

EASTER CELEBRATION TIMES		
19/03/2024 TUESDAY—2 nd Rite of Reconciliation	6:30pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
23/03/2024 SATURDAY	4.30 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
PALM SUNDAY Vigil Mass	6.15 pm	St Mary MacKillop Church, Birkdale
24/03/2024 SUNDAY - PALM 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
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 EASTER VIGIL	6.00 pm	St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills
31/03/2024 EASTER 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



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CHRISM MASS

Thursday 21st March 2024 @ 7:00pm

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CAR PARKING AVAILABLE FROM 6:00PM
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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.

NAME: _____

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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	17th March 2024	Fifth Sunday of Lent
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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

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Email: palxhills@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,

If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In baptism our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters of baptism. Paul the Apostle describes this death and rebirth in Christ as a "new creation" which Christ accomplishes in us through the power of his saving death and resurrection (2 Corinthians 5:17). This process of death to the "old fallen self" is both a one-time event which occurs in our baptism, and it is also a daily, on-going cycle of growth in which the Holy Spirit buries us more deeply into Jesus' death to sin so we might rise anew in the power of God's love, righteousness (moral goodness), and holiness. There is a great paradox here. Death leads to life. When we "die" to our selves - to our rebellious sinful nature and wilful rejection of God's commandments - we receive God's forgiveness and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which frees us to love and serve others, and follow God faithfully. It is God's free gift of grace (his blessing and favour towards us) and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit that enables us to live and serve joyfully as sons and daughters of God.

Pruning and bearing good fruit in Christ

How can I practically "die" to myself so that the Lord Jesus can live in me and transform me into his likeness and holiness? It certainly means that what is contrary to God's will must be "put to death" within me. God gives us grace to say "yes" to his will and the strength we need to reject whatever is contrary to his commands and plan for our lives. The Lord Jesus promises that we will bear much "fruit" for him, if we choose to deny ourselves for his sake and embrace his will for our lives.

Jesus used strong language to describe the kind of self-denial he had in mind for his disciples. "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life" (John 12:25). What did Jesus mean when he said that a follower of Christ must hate himself or herself? The expression to hate something often meant to prefer less. Jesus says that nothing should get in the way of our preferring him and the will of our heavenly Father above all else. Paul the Apostle reminds us that "what is sown in the earth is subject to decay, what rises is incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 15:42). Do you believe in the power and victory of Christ's saving cross and resurrection? And are you ready to reject whatever is contrary to God's commands and to trust him for the strength and joy to embrace his will for your life?

source: mobilegabriel.com

MASS TIMES 18 — 24 March 2024		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA
TUESDAY		NO MASS (2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION AT BIRKDALE)
WEDNESDAY	5.00 PM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH, ALEXANDRA HILLS
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

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*

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

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.

Scripture Readings
Fifth Sunday of Lent
First Reading: Jer 3:31-34
 Ps 50:3-4, 12-15
Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-30

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

We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially.....
Denis Bowman, Alfred Briffa 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.

STOPline Service
 STOPline receives information about suspected abuse, harm and other serious misconduct by Archdiocesan workers (including priests, religious, employees and volunteers). Information can be shared anonymously.
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Sacramental Programme for children 2024 St Anthony and St Luke's Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *For Children who received Confirmation in 2023 or before.*
Parent Information Night: THURSDAY, 14th MARCH 2024 @ 7 pm, St Anthony's Church
First Holy Communion- SATURDAY, 25th MAY 2024 @ 4.30pm and SUNDAY 26th MAY 7am & 9am.



CONFIRMATION: *For Students in Year 3 or above*
Parent Information Night – THURSDAY, 11th JULY 2024 @ 7pm, St Anthony's Church
Date of Confirmation - THURSDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 2024 @ 6.30 pm



PENANCE (Reconciliation): *For Children who received Holy Communion in 2023 or before.*
Parent Information Night– THURSDAY, 10th OCTOBER 2024 @ 7pm, St Anthony's Church
Date of Reconciliation - THURSDAY, 7th NOVEMBER 2024 @ 6pm



For more information, please contact the Parish Office Phone: **07 3820 0100** OR email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

PIETÀ contains daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) The Parish Lenten Groups that will be following the programme:-**Mondays at St Luke's, Capalaba.** Weekly gatherings will be at 7:00pm
Wednesdays at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale Weekly gatherings will be at 11:00am

PALMS NEEDED: For palm Sunday (especially Golden Canes) - 2m and 1/2 metre lengths. Deliver to St Anthony's Church on Saturday 23rd March between 7:30am—9am. Please call Jackie on 0412 999 744 if you can provide palms.



2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION
 All are invited to the 'The second Rite of Reconciliation', on **TUESDAY, 19th March at 6:30pm**, at St Mary MacKillop Church, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale.

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.

LADIES GROUP
Celebrate St Patrick's Feast Day with Morning Tea in the parish hall at 9.30 on **Wednesday 20th March.** Share friendship, enjoy great food and join in the fun with a novelty game of bingo. Raffle will support hospital chaplaincy in the Redlands and the purchase of dishwashing liquid for St Vincent de Paul clients. If transport is required, please phone Trish 0438863296 or Margaret 0412161924.



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.