



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C
27th April 2025.

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

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Readings for this week - 27th April,
Second Sunday of Easter 2025

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
5: 12-16.
Psalm - Ps 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24.
Response - Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good, his love is ever
lasting. Alleluia.
2nd Reading - Revelation 1: 9-11, 12-13,
17-19.
Gospel - John 20: 19-31.

Vale Pope Francis

As we bid farewell to our Holy Father Pope Francis, we remember the great contributions he has made to spreading the Good News of Jesus to the world. Through his words, actions, and way of being, Pope Francis consistently placed Jesus at the centre of his life.

His first papal writing, the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), emphasised that living authentically in relationship with Jesus fills one's heart with joy. Pope Francis fully embodied this message.

Like Jesus, Pope Francis championed the poor, the marginalized, the stranger, and those in prison. He also advocated for caring for the environment, showing that true leaders are good servants. Jesus, the greatest leader of all time, made it clear that He came to serve, not to be served. Pope Francis was a leader after Jesus' own heart.

In his final writings, particularly the encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* (We Are All Brothers and Sisters), Pope Francis called for unity among all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, economic status, worldview, religion, or political position. He emphasized that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of Pope Francis. Please embrace him in the fullness of Your love in heaven.

Happy Easter!

Happy Easter my friends. There is no greater gift than life lived in relationship with the Risen Christ. Yes, Jesus' Resurrection is not just a past event—it's a present reality. The Risen Jesus walks with us now. The Risen Jesus talks with us now. The Risen Jesus pours Himself out completely in love for us now, and enables us to do the same, pouring ourselves out completely for God and all others.

Jesus also gives rest to our restless hearts. He gives us peace. He transforms our lives, raising us to true life in relationship with Him.

The Risen Jesus is the light of our lives. He helps us to see that we are deeply loved by God and that we are invited into that love. The infinite love that flows between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is poured into our hearts and into our relationships with each other.

Jesus invites us to detach ourselves from the obsessions of this world—money, possessions, pride, unhealthy relationships—and to attach ourselves completely to God. In doing so, we become truly free. Free to serve. Free to love. Free to live with purpose.

And when we fall short—and we all do—Jesus does not abandon us. He forgives, restores, and walks with us. Even in the darkest valleys—through grief, illness, betrayal, or fear—Jesus is there. His Resurrection means that death and suffering do not have the last word. He is with us always, carrying us through.

So, in this glorious Easter Season, which we celebrate right up until Pentecost Sunday (June 8), we proclaim with joy: *Alleluia! Alleluia!* Christ is truly Risen! And through our Baptism, we are raised to new life with Him. A life filled with love, freedom, purpose, and the radiant light of the Risen Lord.

So, let us take up God's incredible invitation for us to live our lives in the Risen Lord. Let us shine with Jesus' light, so that the whole world can encounter the Risen Jesus through us. And join us in shouting: **Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!! Alleluia!!**

Our Easter Triduum Celebrations

After forty days of preparation during Lent, our St Benedict's Parish came together to celebrate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus through profoundly meaningful and powerful liturgies. I cannot thank enough the parishioners who collaborated so generously to make these celebrations truly life-giving for the many people who participated.

A heartfelt thank you to:

Our Sacristans, who prepared our sacred spaces, including the Easter fire and font, and coordinated all aspects of the liturgies—readers, Communion ministers, those having their feet washed on Holy Thursday—ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Our Musicians and Singers, who carefully selected and practised hymns, leading us beautifully and elevating the significance of each celebration through music.

Our Readers, who proclaimed the Word of God and led our prayers with clarity and devotion, greatly nourishing our faith.

Our Communion Ministers, who helped feed the large crowds at Mass to be fed with the Bread of Life.

Our Decorating Team, for their stunning work on the Altar of Repose and the artistic backdrop that brought beauty and reverence to our Easter celebrations.

Our Parish Secretary, who communicated our Masses to be public brilliantly, who also managed copyright for hymns, handled the administration for our Catechumens and Candidates, ensured all necessary resources were available, kept our financial reporting accurate and transparent, along with many other important tasks.

Thank you also to our **Collectors**, those who brought forward the gifts, the **JP&E Team** for organising the business shirts for the Men's Homeless Shelter, and most of all, to **everyone who attended and participated** in our Masses.

These Spirit-filled celebrations have no doubt deepened our relationship with the Risen

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 1st May

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 2nd May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 3rd May

Parish Sausage Sizzle - SBCPS Hall.

NO 4pm Mass.

Sunday 4th May

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

** Monday 5th May is a Public Holiday, our Parish Office will be Closed.

Save the Date...

** Caritas - Project Compassion envelopes to be returned by Sunday 11th May please.

In April...

26th - Reader Ministry Training 8am and 5pm.

In May...

3rd - **Parish Fundraising Event - Sausage Sizzle** at St Benedict's, Election Day Polling Booth, School Hall.

3rd - **NO 4pm Mass**, due to AEC using the School Hall.

4th - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Training 8am and 5pm.

4th - Baptism Celebration and Information Session.

8/9th - Drop off day for Baked Goods - Fundraising Event - Season's Bake Sale.

9th - **Parish Fundraising Event - Season's Market Day, Bake Sale.**

11th - Mother's Day.

18th - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation to begin.

23rd & 24th - St Benedict's College Musical.

