

For the Children

JESUS IS THE CHOSEN ONE

John the Baptist had been preaching to the crowds and baptising them in the River Jordan. God had told John that he would send him a sign. The Holy Spirit would appear like a dove and settle on the one he had chosen to send. John would then be ready to show the son of God to all

LET US PRAY

When we see these doves, God, help us to remember that your spirit is with us in all that we do, helping guide and protect us always.

Gospel must be read to understand its beauty and power, pope.

To understand the Gospel, its beauty and its power, people need to read it, Pope Francis said. "enter incisively in your consciences and lives by courageously witnessing to God's love in every environment, including the workplace". The world needs "people who work for peace not with fine words, but with deeds, carefully carrying out their duty in the service of the common good." Read more: www.catholic Leader.com.au



Altar Servers play a very important role by assisting with the celebration of Mass. Some of the tasks are carrying 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.

Those who have received the Holy Communion can be an altar server. We 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



CARDINAL George Pell has died, aged 81, in Rome, on 10th January. Ordained a priest in 1966 in Ballarat,

Cardinal Pell went on to serve as Archbishop of Melbourne and Sydney before he was elected to the College of Cardinals by Pope John Paul II in 2003. Archbishop Mark Coleridge has made a statement on the life and achievements of Cardinal George Pell.

To read the full story Please visit: Catholic Leader.com
<https://catholicleader.com.au/news/qld/archbishop-coleridge-reflects-on-the-extraordinary-life-of-cardinal-pell/>

"I am the resurrection and the life". John 11:25 CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF LILLY BAI (OMANA)



June 21, 1937 Dec 31, 2022

Memorial Mass

You are invited to join for the memorial for Lilly Bai, the beloved mother of Fr. Prem. The Mass will be held at St Mary MacKillop Church on Friday, 20th January at 9.30am. Let us keep the family in our prayers.

Advertise your business in the Parish Newsletter

12 months coverage on printed newsletter, emailed to parishioners, on the parish website.



"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: A0B@stopline.com.au



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 Church
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15 January 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners and visitors,

The Christmas season is over and we are already in the 'Ordinary time' in our liturgy. Now we move on with the very beginning of Jesus' public life, usually referred to as his ministry. We come upon John the Baptist seeing Jesus and pointing to him. "This is the Lamb of God," he says.



At the birth of Jesus, the angels announced a saviour is born for you in Bethlehem. On the feast of epiphany, the wise men searched for the king of the Jews. At the baptism of the Lord the heavens opened to declare this is my beloved son. Today John the Baptist is revealing to the world that Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The imagery of the Lamb of God is one that we see strongly in the Old Testament. When God wanted to save the people of Israel from the slavery, they were asked to mark their doors with the blood of the lamb. Through the blood of the lamb, the people were saved from the destruction that was carried out by the angel. Every year the Jews celebrated the Passover festival and this imagery of Paschal lamb reminded salvation and restoration.

The Book of Leviticus presents the guidelines for offerings and sacrifices, just about every aspect of life. Lambs were commonly used in ritual sacrifice and, when a lamb was specified, it was to be a "lamb...without blemish." Thus, the lamb stood as a sign of reunion of people with God, whose sins are forgiven by God.

In this context when John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the lamb of God, he is revealing to us, that through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we would be saved not only from our sins but also from the power of death. This is the lamb without blemish. This is the last lamb to be sacrificed. This is the one who will restore the humanities lost status as children of God. He is the one who will baptize you with the holy spirit.

Through baptism God has commissioned us to present Christ to the world. A Christ who taught us to love, who suffered for our sins, who died for the world, who resurrected so that we may partake in eternal life.

Lord's Blessings, Fr Regi

MASS TIMES			16-22 JANUARY 2023		
MONDAY	9:00AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA			
TUESDAY	6:00PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
WEDNESDAY	5:00PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			
THURSDAY	9:00AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			
FRIDAY	9:30AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
SATURDAY	4:30PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS			
	6:15PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
SUNDAY	7:00AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA			
	8:00AM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, BIRKDALE			
	9:00AM	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)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Scripture Readings

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
 First Reading: Isa 49:3, 5-6
 Psalm: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

"We acknowledge the Quandamooka People, Traditional Custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we stand today. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future."

We pray for all those who are sick especially, Julie Vincent and Ros Noble.

We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially the recently deceased and for all whose anniversaries occur during this time.

We are updating the name-list for prayers. Please email (alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au) or fill the prayer request form, if you would like to add a name to the list.

Knitting Yarn Needed

The Ladies Group is again seeking donations of yarn (preferably 8ply) which will be knitted and crocheted into knee rugs to be gifted to residents of hospitals and nursing homes. Any donations will be gratefully received and can be left in either church or Parish office. Thank you for your support.

Pope's Prayer Intention January 2023
For Educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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.

Great Characters in the Bible Podcast
 Hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, this podcast series will focus on the Bible as a story filled with fascinating human characters from the old and new testament. We are going to meet these characters, as they tell us a lot about humanity, and they are coming to meet us, as they do in the stories of scripture. You can subscribe to this podcast on Apple Podcasts or Spotify streaming platforms to receive each episode directly to your device.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/podcast-series-on-great-characters-of-the-bible/>

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

Ladies Group will be hosting a **WELCOME MORNING TEA** in the St. Anthony's Parish Hall on Wednesday 1st February beginning at 10:00am. Whether you are new to the Parish or been here a while, you are most welcome to join us!



Support Your Parish

Thank you so much to all who support our Parish financially. Our bank account details are as follows:

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.

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.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____