



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Fifth Sunday of
Lent, Year C
6th 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 - 6th April,
Fifth Sunday of Lent 2025.**

1st Reading - Isaiah 43: 16-21.
Psalm - Ps 125.
Response - The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians 3: 8-14.
Gospel - John 8: 1-11.

"Who am I to throw the First Stone?"

My Dad was a man of sayings. He would often say things like, "Once bitten, twice shy." Too many cooks spoil the broth." "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise" (Dad was a morning person). But the saying Dad said, for more often any other saying was, "Who am I to through the first stone?" This saying was a summary, for Dad, of this coming Sunday's Gospel about the Women Caught in Adultery.

The story of the woman caught in adultery challenges us to reflect on the power of mercy and forgiveness. When the Pharisees bring the woman to Jesus, He doesn't condemn her but instead says, "Let anyone who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." It's a powerful reminder that no one is without fault, and judgment is not ours to pass. So, as my Dad often said, "Who am I to throw the first stone?" It's a call to humility, urging us to examine ourselves before judging others.

Another saying my dad often shared was from Thumper in *Bambi*: "If you haven't got anything nice to say, don't say anything at all." This too is a simple yet profound reminder to choose kindness and silence over criticism. Both of these sayings, though from completely different sources, align with the core message to show mercy, offer grace, and refrain from judgment.

Living by these principles creates an environment of compassion, understanding, and kindness, where forgiveness triumphs over condemnation. And when we embrace this way of living, I believe we can fulfill Dostoevsky's vision: "Beauty will save the world." In a world full of judgment, cruelty, and division, it is the beauty of mercy, kindness, and love that has the power to heal and transform. These values, lived out in our daily lives, can truly change the world for the better.

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. *Cont.*

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 10th April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 11th April

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass , Anointing Mass.

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

Join together after Stations as we make Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday.

Saturday 12th April

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 13th April

Palm Sunday

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

* Children's Liturgy of the Word , within 8.30am Mass. (Prep to Gr 4 children)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish 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 2.

Saturday 12th April, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey

Reader 1: TBA

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 13th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna,
Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 13th April, 5.30pm

Commentator: Tim Campbell

Reader 1: Xanthe Campbell

Reader 2: Geni Campbell

Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse

** Friday morning Mass tomorrow, 4th April - Change of time, 8.45am**

We will come together tomorrow morning for Friday morning Mass, however please note that Mass will start at 8.45am tomorrow.

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.

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!

Next Children's Liturgy of the Word – Palm Sunday



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 to **our next CLOW on Palm 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, *cont.*

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).

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.



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This coming Sunday, 6th April, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Christopher.

As Christopher receives the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish; May we pray that Christopher, together with family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.




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.

Wishing you many Lenten blessings in a infinitely loving relationship with Jesus,

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.

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.




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:



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.



Year 7 for 2027

Applications Close
Friday, 4 April 2025

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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



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