



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Second Sunday of
Lent, Year C
16th March 2025.**

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Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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**Readings for this week - 16th March,
Second Sunday of Lent 2025.**

1st Reading - Genesis 15: 5-12, 17-18.
Psalm - Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14.
Response - The Lord is my light and my salvation.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians 3: 17-4: 1.
Gospel - Luke 9: 28-36.

My Sisters and Brothers

I hope you are safe and have not been too adversely affected by the weekend's wild winds and heavy rainfall. You have been very much in my prayers.

Please know that it was not an easy decision to cancel our Sunday Masses, but on reflection I believe it was the right decision in the end. I thank those who assisted me and making that decision.

Our Parish Masses are set to return to the usual schedule this coming weekend.

We have not had the best start to our Lenten journey liturgically, but we do have the following exciting opportunities for the rest of our Lenten Journey:

- **Parish Retreat:** St Benedict's Mass Centre on Saturday March 15 starting at 1pm and concluding with the 4pm Mass.
- **Weekly Lenten Group:** Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm on zoom via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88071341325>
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays at 6pm in our Mass Centre.
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Sunday 8:30am Mass on March 16.
- **Morning Tea after Mass:** After the Sunday morning Mass on March 16.
- **Parish Ministry Expo:** After the Sunday morning Mass on March 16.
- **Stewardship – Time and Talent:** Weekend of March 22-23.
- **Stewardship – Treasure:** Weekend of March 29-30.

Joining Jesus in Pouring Ourselves Out for the World

In this coming Sunday's Gospel (Luke 9:28-34) we encounter a profound moment in the life of Jesus—the Transfiguration—where He is revealed in divine glory, speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus," His journey to the cross and resurrection, which we call the Paschal Mystery, the core of our faith.

This Gospel calls us to listen to Jesus with the ear of our heart (St Benedict's Prologue), embracing the Paschal Mystery as the way for our own lives. Just as Jesus poured Himself out for the salvation of the world, we are called to pour ourselves out in love, service, and compassion for others.

The presence of Moses and Elijah reminds us that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises. His exodus—His suffering, death, and resurrection—opens the path to true freedom, not just for Himself, but for all who follow Him. We are invited to step into this mystery, surrendering ourselves in love, allowing God to transform us into people of kindness, empathy, and generosity.

When the voice of the Father proclaims, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him!" we are given a clear directive: follow Jesus, embrace Him, trust Him, and imitate His self-giving love. This is the heart of Christian life. To listen to Jesus means to embrace His way of sacrificial love, extending mercy to the broken, lifting up the weary, and being a source of encouragement, hope, and peace.

As we live out the Paschal Mystery, we learn that true joy is found not in self-preservation, but in self-giving. Jesus teaches us that love is the highest calling, a love that reaches beyond boundaries, seeks the good of others, and transforms lives. By living in this love, we become radiant lights, reflections of Jesus' presence, and blessings to all we encounter.

Lenten Retreat – Saturday March 15 at 1pm



We will be having our Lenten Retreat on Saturday 15th March at 1pm in our Mass Centre.

Please join us at St. Benedict's Parish for a peaceful and inspiring Lenten Retreat. This special retreat is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God and reflect on Jesus' mission as presented in Luke's Gospel.

Together, we'll explore how Jesus' mission of compassion, healing, and proclaiming the Good News applies to God's mission for us today.

Throughout the afternoon, we will be invited to recognise how God is calling us to live out these themes as a parish. Lent is a time of preparation, prayer, and spiritual growth, and this retreat will guide us in nurturing these practices in a focused and meaningful way.

The retreat will include guided reflections, prayer time, and quiet moments for personal contemplation. At 2:30pm, we will take a break and enjoy afternoon tea together. At 3pm, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will come up with ways in which we can become even more effective as a parish.

The retreat will conclude with the 4pm Mass, offering a beautiful way to end this afternoon of prayer, and enter into the Lenten season more prepared to walk with Jesus toward Easter.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 20th March

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 21st March

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass. With Yr 8.

6pm - St Benedict's Parish, Stations of the Cross.

Saturday 22nd March

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 23rd March

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In March...

19, 26th - St Benedict's Parish RCIA meetings.

14, 21, 28th - St Benedict's Stations of the Cross 6pm.

16th - St Benedict's Parish Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass.

16th - St Benedict's, Children's Liturgy of the Word to recommence at 8.30am Mass.

** Caritas - Project Compassion to take place throughout Lent (March/April)

In April...

2, 9, 13, 19th - St Benedict's Parish RCIA meetings.

4, 11, 18th - St Benedict's Stations of the Cross 6pm.

