



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Second Sunday of Easter,
Year A.
12th April 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

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

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**Readings for this week - 12th April 2026,
Second Sunday of Easter.**

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
2: 42-47.**

Psalm - Ps 117: 2-4, 22-27.

**Response - Give thanks to the Lord for
he is good, his love is everlasting.
Alleluia.**

2nd Reading - St Peter 1: 3-9.

Gospel - John 20: 19-31.

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish.

Happy Easter!!

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus - God's great victory of life over sin and death – for 50 days during the Easter Season. We say the words "Happy Easter" often. But what do they really mean in simple terms? Do we truly feel the joy behind them? Do we believe, deep within us, that this changes everything?

The Resurrection of Jesus means that death does not have the final word, and that sin does not have the final say. Darkness does not win. The Light of God does.

Jesus is raised from the dead, never to die again, we are given a share in that same life. Through our baptism, we are not just followers of Jesus - we are united with Him. We are raised with Him. That is why we begin the Easter Sunday Mass with the sprinkling of water: a reminder that we already belong to this new life with the Risen Jesus. A spiritual life that fills us with love, hope, and peace.

But what does this look like in everyday life?

The truth is...no one can fully explain it except God. It is something we grow into, something we come to understand more deeply over time. That's the journey of faith. It is not about having all the answers, but about continually seeking God—through prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and through one another.

In Easter Sunday's Gospel (John 20:1-9), we see the journey of faith unfolding. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb while it is still dark. In John's Gospel, darkness represents a lack of understanding, a lack of faith. She does not yet grasp what has happened. Then Peter and the Beloved Disciple run to the tomb. They are searching. They are moving. And the Beloved Disciple begins to believe. But even then, the journey is not complete. Faith is growing, step by step.

We see that same growth in the first reading on Easter Sunday (Acts 10:34-43). Peter, once fearful and uncertain, is now filled with the Holy Spirit and boldly proclaims the Good News of Jesus, encouraging everyone to embrace Jesus in their lives. Something has changed in him. The Resurrection is no longer just an event he witnessed, but it is a reality that lives within him.

In the second reading (1 Corinthians 5:6-8), St Paul takes it even further. He reminds us that the Resurrection is not only about Jesus, but it is also about us. "You have been raised with Christ." This means our lives are meant to be different now. We are no longer bound by the old ways of living where we seek status, possessions, or power. Instead, we are called to a new way of life: a life of love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, and generosity.

Imagine how different our world would be if everyone truly lived this way.

Of course, we know it is not easy. We cannot do it on our own. This is why we are so joyful today, for the eternal eighth day, the Risen Jesus remains with us always. He strengthens us, guides us, and lifts us up when we fall. He helps us to live this new life. This life of pure selfless love for each other, wanting the absolute best for others.

Easter is not just a past event—it is a present reality. The Risen Jesus is alive, and He is at work within us.

So let us rejoice. Let us continue the journey of faith. Let us open our hearts more fully to the life we have been given. And may our lives proclaim with joy: this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!!

Happy Easter my friends!

Fr Bryan.

Blessed Triduum Celebrations

When I saw over 500 people gathered for our Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night, I was overwhelmed. So much so that I even teared up a little. In that moment, I sensed that the days ahead would be deeply powerful for us all. And that sense proved true: more than 700 people at the Passion, over 400 at the Easter Vigil, and again more than 700 at our Easter Sunday Mass.

We spent 40 days of Lent preparing for these most sacred liturgies of the Triduum, and now we enter the 50 days of Easter rejoicing in the Risen Lord where we praise and thank God for the gift of new life. In the Risen Jesus, we are raised to life in abundance, freed from the attachments that can weigh us down and hold us back, and lifted into the fullness of life that only God can give.

I have so many people to thank for making these three days so life-giving and prayerful. Jesus desires nothing more than for us to open our hearts and minds to Him. His love is infinite and eternal, and He truly wants the very best for each one of us. So, my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the Lord's work of drawing so many into the deep and beautiful embrace of God. You know who you are, and I am profoundly grateful.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 16th April

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

Friday 17th April

**** No 9am Mass**

Saturday 18th April

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 19th April

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In April...

12th - Baptism Celebration in 5.30pm Mass.

