to ensure you receive a copy each week.

You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website
www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au

Thank You

Ladies Group and Care and Concern Thank You Morning Tea happens on 20th November at 10.00am! All welcome!

Working Bee at St Luke's

Our next working bee for St Luke's will be held on **Sunday 1st December** from 8.30am.



Andrew Chinn Concert

This year we have Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, visiting St Luke's to lead our Christmas Concert with our children. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Rainbow" and "African Blessing" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents and parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. The concert will be held in the Emmaus Centre from 6pm-7pm on Thursday 21st November. There is no charge for adults. Students (and adults if they wish!) are asked to wear Christmas colours on the night.

Advent Meditation

An occasion to experience the spirit of Christmas in silence, solitude and meditation...! Fr Emmanuel is leading '**Advent Meditation**' from Monday 9th December to Friday 13th December at St Luke's Church. The timings of the meditation will be as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 – 10.30 am and Wednesday and Friday 8.30 – 10 am. You are most welcome to join these spiritual moments and if you wish to do so kindly call the parish office to register.

Anointing Mass - St Anthony's

The next Anointing Mass will be held Monday, 25th November at St Anthony's Church, commencing at 5.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

Donations Required

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
to collect suitable items for a Raffle in support of the planned celebration of 40 years of St. Anthony's to be held in the near future.
YOUR DONATION IS APPRECIATED

Attention All Altar Servers & Young Parishioners:

Come and celebrate the end of the year with a games morning following Mass on **Sunday 24th November** from 10am in St Anthony's Church grounds. There will be morning tea, fun, games, fairy floss & ice blocks. See you there!

Ruby Anniversary - St Anthony's Church

St Anthony's Church will be forty! To honour St Anthony's Church's Ruby anniversary, a Special Parish day of Celebrations is planned for early New year 2020.

Your help is earnestly sought in sharing your special memories (of **any time/occasion** over the past **forty years**) for **possible** collation in a souvenir booklet, for release on that day.

Contributions are specially welcomed from past Parishioners, so please pass on this information to relatives and friends with whom you still have contact!

There must be many accounts, reflections, anecdotes etc worthy of sharing as we celebrate this significant milestone.

Please email any contributions (**or expressions of interest in contributing**) as soon as possible to Les Culpeper or Jenny Lewis at the email addresses below.

Culpeper@live.com.au

Lewis148@ozemail.com.au

Book Orders Ready for Collection

Break Open the Word, Daily Mass Book, God's Word and the Columban Calendar orders are now ready for collection. They can be found on the table at the back of each church. For those who are interested, there are still some copies of "Gods Word 2020" available at the price of \$20.00 per copy. Please ring the Parish Office if you're interested in purchasing a copy of this beautiful book of reflections for 2020.

Congratulations Fr Paul!

We congratulate Fr Paul Murphy on his Silver Jubilee today and invite you all to join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass this morning.

Welcome to the Family

We welcome Ayla Budge, Elliott Hampson and Brooklyn Saunders who will be Baptised this weekend. May these children continue to grow in God's own image and likeness.

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is in the demountable Behind St Anthony's Church St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills

Monday to Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm

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PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKEND

St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 9.00am

St Luke's Church, Capalaba
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.00am

WEEKDAY

Monday
5.00pm St Anthony's Alexandra Hills

Tuesday
7.00am St Anthony's Alexandra Hills

Wednesday
7.00am St Luke's Capalaba

Friday
7.00am St Luke's Capalaba

WEEKDAY - School Masses (Refer to Weekly Newsletter for these)

Monday
9.00 am St Anthony's Alexandra Hills
Friday
9.00am St Luke's Capalaba

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday
St Anthony's Alexandra Hills
4.15pm - 4.45pm

Or by appointment

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month
St Anthony's Alexandra Hills
6.00pm - 7.00pm

EDUCATION

Alexandra Hills - St Anthony Drive
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School
3820 1200

St Anthony's Kindergarten
3824 5061

Capalaba - Degen Road
St Luke's Catholic Primary School
3245 9595
St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre
3245 3300

The Week at a Glance

MONDAY	18 November	8.45 am 9.00 am 9.00 am 5.00 pm	Little Saints Playgroup Mother's Prayers - St Luke's Years 5N & Prep Buddies & Years 1 & 2 Class Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Anthony's
TUESDAY	19 November	7.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm 7.30 pm 7.30 pm	Mass - St Anthony's Rosary - St Luke's Christian Meditation - St Luke's Baptism Preparation - St Anthony's St Vincent de Paul
WEDNESDAY	20 November	7.00 am 9.00am	Mass - St Luke's End of Year Thank You Morning Tea
THURSDAY	21 November	7.00 pm	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Padua Place
FRIDAY	22 November	7.00 am 4.00pm	Mass - St Luke's Parish Calendar Deadline
SATURDAY	23 November	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's
SUNDAY	24 November	7.00 am 9.00 am 10.00 am	Mass - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's Altar Servers Games Morning - St Anthony's

Rosters for 23rd & 24th November 2019

MINISTRY	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH		ST LUKE'S CHURCH	
CLEANERS	Alan Sequeira, Cathie Chaplain and Augustine Verghese		Trish Pearcy, Cheryl Rynja	
COUNTERS	Brian Tierney, Ann Tierney, Ursula Johnson & Anil Jose		Tracey Armatys & Allan Casperson	
MASS TIMES	Saturday 5.00pm	Sunday 9.00am	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 7.00am
SACRISTAN	Jane Kiely	Madonna Ogden	Alison O'Connor	Tracey Armatys
DATA PROJECTOR	Terry Quinn	Les Henderson	Michaela Osmond	Trish Pearcy
USHERS	Margaret Kostowski	Helen Bowman & Mary Ford		
ALTAR SERVERS	Aiden Huntley	Kylie Rodda Nicole Rodda		
READERS	Julie Vincent Teresa Rafter Lucinda Gabb (Intro & P of F)	Monique Orendain Jack Orendain Jethro Miranda (Intro & P of F)	Patricia Rooney Michael Osmond Julie Green (Intro & P of F)	Joan Tebbit Sharyn Leafe Corrie Atkins (Intro & P of F)
EUCARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS <i>* = Ministers to the Sick w = Washing</i>	Jane Kiely Margaret Kostowski Kathy Ellis Narelle Dobson (W) Trish Purcell (W)	Brian Tierney Ann Tierney Margaret Milligan* Ursula Johnson (W) Inez Barry (W)	Robert Bowlen Julie Bakes Maria Pierce	Violet Cooper Kevin Rourke Susanne Nelles
CHILDREN'S LITURGY		Leanne Wilcox & Fatima Caneses		
HOSPITALITY (Tea/Coffee)		Caton Family & Friends	Sharon Evans	
TRANSPORT		Monique Orendain		
COLLECTION TEAM	Julie Vincent Augustine Verghese	Andres Herrera Marian Herrera		
NEWSLETTER FOLDERS		Graham & Mary Erickson		

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest
Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator
Amanda Mase - Parish Office Administrator