



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord, Lent, Year C
13th April 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 - 13th April,
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord,
Lent 2025**

**1st Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-7.
Psalm - Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24.
Response - My God, my God, why have
you abandoned me?
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians
2: 6-11.
Gospel - Luke 23: 1-49. (short form)**

"Our Humble King"

During Holy Week we join Jesus on the last week of His earthly life culminating in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection (The Paschal Mystery). We begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday Mass, where we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

It is important to note that the crowd welcomes Jesus with palms, which are a symbol of hope that Jesus is the one they have been waiting for - the new David. The people hoped that Jesus is the one who will overthrow the might of imperial Rome.

As Jesus passes by, the people acclaim Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! He is the king of Israel! Jesus knows what is on their minds, and by way of response He does not call for a chariot or a War Horse. That is not who Jesus is. Instead, Jesus finds a young donkey and sits upon it. This is Jesus' powerful, but silent, reply to what the people are hoping for by waving their palm branches.

In the city of David, Jesus is not interested in setting up a new Kingdom of political power. Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom in which the poor and humiliated of this earth, whom Jesus called blessed, would finally share in those goods to which they are entitled. Jesus is indeed the true king, but not the king expected by the crowds who welcomed Him into Jerusalem with palm branches and a royal acclamation. Jesus is a humble king whose rule does not depend on political and military might. Jesus will set His people free, but not freedom from a foreign occupation. Jesus will win a victory over a far more powerful and insidious foe. It will not be a victory won by military might. On the Friday of this week, Jesus will be lifted up on the cross. His victorious death on the cross will set us free from the powers of sin and death.

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).

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).**

Anointing Mass - 9am Friday 11th April

On Friday, April 11th, we will be celebrating an Anointing (Healing) Mass at 9am. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, like all our sacraments, was instituted by Jesus and proclaimed by St James. It is administered by anointing with blessed oil accompanied by prayer.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received by any baptised person who has reached the age of reason and is in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing. This rite is one way in which the Church continues the healing ministry of Jesus. The healing offered by this anointing is forgiveness of sins, hope and inner peace, sometimes physical healing, and an assurance of God's steadfast love and care. All are welcome!

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.

Making Palm Crosses, Friday 11th April from 6pm.



Join in some fun after Stations of the Cross on Friday 11th April, for some crafting, as we prepare and make Palm Crosses for our Palm Sunday Masses. Many hands make light work and all are welcome to join the fun.



Holy Week

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 16th April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Thursday 17th April

Holy Thursday

7pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass,
The Lords Supper.

Friday 18th April

Good Friday

10am - St Benedict's Parish,
Stations of the Cross.

3pm - St Benedict's Parish,
The Passion of the Lord.

Saturday 19th April

7pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass, Easter Vigil,
The Resurrection of the Lord.

Sunday 20th April

Easter

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass,
The Resurrection of the Lord.

**** NO 5.30pm Mass .**

Save the Date...

** 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 3.

Easter Triduum

For Easter Triduum Ministries (Thursday 17th April—Sunday 20th April), please see or contact Dianne at the Mass Centre if you have not already done so. Thank you.

Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Two Great Church Fundraising Opportunities

1. Fundraiser on Election Day - Saturday, May 3

The Electoral Commission is using St Benedict's Primary School Hall as an election booth, and we have a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for the building of our church. We will be hosting a **Sausage Sizzle** along with tea, coffee, baked goods, and bags of lollies for the children.

We need volunteers to:

- * Assist with the sausage sizzle
- * Sponsor sausages, bread, drinks, lollies etc.
- * Donate baked goods

If you are able to help in any way, please contact me at roeb@bne.catholic.net.au. Your support is greatly appreciated.

2. Baked Goods Stand at Season's Market Day - Friday, May 9

We've been offered the opportunity to provide a baked goods and other goodies stand at **Season's Retirement Village and Nursing Home for their Mother's Day Market Day**. This is an excellent chance to raise much-needed funds for the church building project, as many people attend these Market Days.

