



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Fifth Sunday of Lent,
Year A.
22nd March 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

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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 - 22nd March,
Fifth Sunday of Lent, Yr A.**

**1st Reading - Ezekiel 37: 12-14.
Psalm - Ps 129.
Response - With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 8-11.
Gospel - John 11: 1-45.**

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

I thoroughly enjoy celebrating our Mass with you each week. Your full and active participation in the liturgy fills me with great joy. Thank you for being such a faith-filled, vibrant, and welcoming community.

Thank you to Fr Kevin Gonsalves (OFM) for directing our Lenten Retreat this year. He led us beautifully and encouraged us to be more Christlike, as St Francis of Assisi strived to be, as we live our lives. Thank you also for all who came along. And for the members of our Prayer Network for doing such a great job organising the retreat.

Holy Week begins Sunday week (March 29). This is a sacred time when we reflect deeply on the final days of Jesus' life, culminating in His suffering, death, and Resurrection—what we call the Paschal Mystery, the very heart of our faith.

We celebrate the Paschal Mystery in a profound way during the Sacred Triduum (meaning "three days") with:

- * the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening at 7pm,
- * the Passion of the Lord at 3:00pm on Good Friday, and
- * the Easter Vigil at 7:00pm.

I very much encourage all of you to participate in these beautiful and powerful liturgies. I can assure you, you will not be disappointed—grace and abundant blessings await.

A Spiritual Relationship with Jesus

In my homilies last Sunday, I preached on the Gospel story of the man born blind. One of the striking things about that story is that Jesus heals the man instantly physically, yet it takes much longer for the man to truly see who Jesus is spiritually.

At first he simply says, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes." Later he calls Jesus a prophet. Finally, when Jesus seeks him out again, the man comes to recognise the full truth: Jesus is the Lord. And he falls down and worships him.

The man's physical sight came immediately. Spiritual sight took time.

I have always enjoyed reading the writings of St Paul, because we can see a similar deepening of faith in them. As Paul reflects more deeply on the mystery of Christ, his understanding grows richer and more profound. In his great Letter to the Romans — often considered his final writing and the summit of his understanding of God — Paul speaks beautifully about the life God offers us.

In this Sunday's second reading (Romans 8:8–11), Paul reminds us that we are called to live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. To live in a spiritual relationship with the Risen Jesus. This means allowing Jesus to dwell within us, an journey with us personally, guiding our thoughts, our choices, and our way of life.

St Paul assures us that the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, now lives within us. It is this Spirit who strengthens us in our weakness and helps us to live the full and abundant life God desires for us.

Lent is a privileged time for this growth in spiritual sight. Like the man born blind, like the woman at the well, and like Mary and Martha this week, we are invited to place Jesus more firmly at the centre of our lives. Journeying with Him, constantly consulting Him, and loving Him with all our hearts, minds, strength, and being.

Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we open our hearts more fully to Jesus in our lives, who gives us life in abundance.

May this Lenten season help each of us to grow closer to Jesus, so that our lives may draw others into a deep and intimate relationship with Him — who is our Love, our Life, and our Everything.

The Easter Triduum (Three Days)

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. The word Triduum is a Latin word meaning "three days." It begins the evening of Holy Thursday and ends at Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday. Therefore, the Triduum consists of three full 24-hour days which begin and end in the evening. The Triduum technically is not part of Lent (at least liturgically), but Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are still reckoned as part of the traditional forty-day Lenten fast.

The Triduum celebrates the heart of Christian faith - the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hence, the Triduum commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist (the "sacrament of sacraments"), the Passion, Crucifixion, Death, His descent to the dead, and finally His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Along with the Ascension, these important events make up the *Paschal Mystery*.

So even though the liturgical year begins chronologically at Advent, it reaches its culmination during the Easter Triduum, particularly at Easter, the "solemnity of solemnities," the "Great Feast!!" The Catholic Catechism brilliantly describes the importance of the Triduum:

Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favour." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 25th March

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

Thursday 26th March

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

Friday 27th March

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass together with Grade 5 students.

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

Saturday 28th March

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday.

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In March...

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.

25th - Anzac Day.

In May...

2nd-4th - Labour Day long weekend.