6th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 22nd March, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 23rd March, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Sosefo Nasio

Sunday 23rd March, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Ashley Oliver
Communion Minister: Christopher Beck

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Sunday 8:30am March 16

We are excited to announce the reintroduction of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 8:30am Sunday Masses on the third Sunday of each month starting on Sunday March 16.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed for children from Prep to Grade 4. It will give them a special opportunity to engage with God's Word in a way that speaks directly to their hearts and minds. During this time, children will be led in age-appropriate readings and activities that help them understand the Scriptures through fun and interactive experiences. This will allow them to be nourished by the Word of God at their level, fostering a deeper connection to their faith while actively participating in the liturgy. We encourage families to bring their children and be part of this enriching experience, as we nurture their spiritual growth together.

Lenten Journey

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection, as we draw near to the heart of the Christian faith—the Easter Triduum, which celebrates the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This season, lasting 40 days, offers a unique opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and renew our commitment to living the Gospel. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we open ourselves to transformation and spiritual growth.

Tuesday 7pm Lenten Prayer Group on Zoom

Prayer is the foundation of our Lenten journey. It is a time to grow in our connection with God, allowing His presence to guide and strengthen us. As always, we have sourced a Lenten resource from Archdiocesan Ministries (formerly Evangelisation Brisbane), which includes a Scripture reflection, a spiritual writing, reflection questions, and a prayer.

Our prayer Network will be leading a Prayer Group on Zoom on all Tuesdays during Lent at 7pm. Here is the link for the Tuesday Prayer Group: All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88071341325>

Lent – A Time of Prayer, Fasting and Charity

Praying during Lent offers us a chance for deeper connection with God, offering a space to withdraw from daily distractions and encounter God more profoundly. Through prayer, we prepare to enter into the Paschal mystery with a renewed sense of awe and gratitude.

Fasting during Lent helps us detach from worldly comforts and refocus on spiritual nourishment. By fasting from food, habits, or distractions, we are reminded of our dependence on God and our commitment to self-discipline. This act of self-denial enables us to open our hearts to God's grace, fostering humility and mindfulness of the suffering Christ endured for our salvation.

Acts of Charity invite us to live out the love of Christ by serving others.

The Stations of the Cross – Fridays 6pm (Starting Friday March 14)



To enhance our preparation for our celebration of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter), the church offers us the devotion of The Stations of the Cross – a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. We will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6pm. Concluding with praying the Stations on Good Friday at 10am. Please join us.

St Benedict's Church Update

My meeting last Tuesday with the Vicar General, Fr Peter Dillon, to discuss the building of our church went well. We are going ahead to build a church on the elevated block next to the school (opposite the train station carpark).

In terms of funding the church, Fr Peter wants us to start a fundraising campaign to assist toward the building of the church. The Archdiocese of Brisbane will lend us the remaining funds for the church at a very low interest rate, which is to be paid off over the next 30 years.

I plan to form a fundraising team to meet with the Fundraising Director for the Archdiocese, Mary Macuga, to set fundraising goals, and for Mary to give the team some ideas on the best way to raise funds. It is my hope that everyone continues to support all of our fundraising initiatives moving forward.

Two Collections at Mass

At our Sunday Masses we now back to having two collections that serve two vital purposes. The **First Collection**, taken at the offertory, is for the running of our **parish**. This includes my car expenses, housekeeping and stipend expenses, salaries, rent for our office, office expenses, Presbytery expenses. utility bills, and the cost of running various parish programs such as Sacramental Program and the RCIA. It ensures the daily functioning of the parish, allowing it to serve the community and continue its mission.

The **Second Collection**, taken after Holy Communion, is for the building of our **church**. We are very close to securing our land, we now need funds to build a church. If we can show the Archdiocese that we have a steady income stream dedicated to the building of our church, then the sooner we will be able to commence building our church.

Wishing you many Lenten blessings *Fr Bryan.*



Children's Liturgy of the Word – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on **Sunday 16th March**, in 8.30am Mass.

Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.

Sewing assistance... Could you help??

One of our Parishioners who assists the parish in supplying Baptism Stoles, is seeking some assistance from someone with an **Embroidery Machine**. If you are in a position to help, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch. Thank you very much.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – Changes to Blue Card Requirements for Safeguarding Parish Ministry Roles.

We've been advised that there've been some updates once again to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Requirement Matrix. Please be advised that Parishioners who may've required a Blue Card previously for their Volunteer Role, may no longer require one. If this is the case you may receive an email from 'Blue Card' to say that your details have now been 'parked/delinked'. Should you have any questions please contact our Office.

Blue Card and/or Police Checks are to be held by those that are working directly with children or vulnerable adults for our Parish or hold particular roles in accordance with Archdiocese guidelines. If the you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will contact you directly. Thank you.



