



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Fourth Sunday of Lent,
Year A.
15th March 2026.**

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.**

Mass Times:

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

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Learning to Truly See

My Dad used to often say, "I see," said the blind man. Of course, he would say it with a smile. What he meant was that he had finally understood something. It was his way of saying that a new insight had dawned. We all know that feeling, aptly described as a lightbulb moment. In this Sunday's Gospel (John 9:1-41), we meet the man born blind. At the beginning of the story he cannot see physically, but as the story unfolds we discover something even more important: his understanding grows.

At first he simply calls Jesus "the man called Jesus."

Later he says that Jesus is a prophet.

Then he recognises that Jesus must be from God.

Finally, when Jesus reveals himself, the man says, "Lord, I believe," and he worships him.

The man born blind moves from darkness to light, not only in his sight but in his faith. He grows in his understanding of who Jesus truly is.

This is also the journey of every Christian. Faith is not something that remains the same throughout life. Rather, we are invited to grow as persons and grow in our relationship with Jesus.

At first we may know Jesus simply as an important figure in history. Later we may recognise him as a great teacher. But the goal of the Christian life is to truly see Jesus as the Son of God, the one who gives us life, love, hope, and salvation.

When that understanding deepens, something changes within us. We are transformed, where we have the constant feeling of that "lightbulb" moment. Like the man in the Gospel, we are moved to worship him and devote our lives to Jesus.

Lent is a precious time for this growth. Through prayer, repentance, and reflection on God's Word, our spiritual sight becomes clearer.

May this Lent help each of us to see more clearly who Jesus is, and like the man born blind, to say with faith and conviction: "Lord, I believe!"

Will Remain as the Parish Priest of St Benedict's Parish

I would like to clarify that I remain the Parish Priest of St Benedict's Parish.

Archbishop Shane has asked me to serve as the Administrator of Holy Cross, Redcliffe following the recent resignation of Father Bob Harwood due to ill health.

Acting as the Administrator of Holy Cross will be a **temporary arrangement only**, until a new Parish Priest is appointed for Holy Cross, Redcliffe.

Rest Assured, my appointment there does not change my role here at St Benedict's Parish. I will continue to serve as the Parish Priest of St Benedict's Parish.

I do ask, and thank you in advance, for your understanding and patience as I oversee two (2) Parishes and manage an extended workload over the coming months.

***All are Welcome - This Saturday March 14th, 12pm-3:30pm
St Benedict's Parish Lenten Retreat***

Please come along to our St Benedict's Parish Lenten Retreat this Saturday, March 14, from 12:00pm to 3:30pm in our Mass Centre. This year our Retreat Director is Fr Kevin Gonsalvos (OFM Cap), a Capuchin priest who has directed retreats in over 20 countries worldwide.

The theme of the retreat will be: "To be more like Christ by following the example of St Francis of Assisi."

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to pause, pray, and deepen our relationship with Christ, and this retreat will offer us that space together as a parish community.

All are most welcome. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea.

I am very much looking forward to the retreat myself and hope to see many of you there.

Together We Can Build a Wonderful Church and Future

Each week at St Benedict's, we currently collect between \$1,500 and \$1,800 through the generous giving of our parishioners. I want to sincerely thank every person and family who contributes. Your sacrifice is not unnoticed. It is a real expression of faith, commitment, and love for our parish community.

As I shared in my homily last weekend, however, we need to work together to reach a weekly total of \$5,000 if we are to sustain ourselves as a parish. This figure does not represent expansion or luxury. It simply covers our ordinary expenses - utilities, insurance, maintenance, liturgical needs, staff support, and our responsibilities to the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane. In other words, \$5,000 per week allows us to stand on our own two feet.

Importantly, our ability to secure a long-term loan at a low interest rate for the building of our parish church depends on demonstrating this sustainability. The Archdiocese quite reasonably needs to see that we can responsibly meet our ongoing commitments before approving such a significant step forward. Without that evidence, the loan simply will not be granted.

**Readings for this week - 15th March,
Fourth Sunday of Lent, Yr A.**

**1st Reading - Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13.
Psalm - Ps 22.
Response - The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians
5: 8-14.
Gospel - John 9: 1-41.**

The Week Ahead...

Tuesday 17th March

St Benedict's Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Wednesday 18th March

St Benedict's Lenten Prayer Group, via Zoom.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83564701456>

Thursday 19th March

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter -
distributed via email, and also available on
our Parish Website.

Friday 20th March

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass together with
Grade 8 students.

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

Saturday 21st March

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 22nd March

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In March...

13th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the
Cross, 6pm.

14th - Northern Rivers Deanery—Lenten
Retreat, St Benedict's Mass Centre,
12—3.30pm.

15th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in
8.30am Sunday Mass.

17th - St Benedict's Parish, Second Rite of
Reconciliation, 7pm

20th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the
Cross, 6pm.

27th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the
Cross, 6pm.

29th - Palm Sunday.

In April...

2nd - 7pm, The Lords Supper.

3rd - 10am, Stations of the Cross

3rd - 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

4th - 7pm, The Resurrection of the Lord.