We need:

- * Volunteers to make the baked goods and other goodies for the stand
- * Volunteers to donate ingredients such as eggs etc.
- * Volunteers to serve at the stand during the market

If you can contribute in any way, please contact me at

roeb@bne.catholic.net.au. Your generosity and support are invaluable to us!

Thank you for your continued support of our church. We look forward to your participation in these fundraising opportunities!

Prayer Group on Zoom - Monday to Thursday 6am During Holy Week

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.

Our prayer Network will be leading a Prayer Group on Zoom on the mornings of Monday to Thursday of Holy Week at 6am. Here is the link for these zoom gatherings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85364233262>

All are welcome!

Ministers of the Word and Ministers of Holy Communion Training

The Mass is the source and summit of the Christian life. It is where we gather to connect with our Lord in a tangible way, receiving His grace to live with humility and selfless love. Through God's Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we are nourished to live our faith more fully.

It is essential that the Word of God is proclaimed well, and that we approach the Eucharist reverently and filled with joy, receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus. We are very grateful for all who volunteer as Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Your service is a great blessing to our community.

We will hold training sessions for **Readers** on the **Second Sunday of Easter**, 30 minutes before each Mass. Training for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** will take place on the **Third Sunday of Easter**, also 30 minutes before each Mass.

Thank you for your dedication to serving our parish, and for helping us all encounter Christ more fully in the Mass.

Financial Contributions to the Running of our Parish

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has generously contributed to the financial needs of our Parish. Your continued support is truly appreciated, and it enables us to carry out the important work of building and nourishing the people of God here in Mango Hill, North Lakes, and Griffin.

As you know, the running of the Parish requires significant financial resources. Our target for this year is \$150,000, which covers expenses for the Priest, Presbytery, Staff, Administration, Liturgies, Copyright, Resources, Insurance, Utilities, and Archdiocesan Levies. For **2024, our expenses have amounted to \$154,000, while our income has reached \$96,000, resulting in a shortfall of \$58,000.**

To address this, we humbly ask for your continued support and invite you to consider joining our Planned Giving program. If you wish to contribute, please contact Renae in the Parish Office, who will be more than happy to assist you (admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au or 0401 550 638).

Once again, we thank you for your generosity and commitment to the life of our Parish. Your contributions are not just financial gifts, but acts of faith and love, enabling us to sustain our mission and further the work of the Lord. God bless you all.

The Building and Funding of Our Church

The Church is the heart of our community, and at St. Benedict's Parish, we are truly blessed with a vibrant community of faith. However, for this faith to flourish, we need a physical space to gather, worship, and grow together. The wheels are now in motion to build a Church that will support our spiritual journey for years to come.

However, we do need to contribute to the funding of this church. The total cost of the new Church is \$6 million, and we are grateful to the Archdiocese of Brisbane for providing an interest-free loan to help us make this a reality. This loan will be repaid over the next **40 years**, meaning we need to raise **\$150,000 each year** to meet our financial obligations.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have already contributed to the



Building Fund. Last year, we raised over \$90,000.

If you are able to contribute periodically, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact Renae in the Parish Office for assistance in setting up your contribution (admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au or 0401 550 638).

Thank you for your ongoing generosity as we work together to build our church.

Expired/Cancelled Credit Cards – Please Let Us Know

Thank you once again to everyone who financially supports our Parish. Your generosity plays a vital role in helping us carry out our mission and continue serving our community.

If you contribute to the Parish through regular Credit Card payments, we kindly ask that you check if your card details need to be updated. When a Credit Card transaction is declined, we incur an additional fee, which we would like to avoid. To prevent this, please ensure that your Credit Card details are updated with us before your card expires.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated, as it helps us avoid unnecessary costs and continue focusing on the important work of the Parish.

If you need to update your details, please contact Renae in the Parish Office (admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au or 0401 550 638), and she will be more than happy to assist you. Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

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 blessings throughout Holy Week **Fr Bryan.**



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, Geraldine Reidy, Joy and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Colin Larter.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Maureen Redman



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.



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

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.

2025 Parish 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/sRsTNvmnP8GNmnr7>

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



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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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