Baptism at St Benedict's.

We invite all families wishing to have children Baptised into the Catholic Faith at St Benedict's, to please contact the Parish Office for information and available dates for Baptism Preparation and Baptism in 2025.

Enrolments for Sacramental Programs 2025.

We welcome families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or seeking to obtain information about our 2025/2026 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email. To receive the Sacraments of:-

Confirmation - children in Grade 3 and above having already received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible. Takes place through out the months of July and August.

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible. Takes place through out the months of May and June.



St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details and email to:

stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com or via the prayer box available at the Welcome Table at Mass.

All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. A new request will be needed after 2 weeks.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Gail Tarrier, Thomas Cafferty, Joy and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed:



Let us join together at St Benedict's for Easter 2025...

Palm Sunday, Sunday 13th April—8.30am and 5.30pm Mass

Holy Thursday, 17th April – 7pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 18th April – 10am, Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, 18th April – 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday, 19th April – 7pm, Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, 20th April – 8.30am, The Resurrection of the Lord.
(No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



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Project Compassion 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. If you are in a position to do so, please consider taking home a Project Compassion donation envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Any donation you may be able to offer this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.

Donating is a little different this year: donate one single amount any time during Lent, by the use of the envelopes at the Welcome Table, then drop it into the collection boxes, or, ideally, scan the QR code on the posters at the front and back doors of the Mass Centre and donate electronically. Alternatively, you are also welcome to donation by calling: 1800 024 413 or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

COLLECTION OF SHIRTS FOR THE MEN'S SHED, please, if you have any new men's shirts for the annual Men's Shed appeal. We will start collecting after Ash Wednesday.

Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out to the JP&E Group on stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com

We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we gather for the St Benedict's Parish.

We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 9th March 2025.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$ No Collections or T&G
 Parish (Running) - \$ No Collections or T&G

Direct Deposits, Credit Cards, APP:-

Building (Church) - \$740.00
 Parish (Running) - \$595.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$740.00
Parish (Running) = \$595.00

*'For it is in giving that we receive' ...
 St Francis of Assisi*

*We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously donated in support of the life and mission of the St Benedict's Parish.
 We thank you for your continued support.*

Help us keep you up to date.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you would like to update or check any contact details we may have on file for you and/or your family. Receiving our weekly Newsletter by email is a great way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

Our faith sustains us through challenging times.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Leaving a Legacy

A simple yet powerful way to impact future generations, is to leave a gift to St Benedict's Parish, North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin in your will. After you have taken care of your loved ones, you may consider naming St Benedict's Parish to receive a gift, which will continue to make a meaningful and profound difference to your Parish.



Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish

To everyone who actively contributes financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish. Thank you! Without you we would not be able to operate as a parish.

We know that the only stable and recurring income that our parish receives is from the **support of our Planned Giving Program**. At present, we are not receiving enough income from our Planned Giving to meet the financial cost of running the parish.

There is a need to increase our collections by \$2000 a week in-order-to plug the gap when we are no longer eligible to receive the current level of subsidies from the Archdiocese, which will cease in 2024. Also, as I have said, after a church is built there will be additional operating costs such as insurance, maintenance, utility bills etc.

Please, I am asking every parishioner to commit some of your **TREASURE** and help make our dream become a reality. Our Parish Pledge Card is available at the Mass centre; asking everyone to **commit to the Planned Giving Program**. If you are already in the Planned Giving Program, we are asking you to at least continue and if possible increase your financial support. 500 people on average attend Mass each week and we have 83 families that contribute to the Parish through the Parish Planned Giving Program.

If you are not yet part of our Planned Giving Program, then please join and make a commitment to our Parish. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

- 1. **Direct Debit or**
- 2. **Credit Card or**
- 3. **Giving Envelopes**

On this Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support both:

* **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)

* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/building of assets, which include our future church, offices, and an adult faith formation/gathering space.

If we want the Archdiocese to contribute significantly to the building of our church, then we need to show that we are financially viable as a parish. So please join our Planned Giving program to help secure our financial future and to give us funds to answer God's call for us to spread the Good News of Jesus through our words, our deeds, and by being vessels of God's hope, love, and peace.

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Smoke Free School. A reminder to all Parishioners and Friends that smoking is not permitted within school grounds. The law relating to school land applies at all times - during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays.

Where persons are observed smoking on school grounds or near our school, legislation requires that the person to either stop smoking or move to an area where smoking is permitted.

A matter for safety/care and concern. We ask that families please do not allow children to use the playground equipment behind the OSHC building before or after Mass of a weekend as a matter of safety. Thank you