



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December -

**St Anthony's. Alexandra Hills:** 4:30pm Christmas Carols  
5:00pm (Children's Pageant) and Mass  
**St Mary MacKillop Birkdale:** 6:30pm Christmas Carols  
7:00pm (Children's Pageant) and Mass

#### Christmas Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**St Luke's. Capalaba:** 7:00am Mass  
**St Mary MacKillop Birkdale:** 8:00am Mass  
**St Anthony's. Alexandra Hills:** 9:00am Mass

### Volunteer On line Training

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our ArcheLearn system. Previously used exclusively by employees, the ArcheLearn system has been expanded to provide our parish volunteers with an enhanced user experience and a streamlined way to access the training they need for their roles. This upgrade ensures that all volunteers have an easy-to-use path to access mandatory training and other learning resources.

#### What is ArcheLearn?

ArcheLearn is the **training platform** for all volunteers. It is where you will complete any mandatory training required for your role such as Safeguarding Training.

**NEW VOLUNTEERS:** Once a new volunteer registers through the **Welcome Portal**, they will be given a token number to use when they create their ArcheLearn account. This will then assign their correct training.

**EXISTING VOLUNTEERS:** Existing volunteers do not have to re-register through the Welcome Portal. Existing volunteers will get an email from the Archdiocese to inform you when and how to register. If we require any additional information to set up volunteers such as emails or role updates, we will include this request in the same email. Please ensure that you respond to the email with the updates by the requested date.

**If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office on 38222139 or email birkmack@bne.catholic.net.au**

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration at St Mary MacKillop Church,  
12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale from  
10:00am - 11:00am (following  
the 9:30am Mass) on  
**3rd January 2025**



**NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION  
ON FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024**



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



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

### Parish Office

**Parish Office Address**  
**12 Hardy Rd Birkdale, Qld**  
**4159**

**Office Hours**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and**  
**Friday: 9am to 2pm**

**Contact**  
**(07) 3820 0100**  
**alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au**  
**Priest Emergency Contact:**  
**Phone 3820 0100, Option 3**

### Parish Personnel

**Fr Regimon Gervasis MCBS**  
Parish Administrator  
gervasisr@bne.catholic.net.au  
**Fr. Prem Rethnamony**  
Associate Pastor  
**Kathy Metzen**  
Workplace Health & Safety  
**Inez Barry**  
Safeguarding Officer  
lsr.alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

### Education

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School  
Phone: 3820 1200  
Email: palexhills@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

### 1st December 2024

### First Sunday of Advent



### Dear Parishioners and visitors,

The season of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year, Year C, and with it comes a time of waiting and anticipation. It is a season when we are invited to prepare not just for the celebration of Christmas, but for the ultimate coming of Christ. Both in the past, as He came to us in Bethlehem, and in the future, when He will return in glory. The readings today invite us into this space of holy anticipation, a call to be awake and prepared for the Lord's coming, whether it is in the small, everyday moments or in the final, cosmic return.

The Advent season invites us to a new hopes not just about a future hope, though. It is a call to action in the present. We are invited to "walk in the light of the Lord," meaning that our lives should reflect the values of God's kingdom today. As we enter Advent, we are called to examine whether we are truly living in a way that reflects God's vision of peace and justice in the world.

It is a special time to call us into vigilance. This vigilance is not about fear or anxiety, but about maintaining a spiritual focus. We are called to keep our hearts attuned to God, to not allow the distractions of the world—whether pleasures, worries, or busyness—to take away from the deeper longing for Christ. The challenge of Advent is to create space in our lives for God, amidst the noise and clutter of our everyday existence.

Advent invites us to live in the tension between the "already" and the "not yet." Christ has already come into the world, and His first coming in the incarnation is celebrated at Christmas. But we still await the fullness of His Kingdom. As we wait, we must live in a way that reflects both the reality of His past coming and the hope of His future return.

The purpose of Advent is not merely to mark the passage of time until Christmas; it is to awaken us to the urgency of living in a way that is prepared for Christ's return, whenever that may be.

Wish you all a wonderful time of Hope, Faith, Joy and Love.

