



St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 21 February 2021

Fist Sunday of Lent Year B

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Sunday Scripture

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalm

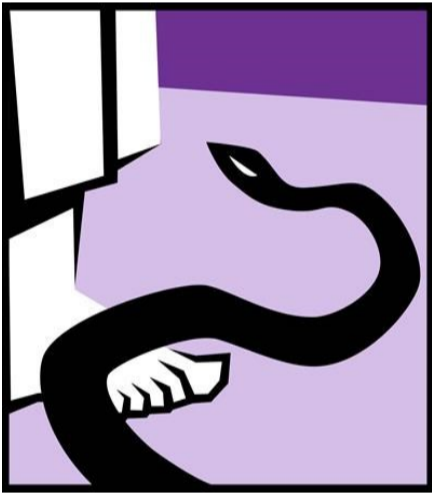
24:4-9

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel

Mark 1:12-15



Parish Office

Behind St Anthony's Church
St Anthony Drive,
Alexandra Hills

Office Hours

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday and Friday
9am to 2pm

Wednesday and Thursday
9am to 4pm

Parish Office Phone:
3820 0100

Maria (Parish Secretary):
alex-hillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

Trish (Pastoral Associate):
pa.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

Scripture Reflections

God's Covenant

Lent – a new liturgical season, and an opportunity to start again. We can give thanks to God for giving us this season of grace. Lent is closely associated with God's Covenant and with baptism, and the readings this Sunday strongly underline this.



In the **First Reading** from Genesis, God makes a Covenant with Noah's people, saved from the flood by the ark. It is a Covenant of peace, symbolised by the rainbow.

St Paul, in the **Second Reading**, reminds us that just as Noah is saved from the waters, so we are saved by the waters of baptism. It is a pledge made to God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The **Psalm** is a prayer that we may walk in God's ways: a suitable prayer for beginning our Lenten journey.

The account of the temptations of Christ in Mark's **Gospel** is brief. It is only after this experience that Jesus begins his ministry, calling people to repent and believe the Good News.

This week, we may give thanks for 'this joyful season' (as the Lenten preface calls it) – a time to prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery.

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Parish Sacramental Journey 2021

CICCA [Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age]

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Attention: We are celebrating all 4 Sacraments in 2021 to help with catch-ups.

Please see the LAST Parents' Information Session THIS Wednesday Evening.

NOTE:

- * **Last Parent Information Session for 2021 will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 7:00pm St Anthony's Church.**
- * **Payment details will be provided on the Information Session Night and via email from Trish Stapleton (Pastoral Associate)**

Ministry Groups in our Parish

Pastoral Council: Rev Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy (Parish Priest), Trish Stapleton (Pastoral Associate), Peter Griffin (Chair), Tracy Armatys (Deputy Chair), Olive Bool (Secretary), Nick Tyler, Sam Sowah, Marian Herrera, Joseph David and Al Silagan.

Finance Council: Rev Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy (Parish Priest), Les Henderson (Chair), Inez Barry, Kathy Metzen and George Gabriel.

Liturgy Team: Rev Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy (Parish Priest), Trish Stapleton (Pastoral Associate and Chair), Carmel Culpeper (Secretary), Alisson O'Connor, Jackie Hardy, Jeanine Bowlen, Julie Bakes, Larry Stapleton, Lita Payang, Lorraine Kohlman, Madonna Ogden, Margaret McFerran, Margaret Kostowski, Mary Boyde and Veronica Henderson.

Baptism Preparation Team: Trish Stapleton (Pastoral Associate), Les Henderson, Jane Kiely, Jenny Lewis and Michelle Mahony-Safely.

Children's Liturgy Team: Julie Bakes (St Luke's Church) * **Still needing volunteers for St Anthony's Church.**

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.



Christian Meditation

Join us for a few moments of deep, refreshing peace.



This simple and practical form of prayer was referred to in the early Christian tradition as pure prayer. By coming to stillness of body and spirit we leave distractions behind and rest in the presence of God.

This short session provides an opportunity to experience the practice of Christian Meditation in a small group commencing from Tuesday 23rd February 2021.

*St Luke's Church, every Tuesday 2.15 to 2.45 pm
St Luke's Church, every Wednesday 7.00 to 8.00 pm
St Anthony's Church, every Thursday 2.15 to 2.45 pm*

"Meditation is a universal spiritual practice, the oldest practical wisdom of humanity. It is present at the heart of all religion, open to the mystery of God - of ultimate reality."

Silence, stillness and simplicity are its essential elements; compassion, joy and generosity of spirit are its fruits. - Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB.

If you have any queries regarding these meditation sessions, please contact Jeanette Jones on 0409 067 917 or at wccmqld@gmail.com. wccm.org wccmaustralia.org.au

Are you New to Our Parish

If you are new to the Parish, please give us your details by email or phone on 3820 0100. The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter. Once we are back to normal, we look forward to welcoming you at our Newcomers Welcome Night.

Communion of the Sick

We have been invited back to minister in the Nursing Homes. Our responsibility is Nandeebie, Wellington Park, Buckingham Gardens and Capalabay. We are seeking volunteers to assist with this ministry.

Trish and experienced ministers of communion will assist with your formation and training.

*Meeting for all involved and who wish to be involved on
Wednesday 24th February at 10:30am.*

Please contact Trish in the Parish office on pa.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au. This would suit part-time or retired people in our parish.

Baptism Preparation



A reminder to parents wishing to have their baby Baptized, Parent Information Sessions are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month. The next is on 16th March 2021 at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Church.

"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."



Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent
Year B

First Reading
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13,
15-18

Psalm
115:10, 15-19

Second Reading
Romans 8:31-34

Gospel
Mark: 9:2-10

Weekly Offerings

Dear Parishioners, thank you for supporting the your parish.

