



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord, Lent Year A.
29th March 2026.**

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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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Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

The most important week in our liturgical year begins this Sunday with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, as we celebrate Palm (Passion) Sunday. It is a sacred time when we reflect deeply on the final days of Jesus' earthly life.

Holy Week leads us into the three holiest days of the year: beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening; continuing with the solemn remembrance of Jesus' Passion at 3pm on Good Friday; and culminating in the joy of the Resurrection, celebrated at the Easter Vigil.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, revealing His heart of service. He shows us that He comes to serve us, to walk with us, and to make known His deep and personal love for each of us.

Then, on the Cross the following day, Jesus reveals the fullness of that love, pouring Himself out completely for the salvation of the world.

And on the third day, He is raised to new life. Jesus, who suffered and died for us, rises never to die again. Through our Baptism, we too are drawn into this new and eternal life with Him.

On Friday (tomorrow) parishioners will be staying behind after our 6pm Stations of the Cross to make Palm Crosses to be blessed and given to parishioners on Palm Sunday. Please join us for this beautiful community building initiative.

May Holy Week be filled with blessings and renewal for each of us.

A Humble Entry, a Saving Love

As we gather this Palm Sunday, we are drawn into the quiet yet powerful image of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. It is a moment that speaks not of worldly triumph, but of deep humility and gentle love.

Jesus does not arrive as a king of power and prestige, but as a king whose authority is revealed through self-giving love. The donkey is a sign of peace, not war. It is a reminder that Christ comes to meet us not with force, but with mercy and invitation.

Jesus enters Jerusalem fully aware of what lies ahead. The crowds welcome Him with joy, yet He knows the path before Him leads to the Cross. Still, He chooses to enter in this way - humble, resolute, and filled with love. In this, we see that true strength is not found in avoiding suffering, but in trusting God completely no matter what happens to us.

There is something deeply personal here for each of us. We all carry hopes, struggles, and moments of uncertainty. Jesus does not stand apart from these realities, He enters into them. He comes gently, patiently, and with a love that does not waver.

As we hold our palms this Sunday, may we do more than remember a moment in history. May we welcome Jesus into our lives as He is: humble, loving, and faithful. And may we have the courage to follow Him, even when the path leads us through challenge, trusting that it is also the path that leads to life.

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

**Readings for this week - 29th March,
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.**

1st Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-7.

Psalm - Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24.

**Response - My God, my God, why have
you abandoned me?**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians
2: 6-11.**

**Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, Matthew
26: 14 - 27: 66.**



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...



Wednesday 1st April

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

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

Thursday 2nd April

7pm - Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday 3rd April

10am - Stations of the Cross.

3pm - Passion of the Lord.

Saturday 4th April

7pm - The Resurrection of the Lord Vigil.

Sunday 5th April

8.30am - The Resurrection of the Lord Mass.

No 5.30pm Mass to be Celebrated.

Save the Date...

In March...

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.

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.

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).

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).

Easter Triduum Mass/Liturgy Ministries.

Thank you to those who have offered to assist with the Mass Ministries during the Easter Triduum. If you are wishing to assist please see Dianne at the Mass Centre for any remaining roles that may need to be filled.

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.

Making Palm Crosses, Friday 27th March - 6pm.

Join in some fun after Stations of the Cross this Friday 27th March, 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.

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

Join in St Benedict's Primary School's Easter Liturgies...

Thursday 2nd April—Holy Week Liturgy, 9am.

All are welcome and the liturgy will commence from outside the hall, around the drive through, where there will be a very special visitor before the Liturgy commences.





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 2.

Saturday 11th April, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey
Reader 1: B-Jay Foronda
Reader 2: Kay Corcoran
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 12th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna
Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna
Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna
Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 12th April, 5.30pm

Commentator: Xavier Campbell
Reader 1: Geni Campbell
Reader 2: Xanthi Campbell
Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse, Claire Goss, Geni 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.

Holy Cross Funerals Supporting Parishes for 25 years

Contact our experienced and friendly staff to assist with your pre-planning or funeral needs.
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 22/03/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1099.15

Building Collections:-

\$1077.60

Total Donations:-

\$3186.75 (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!



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA
PROJECT
COMPASSION**

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.