



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Third Sunday of Easter, Year C
4th May 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 - 4th May 2025,
Third Sunday of Easter.**

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
5: 27-32, 40-41.**
Psalm - Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13.
**Response - I will praise you, Lord, for
you have rescued me.**
2nd Reading - Apocalypse 5: 11-14.
Gospel - John 21: 1-19.

Living Life in Abundance with the Risen Jesus

This coming Sunday's Gospel offers us a powerful image of the contrast between life lived without including the Risen Jesus and life with the Risen Jesus at the centre of our lives. Seven of the disciples, including Peter, return to their familiar work—fishing. They spend the whole night casting their nets but catch nothing. It is a scene of darkness, frustration and emptiness, and perhaps also confusion and uncertainty, as they grapple with what life looks like after Jesus' death and Resurrection.

At dawn, Jesus appears on the shore, though the disciples do not yet recognise Him. He asks a simple question, "Children, have you caught anything?" When they respond "no", Jesus tells them to cast the net on the right side of the boat. They do as Jesus asks, and suddenly, the net is overflowing with fish. It is only then that they recognise it is the Lord.

This moment beautifully illustrates the transformation that occurs when the Risen Jesus is present. In the darkness and on their own, the disciples catch nothing. But when they follow the voice of Jesus and act on His word, they are overwhelmed with blessings. What was empty becomes full, and what was fruitless becomes abundant. It is a clear message to us: apart from Jesus, our efforts—however well-intentioned—may fall short. But with Him, and through His grace, our lives become rich in meaning and purpose.

Jesus does not stop at the miracle. He prepares breakfast—bread and fish—on a charcoal fire and invites the disciples to eat. It is a moment of intimacy and care. Jesus, the Risen Lord, not only provides in abundance but also nourishes and restores. This meal echoes the Eucharist, reminding us that Jesus continues to feed us today through His Word and Sacraments.

The beautiful Gospel invites us to reflect on our own lives. Where in our lives are we fishing in the dark without Jesus? Are we toiling on our own, hoping for fulfillment, but finding emptiness?

The Gospel encourages us to turn to the Risen Jesus, listen to His voice, and trust in His direction. When we do, we will discover what it means to truly live life in abundance—symbolised by the overflowing nets and the shared meal on the shore.

Let us, then, live each day with the Risen Jesus, inviting Him into our lives, trusting that with Him, even the ordinary becomes miraculous, and He feeds our hearts making them content.

Celebrate Our Multicultural Mass and Feast – Pentecost Sunday, June 8

Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples like tongues of fire, filling them with courage and uniting them across languages and cultures to proclaim the Good News to all nations. This sacred day reminds us that the Church is universal, a home for people of every language, race, and culture.

Fittingly, on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at our 8:30am Mass**, we will celebrate one of our greatest strengths as a parish—**our rich multicultural community**. With over 25 nationalities represented, we are a living reflection of the Church's diversity and unity.

Join us for a **Multicultural Mass and Feast**, a joyful and vibrant celebration of our shared faith and cultural heritage. This promises to be the highlight of our parish year!

How you can participate:

In the Mass:

● **Cultural Gospel and Offertory Processions** – In past years, we've had vibrant contributions from PNG and Tongan communities. If you'd like to lead or take part in a procession within the Mass, we'd love to hear from you!

● **Prayers of the Faithful** – Offered in various languages. Once again, calling all interested participants.

● **Wearing traditional dress** – Celebrate your heritage by dressing in your cultural attire.

● **Praying the Our Father in our native tongues** – A powerful moment of unity in diversity, reflecting the disciples in the upper room on Pentecost.

In the Feast:

● **Share a dish from your culture** – Bring a traditional meal to share after Mass as we gather for friendship and food.

If you would like to participate in any way, please email roeb@bne.catholic.net.au.

Let's come together, united in Christ, to celebrate the many cultures that make up our parish family. This is more than just a celebration—it's a joyful witness to the Holy Spirit alive in our midst!