Lord's blessings, *Fr Regi*

MASS TIMES			2nd—8th December		
MONDAY	9.00 AM	ST LUKE'S CHURCH, CAPALABA			
TUESDAY	6:00 PM	ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH, 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 (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday monthly)			
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**—8.30 am: 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 (phone 3822 2139 or 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, 13th December 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. **Next Adoration 3rd January 2025. (NOTE: NO ADORATION FOR DECEMBER 2024)**

**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**  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
 First Reading: Jer 33:14-16  
 Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
 Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2  
 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**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, Yvonne Marshall, Maria Pierce, Trish Gleeson, Christine Lee, Di Simmons, Gwen and John Dillon, Teresa Rafter, Lew Harris, Silvia Mata Ruano, Joan Burke, Paul Norton, Julie Vincent, Josephine Murphy, Matthew Scott, Bernadette Gick.*

*We remember and pray for all the departed beloved ones especially.... George (Ben) Jardine, Kim Pradella, Michael Vella (anniversary), Sharon MacKenzie, Denise Alick, Michael Maciejewski, Justin Kerr, Bruce Gordon, Matilda Sequeira, Maureen Holland, Mario Mercarello, Marie Parnell, Helen Meade, Mark Paten, Barbara Woodford, Allison Shand, Dorothy Black, Felix Aguiar, Alan Lowndes, Zita Cilvanas, Gisela Kostic, Michael Nolan, Peter and Shona Kwock-Sun, Departed members of Kakucska Family, departed members of the Alberto family.*  
**To add a name 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.  
 1300 304 550 AOB@stopline.com.au  
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**RCIA Journey**  
  
 Our Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme is underway. To enrol and learn more about Catholic Faith and join the faith please contact  
 the Parish office: 38220 0100  
 or Email: alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

**Children's Liturgy**  
 on the **FIRST SUNDAY** of each month at the 9:00am Mass on Sunday at St Anthony's Church.  
 Next Session **1ST DECMEBER 2024**



**LADIES GROUP NEWS**

**Ladies Group Christmas Stall and Raffle**  
  
 Following all Masses on 7th and 8th December. Lots of bargains! Plants, handmade gifts, baked goods, fairy floss, jams.... Cash please.  
 Proceeded from this stall will support our local St Vincent de Paul Conference.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
*good works*


**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**  
 On 30th December & 1st, 7th & 8th and 14th & 15th December, St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be conducting our Christmas appeal in the parish to assist us in providing Christmas hampers to people in need in our community. Donations of Christmas food, pantry food, toiletries would be much appreciated. Boxes for donated items will be placed at the rear of each church and envelopes will be available for those who may prefer to donate cash.  
**EFT donations can be made to the following account (not for over the counter deposits at the bank)**  
 BSB: 064 786  
 Account Number:1000 26090  
 Account Name: AlexHillsAnthonyLuke  
*Thank you for your generosity and helping to make the Christmas of these families a little brighter.*

**Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner**

**Volunteer Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner**  
**Wednesday 4th December 2024**  
 Mass at 5:00 pm followed by catered dinner in the Parish Hall. For everyone who gives their time and talents to help our Parish.  
  
 Place name and details on the list in the church or contact the parish office on 3820 0100 or email alexhillscap@bne.catholic.net.au

**Happy Birthday**

**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 December



**Parish Office**

The Parish Office (located at 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale) will be closed from **Monday 25th November and will reopen on Monday 2nd December.** If you need a Priest in the event of an emergency please phone 3822 2139 and choose Option 3.

**WW Network Gathering**

The WW Network (a support group for widows and widowers) **Christmas Celebration** on Saturday 7th December.  
 Please contact Margie Paten 0412 362 663 if you would like to attend.




**Advent 2024 - Hope Reigns**

This year's Advent resource, **Hope Reigns**, seeks to help prepare you for the birth of Emmanuel, God with us. Books available for purchase from the Piety store. **Cost: \$5.00**

**Cleaners Needed**

Some of our cleaning groups are in need of more volunteers and would be keen to welcome you. If you can spare just one to two hours once every eight weeks (on a Saturday morning), please contact the parish office.



**Lost and Found**

**A single key on a key ring has been found. See the ladies on the piety stall at St Anthony's.**