24th - **NO 4pm Mass**, due to St Benedict's College Musical in the School Hall.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 3rd May, 4pm—NO MASS

Sunday 4th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Andrea Thomas
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 4th May, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Claire Goss
Reader 2: Erwin Perez
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

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

Jesus—who suffered, died, and now raises us to new life, calling us to live in the fullness of His glory.

Friday Mass – April 25 at 9:00 AM

Please join us for **Mass on Friday, April 25 at 9:00 AM** as we celebrate the **Easter Octave**.

During this special Mass, we will remember **Pope Francis** and honour our **ANZACs** in gratitude and prayer.

All are welcome.

Welcome, Renay Condon as Acting Principal of St Benedict's Primary School

We are delighted to welcome and express our heartfelt gratitude to Renay Condon for accepting the position of Acting Principal at St Benedict's Primary School. Renay brings a deep passion for Catholic education and a clear commitment to building a strong, supportive community. Her genuine care for all members of the school and parish communities, and her dedication to their well-being makes her a very welcome addition to our team.

Please keep Renay in your prayers, asking that Jesus fills her with wisdom, strength, and love as she embarks on this exciting new endeavour. Let us all extend a warm welcome to her and support her in this very important role.

Church Fundraiser – Election Day Sausage Sizzle (Saturday, May 3)

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the construction of our new church with a **Sausage Sizzle on Election Day, Saturday May 3**.

We need at least **16 volunteers** to help us run the fundraiser smoothly.

We're organizing a roster of at least **4 parishioners per time slot** as follows:

8:00am – 10:00am

10:00am – 12:00pm

12:00pm – 2:00pm

2:00pm – 4:00pm

We are also seeking **donations of sausages, bread, and onions** to support the event.

If you're able to volunteer or donate, please contact **Charles and Deborah** at: operator-1@live.com or Renae in the Parish Office.

Your support will make a meaningful difference and bring us one step closer to building our new church. Thank you in advance!

Mother's Day Cake and Goodies Stall – Fundraiser

We're excited to announce another fundraising initiative in support of our church building project!

Join us for a **Mother's Day Cake and Goodies Stall** at **Season's Aged Care, Mango Hill on Friday, May 9**.

We need your help! If you're able to:

Serve on the day, or **Provide baked goods or other treats**,

Please get in touch with **Charles and Deborah** at: operator-1@live.com or

Renae in the Parish Office. Your assistance, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds will go directly towards the building of our church.

Thank you for your support!

Reader Training This Weekend—April 26th & 27th

Thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered to read the Sacred Scriptures at our Masses. We appreciate your dedication and service.

There will be a **Reader Training Session** this weekend at the following times:

Saturday at 3:30 PM

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 5:00 PM

If you are a Reader at St Benedict's and have **not** attended a training session before, we kindly ask that you attend one of these sessions. Thank you again for your ministry!

Ministers of Holy Communion Training— May 4th

Thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered to be Ministers of Holy Communion at our Masses. We appreciate your dedication and service.

There will be a **training session for Ministers for Holy Communion** next weekend at the following times:

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 5:00 PM

If you are a Communion Minister at St Benedict's and have **not** attended a training session before, we kindly ask that you attend one of these sessions. Thank you again for your ministry!

Tribute Exhibition for Rosemary Franzidis—

Celebrating a Life in Colour

Join us in honouring what would have been **Rosemary's 70th birthday** with a special exhibition showcasing her joyous and vibrant paintings.

Venue: Arts and Crafts Hall, June Rivers Showground, 757 Gympie Road, Lawnton

Exhibition Dates & Times:

Opening Night: Friday, 25th April 2025 | 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM

General Viewing: Saturday, 26th April 2025 | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

RSVP for Opening Night: Phone: 0405 479 231



Lest we forget



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. Next is:-18th May. **Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.**



WATCH THIS SPACE!

St Benedict's Parish, Pentecost Multi-Cultural Mass—8th June, 8.30am.

Celebrating the rich diversity of cultures in our St Benedict's Parish Community, coming together as one.

A great celebration of who we are as a Parish.

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, Geraldine Reidy, Joy and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Colin Larter.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Maureen Redman



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. 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**. We humbly ask for your continued support and invite you to consider joining our Planned Giving program if you are not already. Please contact Renae in the Parish Office, who will be more than happy to assist you.

The Building and Funding of Our Church

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. However, to build our Church 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.

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.

Expired/Cancelled Credit Cards – Please Let Us Know

We appreciate all of our Planned Givers, and thank you for your contributions. 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 the Parish Office 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.

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.

Have a great week everybody rejoicing in the risen Lord, **Fr Bryan.**

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

Project Compassion 2025—Returning Appeal Envelopes

Thank you to all those who are in a position to be able to donate to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal for 2025. We thank all those who have donated online and through the envelopes available at the Mass Centre in the lead up and through Easter.

If you are wishing to donate via the Appeal Envelopes you are still welcome to do so.

We do ask that All Caritas Australis Project Compassion Envelopes please be returned to the Mass Centre for collection no later than Sunday 11th May, thank you.

Collection of Shirts for the Men's Shed—Thank you.

We offer great thanks and appreciation to those who were in a position to donate Men's Shirts left at the Mass Centre leading up to and during Easter. Thank you again.

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 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/sRsTNvmnPpu8GNmnr7>

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 on school land before or after Mass of a weekend as a matter of safety. Thank you



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