5th - 8.30am, The Resurrection of the Lord.

19th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in
8.30am Sunday Mass.

19th - Baptism Preparation and Celebration
Morning.

Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder

A reminder to our Communion Ministers: We
ask you to kindly remember to bring and
wear your face mask with you, when you are
rostered on for Communion Ministry Roster
please. Thank you.

Reconciliation - Available by appointment.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
by appointment prior to the 4pm Saturday
Mass and the 5.30pm Sunday Mass.
Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an
appointment. Thank you.



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This is not about "my parish" — it is about our parish. Together we worship here. Together we baptise, marry, bury, teach, and serve. Together we dream of a permanent church that will stand as a sign of faith for generations to come.

We need to do this together. Not one or two people carrying the weight. Not a small group making up the difference. But all of us prayerfully discerning what sacrifice we can make. If every household increased its giving even modestly, the impact would be extraordinary.

Thank you for your generosity, your faith, and your willingness to build not only a church structure, but a vibrant, sustainable parish community drawing more and more people into the love of God, for our own good, and for the good of the whole world.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation stands at the heart of our journey home to God. Sin distances us from divine life, darkening our hearts, and weakening love. In confession, Jesus meets us with mercy, speaks forgiveness through the Church, and restores us to full life with Him (grace). This sacrament is truly transformative: it carries us from death to life, from guilt to freedom, from isolation to communion. What feels heavy is lifted, and what is broken is healed. Reconciliation renews our baptismal dignity and rekindles hope, enabling us to walk the Lenten path with lighter hearts and deeper joy in God's life.

The First Rite of Reconciliation

The First Rite of Reconciliation involves individual confession and absolution. A penitent meets privately with a priest, confesses sins, expresses contrition, receives a penance, and is given absolution. This personal encounter highlights Christ's intimate mercy, offering space for honest reflection, spiritual counsel, healing, and renewed commitment.

The First Rite of Reconciliation will be offered during Lent on Saturdays at 3:30pm in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Second Rite of Reconciliation - Tuesday March 17th, 7pm.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation is a communal celebration with individual confession and absolution. The community gathers for Scripture, reflection, examination of conscience, and shared prayer. Individuals then confess privately to a priest. This rite beautifully expresses both personal conversion and our shared journey back to God.

Our St Benedict's Parish community warmly invites you to our **Second Rite of Reconciliation at 7pm on Tuesday March 17 in our Mass Centre**. All are more than welcome. Come and experience God's mercy and love as we strengthen and encourage one another, enhancing our Journey Home together to God this Lent.

Journey Home to God through Prayer, Fasting, and Acts of Charity

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.

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.

Our Prayer Network has also organised a Lenten Group at 7pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent on zoom, and an exciting Deanery Lenten Retreat. Please see below for more details.

Fasting during Lent helps us detach from worldly comforts and refocus on spiritual nourishment. By fasting from food, selfish 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. Lent calls us to a deeper compassion for the poor, the marginalized, and those in need. Through acts of kindness, we follow Jesus' example and prepare our hearts to celebrate His resurrection with joy and gratitude.

Caritas gives us the opportunity to support communities less fortunate than us through Project Compassion.

St Benedict's Lenten Groups on Zoom - each Wednesday from 25/02/26, 7pm.

Prayer is the foundation of our Lenten journey, and the oxygen for the spiritual life. 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), 'The Journey Home' written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. This resource includes a Scripture reflection, a spiritual writing, reflection questions, and prayer.

Our prayer Network will be leading a Prayer Group on Zoom on all Wednesdays during Lent. Here is the link for the Wednesday Prayer Group: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83564701456> I encourage you all to come along. All are welcome!

The Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent – from Friday 20/02/26, 6pm.

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**. Concluding with **praying the Stations on Good Friday at 10am**. Please join us.

Have a great week everyone, journeying home to God, **Fr Bryan.**

St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed and can be made in three ways to the Prayer Team.

1. Written into the Prayer Request Book located on the timber stand in the Mass Centre entrance.
2. Written and placed into the small wooden prayer box, in front of the Altar.
3. Or via email to ranthony52@hotmail.com.



A new prayer request will be needed after 4 weeks.

Should you wish you have a name placed in the prayer requests in the Parish Newsletter, please email the Parish Office by email.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Joy & Russell Darby, Natalia Humpries, Erin Stillman, Mike & Joy Gibbs.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: Lyn Kellerher



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

We met with Emma Beach from the Archdiocese. She reinforced the importance of UPDATING our 2025 **Laudato Si Action Plan**. We have a draft 2025 action plan but have not launched it. Pope Frances declared the Laudato Si encyclical in 2015. It is about the importance of looking after our planet and caring for our fellow people, especially the disadvantaged who are more and more the victims of our rapidly changing times. Pope Leo has endorsed Pope Frances' encyclical completely. It is now our challenge to explain its teachings to our parishioners and have them join the journey.

Help! We have passionate hard workers and a great team, but we are needing assistance with recording and communicating where we are going. Anyone with an interest in the activities of the JPE Group, with available time, and a skill in simple Group administration please contact Ken on 0438799028.

