

## New portal will help assess and improve safeguarding

A new portal launched by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited will help Catholic organisations measure their progress in applying the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards.

Marking the launch of the portal, ACSL CEO Ursula Stephens described it as a crucial resource for entities wanting to understand where their current safeguarding standards are in relation to best practice.

The NCSS, against which entities using the portal will assess themselves, create a framework for Catholic entities to promote the safety of children and adults at risk. The Standards outline the policies and activities that will prevent, respond to, and support reporting of concerns of abuse.

"The portal allows users to monitor their progress in implementing the Standards. Those seeking accreditation against the NCSS will be able to use the portal in preparing for a review or audit.



Courtesy: Cathnews.com, 29/4/2022.

## Mass attendance count 1,2,3,....

Mass attendance counting will commence at this weekend's Masses, which will continue for the next Four weekends.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.



## War in Ukraine, climate change top agenda



The war in Ukraine, climate change, and the role of women in the Church were among the pressing topics of discussion at this week's meeting of the Council of Cardinals, which

took place in the Vatican with the participation of Pope Francis.

It was the first meeting of the Council since the publication, in March, of the Apostolic Constitution *Praedicate evangelium*, which reforms the Curia in light of its service to the Church in the modern world. The 41st meeting of the Council was opened by the coordinator, Cardinal Oscar Maradiaga, who offered a reflection on the situation in Ukraine and the resulting socio-political, ecclesial, and ecumenical situation.

Pope Francis, for his part, informed the Council of the initiatives, variously undertaken by himself, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, and the Secretariat of State, to promote peace. The Members of the Council offered their support and encouragement for the Holy Father in his "tireless" efforts to resolve the conflict.

The Council also discussed the Holy's Sees diplomatic service and the role and activities of Apostolic Nuncios; as well as the implementation of *Praedicate evangelium*, including an evaluation of steps already taken and of challenges to be faced.

Read full story : [vaticannews.va](http://vaticannews.va)

## BCE appoints leading First Nations educator

Dr Mayrah Dreise is set to lead the way for improved Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural education in Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) schools since being appointed Senior Manager of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.



Dr Dreise, a proud Gamilaraay and Yuwalaraay woman from Southwest Queensland and Northwest New South Wales, has a PhD; Bachelor of Arts – Indigenous Studies and Visual Art; and Graduate Diploma of Education.

BCE Acting Executive Director Dr Doug Ashleigh said the new role was developed to ensure First Nations Peoples lead Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education within their 146 schools, stretching from the Gold Coast to Hervey Bay.

Dr Dreise will also help guide our organisation and our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Working Group as we commit to increasing the number of First Nations peoples in Brisbane Catholic Education employment.

Dr Dreise said she accepted the position with BCE to help make 'real world change' and make a difference to the lives of BCE students.

### Background

Dr Dreise is heavily involved within the Yuwalaraay community as a traditional Song Woman, and has years of critical and evidence-based research, producing an inspiring array of published papers and policies.

Source: <http://archbne.org/qvyk>



"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.



# 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

**St Anthony's Catholic Church**  
1 St Anthony Drive,  
Alexandra Hills Q 4161  
&  
**St Luke's Catholic Church**  
45 Degen Road, Capalaba Q 4157

## Parish Office

St Anthony Drive,  
Alexandra Hills Q 4161  
[Behind St Anthony's Church]

### Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday - 9am to 2pm

### Parish Personnel

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**Trish Stapleton** (Pastoral Associate)  
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St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre  
Phone: 3245 3300  
Address: 45 Degen Road, Capalaba

## Welfare groups

**St Vincent De Paul:**  
1800 846 643

## 1 May 2022

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peter and others have returned to the sea. They have left Jerusalem. They have come home to the Sea of Tiberias, the place where it all began.

Peter decides to go fishing. He knows how to do that. It is familiar and comfortable. Perhaps it takes him back to life before Jesus. The others are quick to join him.