10th - Mother's Day

17th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.

17th - Children's Sacramental Preparation begins (attendance by booking)

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.

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.

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).

The Paschal Mystery – The Heart of Our Faith

We celebrate the Easter Triduum liturgically (The Mass of the Lord's Supper, The Passion of Jesus, and the Easter Vigil) as **one continual celebration marked by special silences.**

Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Starting on Holy Thursday evening at 7:00pm, we will gather to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper. This Mass inaugurates the [Easter Triduum](#), and commemorates the institution of the [Eucharist](#), the institution of the [priesthood](#), and the [commandment](#) of loving service that Jesus gave after washing the feet of his disciples. At the end of this Mass we will process to the back of our Mass Centre with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose to spend time with Jesus, where we then leave in silence.

Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord

On Good Friday the Triduum continues with the Lord's Passion at 3pm. Here, we gather in silence, and we begin by kneeling as the priest lies prostrate in front of the altar for several seconds. We then continue with the Passion of Jesus, the veneration of the Cross (priest only), and receiving Holy Communion. After receiving Holy Communion, people will be invited to come forward and venerate Jesus' Cross before leaving in silence once again.

Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord

Then we gather again for the third part of our Easter Triduum celebration by gathering in silence at the bonfire in which we will light the Easter candle and then celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, our Lord, with great exuberant joy! For the Lord has done great things for us, holy is His name." (Psalm 126).

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.

I 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.

Have a great week everyone, filled with Lenten blessings, **Fr Bryan.**



Sacraments at St Benedicts Parish.

Baptism at St Benedict's.

We invite all families wishing to have children (up to 12 years) Baptised into the Catholic Faith at St Benedict's, to please contact the Parish Office for information and available dates for our Baptism Preparation and Baptism in 2026.

Children's Sacramental Programs

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 for Confirmation 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 the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible.

The Program takes place throughout the months of May and June each year.

RCIA and RCIT

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and The Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens (RCIT, 13-18 years) Programs run annually. The program runs for approx. 12-15 weeks from November through to Easter the following year, with a small break over the Christmas & New Year period.

We welcome anyone who may be interest to please reach out to the Parish Office for further information about our RCIA & RCIT Programs.



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:- 19th April.

Children from the ages of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend. Children younger than Prep, age are welcome to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. Thankyou

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



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.



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

The South Brisbane Men's Shelter -

Collection of men's shirts. Look for the lime green basket at the Mass Centre.

Thank you so much for the generous shirt donations that are starting to come in. We thought we would take the opportunity to share some background with you about this initiative.

For approximately 12 years The St Benedict's parish has supported the Men's Shelter at South Brisbane by donating shirts and socks during Lent. We joined an initiative started by Sr Kari Hatherell at St Joachims/St Agnes, Holland Park and Mt Gravatt. These items of clothing are support for men seeking employment through job interviews, hence the need for good quality business shirts.

Ellen, from the Shelter, has confirmed the continuing needs of 60 men in the shelter, and includes "business shirts for job interviews, socks, and good quality warm clothing." The intent is for new items.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." Matthew 25:35

Future meeting dates- will be the second Wednesday of each month: 8 April, 13 May, etc. Meeting for April will be at a Ken and Mary's house, reach out to Ken Butler for details.

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

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**



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Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 5.

Saturday 28th March, 4pm

Commentator: Jeanette Kearney
Reader 1: Marianne Davis
Reader 2: Maffy Vaz
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 29th March, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin
Reader 1: AnneMarie Bostock
Reader 2: Wendy Jones
Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Bobette Sindicic, Claire Goss

Sunday 29th March, 5.30pm

Commentator: Emarene Kalaw
Reader 1: Michael Diaz
Reader 2: Rukshan De Alwis
Communion Minister: Seema Masih, Violet Kalaw, Xanthe Campbell.

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 streamlining 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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Kippa-Ring ~ 3293 0555 Caloundra ~ 5208 9337
www.holycrossfunerals.com



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 15/03/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$892.35

Building Collections:-

\$994.05

Total Donations:-

\$2941.40 (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!



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Support Project Compassion 2026 through giving envelopes at the Mass Centre, 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.