***Church Fundraiser – Election Day Sausage Sizzle - Saturday 3rd May
Come and Support the Parish by buying a Sausage and Drink at the
School Hall***

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 3rd from 8am—4pm, at the St Benedict's Primary School Hall**. Thank you very much to all of the volunteers who have offered assistance on the day with cooking and serving, setup and packup, your time is much appreciated.

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



The Week Ahead...

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

Thursday 8th May

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 9th May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Bake Sale at Season's Aged Care.

Saturday 10th May

4pm St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 11th May

Mother's Day

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Save the Date...

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

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.

11th - JP&E Meeting, 7pm - Mass Centre

18th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

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 2.

Saturday 10th May, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey

Reader 1: TBA

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 11th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna,
Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 11th May, 5.30pm

Commentator: Tim Campbell

Reader 1: Xanthe Campbell

Reader 2: Geni Campbell

Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse

If you're able to donate, please contact Charles & Deborah operator-1@live.com.

We'd love for our Parishioners and Friends to pop by the Sausage Sizzle on the day and support our Community by buying a Sausage Sizzle and drink.

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 – Friday 9th May

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

Any baked goods are able to be dropped off to the Parish Office on Thursday 8th May between 8.30am—3pm or at Seasons on Friday 9th May between 8am—9am

All proceeds will go directly towards the building of our church. Thank you for your support!

Ministers of Holy Communion Training - This Sunday - 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 and 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!

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.

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 everyone, living life in abundance with the Risen Lord, *Fr Bryan.*



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



Archbishop's Vocation Dinner for Men

The Archbishop's Vocation Dinners are evenings that provides space for those discerning their vocation to gather and connect. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vocational discernment journey to provide insight and wisdom into your own discernment and your current questions.

When: Thursday 22 May 2025

Where: Wynberg, New Farm

Please consider who you might recommend this event to and pass on the information.

Expressions of interest should be received by email to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au by 14th of May. Places are strictly limited and may be filled before this time.



Powerhouse of Prayer

Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge for Powerhouse of Prayer, a day of learning the art of prayer through teaching, practice, and reflection. Inspired by his apostolic document Lamps Ablaze, this event will explore how true prayer begins with listening—creating space for God's presence before we speak.

Discover how being with Jesus in prayer shapes our lives and mission. Whether you're deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence.

When: Saturday 31 May 2025, 9am-3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Cost: \$55 per person

To find out more or to register, please visit tinyurl.com/pop25May.

Places are strictly limited.



Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This coming Sunday, 4th May, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family, **Zoe, Maeve and Quinlan.**

As Zoe, Maeve and Quinlan receive the Sacrament of Baptism us at St Benedict's Parish;

May we pray, that together with family and friends, may Zoe, Mave and Quinlan, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



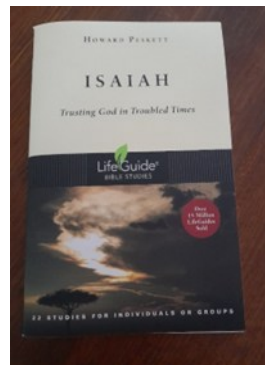
"Isaiah Trusting God in Trouble Times" -

Bible Study Program, commencing Tuesday 10th June, 7pm.

The St Benedict's Parish based Prayer Network will be commencing a 10 week Bible Study Program on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm commencing on June 10th on zoom. Finishing on Tuesday August 26th with a 2 week break in between for the July school holidays.

The booklet that will be used "Isaiah Trusting God in Troubled Times" by Howard Peskett is available for purchase online from <https://www.koorong> or by phoning Koorong direct on 33874677. The booklet cost is \$16.99 plus \$3.50 postage.

For phone or online orders this number 165968 can be quoted and online can be placed where the title usually goes. Get in early with your order so you don't miss out. The link to join the Bible Study will be in the newsletter in coming weeks.



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.

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.

Next JP&E Meeting:- Wednesday 14th May, 7pm.

SOOT PROGRAM 2025:- Stay tuned for information about the 2025 Sign of our Times Program, starting Sunday 15th June.

Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out to the JP&E Group on stbenedictsje@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/sRsTNvmnP8GNmnr7>

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



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



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