When life gets difficult, when we become lost, confused, and afraid, when the changes of life are not what we wanted people tend to run away. We try to go back to the way it was before, to something safe, something familiar. Often, we revert to old patterns of behaviour and thinking, it seems easier than moving forward.

Christ can appear right in front of us and we may still not believe in Him because what He does is so far outside of our normal experiences and expectations.

We can sense in today's Gospel that the disciples want to believe, but to believe asks quite a bit of them because they had seen the Lord Jesus die. How many times we see the Lord Jesus die in our lives! Jesus die in our lives when we exclude God, when we treat others and even ourselves in negative ways, when we ignore God in our personal life, when we close the door of love and forgiveness. Jesus die again and again.

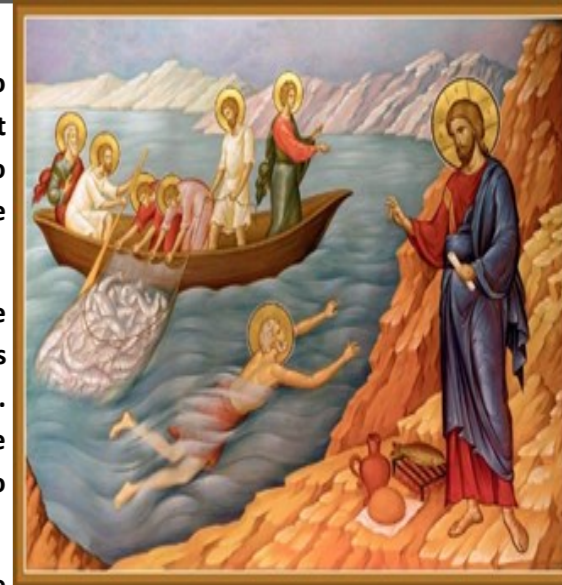
When we feel the darkness around, when we feel everything is lost, when we feel everyone has left, then once again Jesus may break through and show us that He is alive and risen, and still we can reject or accept.

Jesus comes to be our Saviour, but so many today, do not want a Saviour who is not ready to adjust to their way of life and it is not easy to believe and follow! Jesus may not adjust but He accepts us as we are.

We should not be surprised that we live in a messy world. The world has always been a mess and that is why a Saviour came for us. But salvation is never imposed on us. Instead, we are invited to live our lives in the way our Saviour taught us and actually know the difference in our way of life.

Risen Christ brings new hope and new peace in our lives together with the question: Do you love me?

Lord's blessings, Fr Regi



**Mass Times**

**1st May — 8th May 2022**

**MONDAY**

9.00 am, St Luke's Church, CAPALABA

**WEDNESDAY**

5.00 pm, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

**THURSDAY**

9.00 am, St Anthony's Church, ALEXANDRA HILLS

6.00 pm, St Mary MacKillop Church, BIRKDALE

**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

**We remember and pray**

Maria Mercedes Campbell, Nelson Penaflor, John McMahon, Greta Fitzpatrick; Irena Kelly, Denis Bowman, Joe Andrews, Christine Hahes, Chris Dennis, Gerry Stack, Kerry Ann See, Mary Ford, Max Veal, Kerry Balcombe, Anthony [Tony] Conner, Des Stapleton, Margaret Hobbs, Norma Adams, Peter Maciejewski, Ailsa Jensen, Sharon MacKenzie, Alfredo & Jennifer Mendez and Samuel Tyler, Bob Kohlman, Ronald Thorne, Gisela Kostic (Sylvia's Mum), Joan Balcombe, Meghan Chircop, Julie Vincent, Rishani Wickramasuriya,

**We pray for the Sick**

We Pray for those in our community who are ill, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

**Happy Birthday**

We thank God for the gift of life. We wish all the blessings to those who are celebrating their Birthdays in the month of May.

To protect your privacy, we are required by the National privacy Act Australia to collect a written prayer intention form, which is available at the Entrance of the Church and from the Parish office.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Envelopes are available from the Parish Office and at the Entrance of the Church. Please PRINT the name and date.

