



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Fourth Sunday of
Lent, Year C
30th 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 - 30th March,
Fourth Sunday of Lent 2025.**

**1st Reading - Joshua 5: 9-12.
Psalm - Ps 33: 2-7.
Response - Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
5: 17-21.
Gospel - Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32.**

God says, "You will Always be my Beloved Child!"

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, the Parable of the Prodigal Son, we have one of the most powerful depictions of God's unconditional love and grace. It tells the story of a father and his two sons, each struggling with their own understanding of worthiness and love.

The younger son, believing he can find fulfillment outside his father's home, asks for his inheritance early. He wastes it on reckless living and soon finds himself destitute, working among pigs—an ultimate low for a Jewish man. In his despair, he decides to return home, not as a son but as a servant, thinking he has lost his right to be called his father's child. However, as soon as the father sees him from a distance, he runs to him—an act highly unusual, even scandalous, for a man of his status in that culture. The father embraces him, kisses him, and before the son can finish his rehearsed apology, he calls for sandals for his sons feet (slaves didn't wear anything on their feet), the father also calls for the best robe, a ring, and a feast. These symbols all proclaim one thing: "You are my son, and you always will be."

Meanwhile, the older son, who has remained obedient and hardworking, is resentful of the father's celebration. He, too, believes love must be earned. He sees his father's grace toward his brother as unfair. But the father assures him, "You are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." Both sons, in different ways, fail to understand the depth of their father's love. One thinks he is too broken to be loved, while the other believes love must be earned. The father corrects them both: His love is not based on merit but on relationship.

This parable shows us God's love for us in the most beautiful of ways. No matter how far we wander or how unworthy we feel, He welcomes us back with open arms. His love is not dependent on our actions but on who we are—His beloved children. If you have ever felt distant from God, remember that His love remains unchanged. You are never too lost to be found, never too broken to be restored. God runs to meet you where you are, ready to embrace you with His endless grace. No matter what you've done, He says, "You will always be my beloved child, and I will never ever give up on you!"

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 during Lent



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 in the Mass Centre. 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.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 3rd April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 4th April

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass with the Primary School.

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

Saturday 5th April

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 6th April

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In March...

** 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.

13th - Palm Sunday.

17th - Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of the Lords Supper.

18th - Good Friday 10am, Stations of the Cross. 3pm, The Passion of the Lord.

19th - 7pm Easter Vigil, The Resurrection of the Lord.

20th - Easter 8.30am, The Resurrection of the Lord.

** Please note NO 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 5th April, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 6th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 6th April, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony

Reader 1: Claire Goss

Reader 2: Erwin Perez

Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

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.

Dinner with Archbishop Mark

Vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to religious life is essential for the Church's present and future mission. To offer some encouragement to young men and women on their journey of discernment, Archbishop Mark is hosting dinner on two evenings at the Archbishop's house in April and May.

If you are interested in having dinner with Archbishop Mark, and you are single (not married), please contact me on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au

We pray to the Lord to please grant us the ordained and consecrated leaders we need in the years to come.

Next Children's Liturgy of the Word – Palm Sunday



I could not have been happier with how well our first Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) went on the Second Sunday of Lent. Yes, we have such a great CLOW team, and I could not be happier. **Our next CLOW will be at the 8:30am Mass on Palm Sunday (April 13).**

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed for children from Prep to Grade 5. 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 to **our next CLOW on Psalm Sunday (April 13)**. Please come along and be part of this enriching experience, as we nurture their spiritual growth together.

The Easter Triduum (Three Days)

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. The word Triduum is a Latin word meaning "three days." It begins the evening of Holy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Therefore, the Triduum consists of three full 24-hour days which begin and end in the evening. The Triduum technically is not part of Lent (at least liturgically), but Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are still reckoned as part of the traditional forty-day Lenten fast.

The Triduum celebrates the heart of Christian faith - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hence, the Triduum commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist (the "sacrament of sacraments"), the Passion, Crucifixion, Death, His descent to the dead, and finally His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Along with the Ascension, these important events make up the *Paschal Mystery*.

So even though the liturgical year begins chronologically at Advent, it reaches its culmination during the Easter Triduum, particularly at Easter, the "solemnity of solemnities," the "Great Feast!!" The Catholic Catechism brilliantly describes the importance of the Triduum:

Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favour." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time (1168).

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 in a infinitely loving relationship with Jesus,

Fr Bryan.

2025 Ministry Assistance Drive.

Please scan the QR Code below or alternatively click the link below, to enter your details to the google form.

<https://forms.gle/sRsTNvmnPu8GNmnr7>

Paper copies of the forms will also be available from the Mass Centre at the Welcome Table.





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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place in Sunday 8.30am Mass on the third Sunday of each the Month.

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

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.



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.



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: Colin Larter.

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)**

Harmony Day 21/03/25 - We all Have a Role to Play!

God of Harmony and Peace,

Today we celebrate all of Your creation with a great sense of awe and wonder.

As we strive to live in harmony with all cultures and traditions, we pray for understanding and peace. We acknowledge the beauty of diversity and see to foster respect and compassion across our communities.

May our words and deeds towards all people lead to harmony, peace and Reconciliation, not just on Harmony Day, but every day.

Amen

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

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 stbenedictsjspe@gmail.com

Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 23rd March 2025.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$756.15
 Parish (Running) - \$1128.40

DDR, CC, APP & TnG:-

Building (Church) - \$1004.00
 Parish (Running) - \$1862.00

Weeks Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1760.15
 Parish (Running) = \$2990.40

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.

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

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 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**. Our Planned Giving is required to meet the financial cost of running the Parish and raising funds to build our Church.

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 at all possible increase your financial support.

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
2. Credit Card
3. Giving Envelopes

On our Parish Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support:

- * **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, office, 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.



Year 7 for 2027

Applications Close
Friday, 4 April 2025

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PHONE: 07 3385 8888

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



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