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

15th -23rd - Holy Spirit Novena to commence.

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

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

24th - Pentecost Multi Cultural Mass and Morning Tea

As a priest called to serve God's people, I could not be more encouraged by the numbers drawn to Jesus over these sacred days, and by the reverence, love, and joy so clearly present in our celebrations of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our awesome Lord. May God bless you all abundantly.

Our Church Family Has Grown, Alleluia!!

On Saturday night, our St Benedict's family grew. Ten beautiful people became Catholics. The Elect passed through the waters of baptism, and together with the Candidates were Anointed with the Holy Spirit, and nourished by the Body and Blood of our Lord in Holy Communion. Newly and fully made our brothers and sisters of the Risen Jesus, being fully received into God's wonderful family.

The Risen Jesus' life is new in them, as they begin to live the faith that all of us in the Church profess. Their faces radiate the beauty of Jesus' Resurrection for all to see. In them, the Church is new.

I wish all of the newly baptised, and those now fully initiated into the Church, a most Blessed and Happy Easter. Jesus is Risen, indeed He is truly risen! Raising us to full and eternal life in Him. Alleluia!!

Pentecost Novena to the Holy Spirit (May 15-23)

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love." Yes, we are once again, as a parish, going to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the 9 days leading up to Pentecost. All parishioners are encouraged to pray this Novena asking the Holy Spirit for **World Peace!**

The Novena will be starting on Friday May 15 (the day after Ascension Thursday) until Saturday May 23. Please join in praying the Novena via zoom each morning at 6:00am. The link for this gathering is provided below.

Please join us at 6am May 15-23 by clicking the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84508320621>

Changes to St Benedict's Friday 9am Masses in coming weeks.

We will celebrate an **Anointing Mass** this Friday at 9am (April 10). All are very welcome.

Please note that after this week, the **next Friday 9am Mass** will be celebrated on **May 1**.

SAVE THE DATE:- Celebrate Our Multicultural Mass and Feast – Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, 8.30am Mass



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, May 24th, 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!



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.

Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday evening, 12th April, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Ivy, Hugo, Isla, Charlie, Daniel and Christopher.

As Ivy, Hugo, Isla, Charlie, Daniel and Christopher receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends, Ivy, Hugo, Isla, Charlie, Daniel, and Christopher, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.





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 & 17th May.

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: Colin Larter

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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. Thank you for your great generosity – 16 shirts and many socks and underwear donated. We will pass these to the shelter in the next week.

Care for our planet - Reduce our use of plastic food wrap. If you are over 65 years old you might remember a world without plastic food wrap. We survived, didn't we?

Pauline and Ricardo Adams conducted a workshop to skill us in making beeswax impregnated calico wrappers. These wraps can be used over and over, greatly reducing plastic pollution. Look out for the video before Masses in the next few weeks. We will show you how. Here is the training team.

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.*



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

Monday 20th April—Resurrection Liturgy, 9am.

All are invited and welcome and the St Benedict's Primary School liturgy.



Anointing Mass—Friday 10th April, 9am

Friday, April 10th, we will be celebrating an Anointing (Healing) Mass at 9am. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, like all our sacraments, was instituted by Jesus and proclaimed by St James. It is administered by anointing with blessed oil accompanied by prayer. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received by any baptised person who has reached the age of reason and is in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing. This rite is one way in which the Church continues the healing ministry of Jesus. The healing offered by this anointing is forgiveness of sins, hope and inner peace, sometimes physical healing, and an assurance of God's steadfast love and care. All are welcome!

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 18h April, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Mary Foronda
Reader 2: Sheila Pereira
Communion Minister: Gerard Davis

Sunday 19th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin
Reader 1: Morton Howes
Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic, Pierina Ziebarth and Andre Mascarenhas.

Sunday 19th April, 5.30pm

Commentator: Judith Fernandes
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Zandra Farr
Communion Minister: Theresa Saad, Michael Fraser, Sheilah Ojuri.

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 2-5/04/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$*** **TBC**

Building Collections:-

\$*** **TBC**

Total Donations:-

\$2315.00 (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.



The Passion

*Easter Triduum
Celebrations at
St Benedict's 2026*



The Resurrection of the Lord, 8.30am