**The Sacrament of Penance**

MONDAY at 8.30 am: St Luke's Church, Capalaba

THURSDAY at 5.30pm: St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale

SATURDAYS at 4.00pm: St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills.

OR

By Appointment (call :3820 0100)

**Scripture Readings for Next Sunday**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading**

Acts 13: 14,43-52

**Psalms**

Ps 99:1-3,5

**Second Reading**

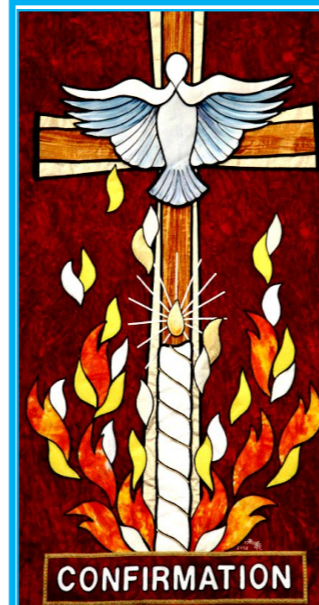
Revelation 7:9,14-17

**Gospel**

John 10:27-30



**Sacrament of Confirmation UPDATE!**



A reminder to all mums and dads who have children registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation,

PLEASE NOTE!

\* Confirmation WORKSHOP: WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY

Either 3.30 pm OR 6.00 pm

One must be attended.

\* Confirmation PRACTICE: MUST BE ATTENDED

Wednesday 1st June at 6.00 pm

\* THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

CELEBRATION on 3rd JUNE 2022.

Please be at the Church by 5.30 pm

**Congratulations!!!**



We extend our congratulations to Fionn, Vera, Emily, Piper, Koda and Noah, who were baptized in our parish in the month of April.

We welcome them to the parish family.

Let us appreciate the parents for sharing the flame of faith with their children.

**Welcome back Altar servers**



Altar Servers or Junior Ministers play a very important role by assist ing with the celebration of Mass. Some of the tasks are carrying the processional cross, candles and thurible, holding the book, and performing other duties at Mass and other liturgical rites. Servers assist the priest during processions, rituals, gestures, at the chair and at the altar.

We Welcome back our Altar servers and also invite those who would like to join this wonderful team.

For more details please contact the Parish office. Call: 3820 0100 or email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

**Kids Corner: Meet the saint (1)**

**Saint Peter**, also known by his birth name Simon or Simeon, was one of Jesus' 12 apostles. Saint Peter is mentioned frequently in the New Testament of the Bible across the different Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and most of what we know about Saint Peter comes from the Bible.

Saint Peter was very influential in the early days of the Catholic Church, and still is to this day. Although the word Pope hadn't been used in Peter's lifetime, he is viewed as the very first Pope, with every continuous Pope a successor to him. He is even said to have been buried where St Peter's Basilica was later built in Vatican City.

Saint Peter's birthdate is actually unknown but it is estimated to be around 1 B.C. Peter came from humble origins and worked as a Galilean fisherman. He was the brother of Andrew and a follower of John the Baptist. According to the Gospel of Mark, Saint Peter was married however the name of his wife is unknown. He is said to have died in 64 C.E at age 68. He died by crucifixion in Rome, Italy. According to legend, Saint Peter asked to be crucified upside down as he believed he was unworthy to die as Jesus had. The Feast Day of St Peter takes place on the 29th of June.



**Gifts and Raffle**



'LADIES GROUP' invites you to the Mothers Day Gift Stall and Raffle following all Masses on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May.

Also a date claimer for Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday 18th May beginning at 10.00am in the Parish Hall.

Lots of bargain plants and gifts available. Multi Draw Raffle. Plant and gift stall. Lucky square.

\$15 entry includes lucky door ticket. (Cash only please.) Please BYO cup.

All are Welcome!!!!

RSVP to Trish Purcell 0438863296 or Margaret Kostowski 0412161924

**Are you New to the Parish?**

If you are new to the Parish, please fill this form and drop it in the collection box 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 to send you our weekly newsletter.

We look forward to welcome you to our New Parishioners Welcome Night.

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