- Please try the new **Parish Giving Portal** located on our Website or via link below.
<https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>
- Please continue to use the **Direct Debit, Direct Deposit or envelopes at the collection box during mass.** You can bring offerings directly to the Parish office.

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.

Should you wish to make a one off donation to our parish, our bank account details are as follows:

BSB: 064786

Account Number: 100017590

Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish Planned Giving.

Offerings from last week/weekend is: \$4, 527.82

(Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving



Parish Keys

If anybody has spare keys for St Anthony's Church or St Luke's Church please return it the office asap.



MONTHLY CATHOLIC LEADER

The Catholic Leader is available on a monthly basis

Price is now \$4.00 each.

Please ensure you place the correct amount when purchasing the Catholic Leader. Thank you.

Blue Cards

To apply online, individuals will need to register for a Blue Card online account (registration is a one-time process). Once they have set up their account, an individual will be able to Apply/Renew their Blue Card, and Update their details online.

Registration for Blue Card online account:

<https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/account/registration>

Log in to your Blue Card online account:

<https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>

Please take a moment to pray for...

Kerry Balcombe, Jane Martin, Anthony [Tony] Conner, Fr Ray Sanchez, Des Stapleton, Margaret Hobbs, David Haley, Alfreda Rossouw, Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Ailsa Jensen, Niamh Hughes, John Gilbert, Wayne Harris, Sharon MacKenzie, Luis Mendez, Sonia Mendez, Mary Tucker and Samuel Tyler 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 those who have recently died, to the loving embrace of God.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, Nieves Eduarte.

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. To request

Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions please contact the Parish Office.



BEST Wishes and Prayers

Best wishes and prayers To all the members of our Parish Community who are celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries in this Month of February. Congratulations!!!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



A Stewardship Moment

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfil His plan for us.



(Accessed on February 16, 2021 from <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>)

Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office on 3820 0100 and ask to be added to our emailing list to ensure you receive a copy of the newsletter each week.

You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website

www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au

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



Parish Mass Times

WEEKEND

St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills

Saturday 4.30pm
Sunday 9.00am

St Luke's Church, Capalaba

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.00am

WEEKDAY

Monday NO MASS
Tuesday 9:00am St Luke's
Wednesday 9:00am St Anthony's
Thursday 4:30pm Rosary followed
by Mass St Anthony's
Friday 9:00am St Luke's

WEEKDAY - School Masses
(Refer to Weekly Newsletter for these
as they are alternate weeks)

Reconciliation

Saturday

St Anthony's Alexandra Hills
4.00pm - 4.30pm
Or by appointment

Anointing Mass

Fourth Thursday of every 2nd month

St Anthony's Church.
5:00pm

Adoration

First Wednesday of the month

St Anthony's Church.
7:45am

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	22 February	Parish Office Closed - No Mass	
TUESDAY	23 February	9:00am 11:30am	Liturgy of the Word - St Luke's Rosary - St Luke's
WEDNESDAY	24 February	9:00am 10:30am	Mass - St Anthony's Communion of the Sick Meeting
THURSDAY	25 February	4:30pm	Rosary followed by Mass - St Anthony's
FRIDAY	26 February	9:00am 11:30am	Mass - St Luke's Stations of the Cross - St Anthony's
SATURDAY	27 February	4:30pm 6:00pm 10:30am	Mass - St Anthony's Mass - St Luke's Music Practice - St Luke's
SUNDAY	17 January	7:00am 9:00am	Mass - St Luke's Mass - St Anthony's

Parish Sacramental Calendar 2021

DATE	TIME	VENUE	EVENT	SACRAMENT
Wed 24 February	7.00 pm	St Anthony's Church	Parents Information Ses- sion	All
Sat 27 February	4.30 pm	St Anthony's Church	Mass: Enrolment at all Masses after the Homily	All
	6.00 pm	St Luke's Church		
Sun 28 February	7.00 am	St Luke's Church		
	9.00 am	St Anthony's Church		
Sun 28 February	10.30 am	St Anthony's Church	Parent & ALL Children Workshop	Dipped into Christ
Sunday 14 March	10.30 am	St Luke's Church	Parent & ALL Children preparing for Confirma- tion & First Communion	2 nd Rite Reconcili- ation for younger children
Sunday 16 th May	10.30 am	St Anthony's Church	Parent & ALL Children preparing for Confirma- tion & First Communion	"Alive in the Spir- it"
CONFIRMATION 7.00 pm FRIDAY 21st May 2021				
Sunday 30 th May	10.30 am	St Luke's Church	Parent & ALL Children Preparing for First Com- munion	"You are what you eat!"
All Masses W'End 5/6 th June	4.30 pm	St Anthony's Church	Families choose the Mass where they would like their child to cele- brate their First Holy Communion.	We will have sign on sheets on Sun- day 28 th Febru- ary.
	6.00 pm	St Luke's Church		
	7.00 am	St Luke's Church		
	9.00 am	St. Anthony's Church		
Sunday 27 th June	10.30 am	St Anthony's Church	Parents and Older Chil- dren [10 yrs+] preparing for Penance	"God's Love Poured Out" & Prep for Older Children's 1 st Rite of Recon- ciliation

NOTES: Please speak to me if you need assistance or clarification. Many thanks. Trish 0417 008 025

The Catholic Leader

Read the Latest News ONLINE - Keeping faith with you

The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to parish-
ioners for free during these uncertain times. Keep faith with the Leader at
www.catholicleader.com.au

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest
Trish Stapleton - Pastoral Associate
Maria Mendez Villalta - Parish Secretary/Finance