Caritas Project Compassion has commenced for 2026. Please read our Newsletter for information or see Caritas projects at <https://www.caritas.org.au/>,

The South Brisbane Mens' Shelter tell us their need is greater than ever. So, the shirt collection is on again with a target of 60 shirts – good quality collared shirts suitable for a business interview.

Future meeting dates will be the second Wednesday of each month: 11 March, 8 April, 13 May, etc. Meetings will be at a member's house, notified before each meeting. March will be at Ken and Mary's.

JP&E email address - jpestbenedicts@gmail.com. *Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out.*

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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:-15th March, then 19th April.

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

Children younger than Prep, age are welcome to attend but they are to be accompanied by an adult please.



The Easter Triduum at St Benedict's Parish

7pm, Thursday 2nd April - The Lords Supper

10am, Friday 3rd April - Stations of the Cross

3pm, Friday 3rd April - The Passion of the Lord

7pm, Saturday 4th April - Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.30am, Sunday 5th April - Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord **** Please note, no 5.30pm Mass will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, 5th April**

The Sacrament of 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 and 2026.



Sacramental Programs at St Benedicts Parish.

We encourage families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or for those seeking further information about our Annual Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email.

Eligibility to receive the Sacraments:-

Confirmation - children in Grade 3 and above having already received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible. The Program takes place through out the months of July and August each year.

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) & Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received their Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible. The Program takes place through out the months of May and June each year.



Northern Rivers Deanery - Lenten Retreat.

12pm - 3.30pm Saturday 14th March.

St Benedict's Parish Mass Centre, 22 St Benedict's Close Mango Hill.

Parishioners and Friends are warmly invited to a special Deanery Retreat at St Benedict's Parish, 22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill, on Saturday March 14, 12:00pm–3:30pm, we will share in afternoon tea.

We encourage everyone to bring a plate to share.

Our Retreat Director will be Father Kevin Gonsalvos (OFM Cap), a Capuchin priest who has faithfully served God by directing retreats and preaching the Gospel in more than 20 countries around the world. Father Kevin brings with him not only deep insights of God, but the lived experience of a Franciscan whose heart burns with love for Jesus and His Church.

The theme of our retreat is "St Francis as Alter Christus" – St Francis as 'Another Christ.'

This Retreat is a free to attend, so please mark the date in your calendars and join us for this grace-filled opportunity. Come hungry for God. Come open to renewal. Come ready to be sent forth in perfect peace.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 21st March, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 22nd March, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Andrea Thomas
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 22nd March, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Liana Sadumiano
Communion Minister: Laisa Setefano, Raj Boobal, Isabel Alphonse.

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



St Benedict's Parish Vision Prayer

Father You are great, You are glorious,
and You are wonderful in every way.

Praising You O God, brings us great joy.

Fill us with Your grace so that we can embrace
Jesus in our lives.

Open the ears of our heart to build up Your Kingdom in the world by
participating fully in the life and mission of our parish.

May we treasure our cultural diversity as we live full lives
united in You, our Beloved.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, help us to welcome and
encourage each other in the incredible life-giving love of Jesus.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

Safeguarding for Parish Ministry Roles.

The Archdioceses of Brisbane People & Culture Team, together with
the Parish Volunteers Team are trying to assist Parishes by stream-
lining the Safeguarding lodgment/renewal/training process for all of
our Parishioners who are required to maintain Blue Cards, Police
Checks & Safeguarding Compliance/Training for their Ministry Roles
within the St Benedict's Parish.

Blue Card and/or Police Checks are to be held
by those that are working directly with
children for our Parish or hold particular roles
in accordance with Archdiocese guidelines.

Should you be required to hold/renew your
Blue Card/Police Check, the Archdiocese P&C/
Volunteers Team (Brent Hunter) will be in
contact. Please feel free to contact Jody also if
you have questions. Thank you.



Registering your details with our Parish- Email & Census.

We encourage our Parishioners to keep the Parish Office up to date
with your family details. Please find our Census Cards on the
Welcome Table at the Mass Centre. Please complete and submit to
the office so we can register/update your contact details. This will
also assist us to send out our weekly Parish Newsletter via Email to
you. Receiving the Newsletter is a wonderful way to keep up to date
with the varied ministries and events happening in and around our
Parish. You are also welcome to email the Parish Office your
information.

The Newsletter is uploaded to our Parish Website every Thursday.

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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

Parish Collections - Weekend of 08/03/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1007.50

Building Collections:-

\$980.25

Total Donations:-

\$2957.75 (total incl T&G)

*We offer heartfelt thanks to our
Parishioners who have ever so generously
donated in support of the life and mission
of the St Benedict's Parish.*

We thank you for your continued support.

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.

Containers for Change at St Benedict's

St Benedicts Catholic Parish Number- **C11719697**

There are many ways to support the fundraising
efforts for the St Benedict's Parish.

We are happy to share that we are now set up
with our own Containers for Change account,
perhaps you may consider donating to the Parish
through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank
you!



Support Project Compassion 2026 through the envelopes, by calling:
1800 024 413, by scanning the QR Code at the Mass Centre, or by
going online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty.

*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.*