

Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord.

Year A.

2nd April 2023.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin



Holy Week!

The Easter Triduum (Three Days)

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum. The word Triduum comes from the 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 - salvation and redemption: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hence, the Triduum commemorates the Institution of the Eucharist (the "sacrament of sacraments"), the passion, crucifixion, death of the Lord, 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 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 favor." 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).

Our Easter Triduum Celebration

To celebrate the Easter Triduum well, we will be celebrating "three" liturgical celebrations as "one" continuous celebration. This one continuous celebration will be marked by special silences.

Starting on Holy **Thursday evening at 7pm** we will gather to celebrate the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. At the end of this Mass we process to the back of the hall to the Altar of Repose to spend up to an hour with Jesus where we then leave in silence. **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 (which symbolises Jesus) for several seconds. We then continue with the Passion of Jesus, which concludes with us all leaving in silence yet again. Then we gather again for the third part of our Easter Triduum celebration with **the Easter Vigil Mass at 7pm Saturday** evening by gathering in silence at the bonfire with which we will light the Easter candle and then celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with great joy!

Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday, which is also known as Passion Sunday. During the Palm Sunday Mass we commemorate Jesus' Triumphant entry into Jerusalem, one of the few events described in all four Gospels. As we will hear, Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was noted by the crowds present who shouted praises and waived palm branches.

In non-Covid times, we usually bless the palms outside and process into the hall. **At all Palm Sunday Masses this year, we will be commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem in the hall. All parishioners will be asked to collect a palm on their way into our Mass centre, and I will bless these palms at the beginning of Mass.**

The Paschal Mystery – The Heart of Our Faith - The Easter Triduum

As I mentioned last week, we are celebrating 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. **Due to Covid, we venerate Jesus' cross this year by reverently bowing or genuflecting** before leaving in silence once again.

Parish Priest:

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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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www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au

Parish Facebook Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsCatholicParish/)

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St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

This Sunday's Readings, 2nd April 2023

1st Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm - Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel - The Passion of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Matthew 27: 11-54

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 5th April

7pm - 'From Ashes to Hope' Lenten Prayer Group, via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183920838>

Thursday 6th April

Holy Thursday

Parish Newsletter Day.

7pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass - Mass of the Lords Supper.

Friday 7th April

Good Friday

10am - St Benedict's Parish - Stations of the Cross

3pm - St Benedict's Parish - The Passion of the Lord.

Saturday 8th April

Easter Saturday

7pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass - Easter Vigil, The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 9th April

Easter Sunday

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass - The Resurrection of the Lord.

* No Sunday evening Mass*

Please note:- the Parish Office will be closed for Easter, from 3pm Wednesday 5th April and will reopen Tuesday 11th April at 8.30am.

Save the Date...

April...

Easter Triduum... Please see Mass times on Page 3.

6th April, Holy Thursday.

7th April, Good Friday.

8th April, Easter Saturday.

9th April, Easter Sunday.

May...

First Holy Communion Sacramental Program to start.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Easter Triduum

Thursday 6th April

Friday 7th April

Saturday 8th April

Sunday 9th April

For the Easter Mass and Liturgy Roster, please see the Sacristans

** Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap or please arrange to swap weeks with another Minister. Thank you.

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 with great exuberant joy!

Candles for the Easter Vigil

The candle ceremony is an important part of the Easter Vigil celebration on Saturday evening. During this ceremony we light the Easter candle which symbolises Christ Risen! Once again, due to Covid, this will be done by the priest and servers only. Parishioners are invited to purchase a battery operated candle (\$2.00 each) as they enter the hall. Once you have your candle, please proceed to your seats, and once the Paschal Candle is lit, please switch on your candles. The Risen Christ truly is **the Light of the world.**

The Stations of the Cross

To get even more out of our Triduum celebrations, we are all invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 2) at 10am.

Join in the fun - Making Palm Leaf Crosses for Palm Sunday

All are invited to join us in making Palm Leaf Crosses for Palm Sunday. This will be taking place after the Stations of the Cross on Friday the 31st of March. Please join us!

Our Lenten Group

On Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm all are welcome to join our St Benedict's Parish Lenten Group, as we gather together via zoom.

We will be using our Lenten resource "From Ashes to Hope" focusing on the coming Sunday's Gospel. Please click on the link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183920838> These sessions will be for 30 minutes, and it would great if we could get lots of parishioners to come along as we journey together with Jesus towards Easter.

Called to Serve God in the Life of our St Benedict's Parish Ministries

We will continue our annual ministry drive this weekend. As you continue to pray this Lent, please listen to where you are being called to love and serve God in the life of the parish. The following ministries are in much need of support:

- * Nursing Home Communion Ministers for two of our three Nursing Homes in the Parish.
- * St Vincent de Paul leadership roles and helper.
- * Mass ministries (Commentators, Readers, and Communion ministers) for our Saturday 4pm and Sunday 5:30pm Masses.
- * Fundraising and Events Leadership team.
- * Fundraising and Event helpers.

Please pray and reflect on where God is calling you in supporting the life of the parish and building up God's Kingdom of love in the world.

I urge you to please consider - Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish

Thank you to everyone who filled in the pledge cards over the last two weeks and are now actively contributing financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish. Thank you! Whilst sadly the response is not what was hoped for I am very grateful to those who are contributing. As previously mentioned this puts us in a relatively weak position in asking the Archdiocese to build us a church. Also, I am not sure what we are going to do when the Archdiocesan funding reduces next year, 2024.

Once again, a huge thankyou to the parishioners who do contribute to the financial well-being of the parish. 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.** At present, we are not receiving enough income from our Planned Giving to meet the financial cost of running the parish.

There is a need to increase our collections by \$2000 a week in-order-to plug the gap when we are no longer eligible to receive the current level of subsidies from the Archdiocese. Also, as I have said, after a church is built there will be additional operating costs such as insurance, maintenance, utility bills etc.

Please, 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 possible increase your financial support. 500 people on average attend Mass each week and we have 76 families contribute to the Parish through the Parish Planned Giving Program.

If you are not yet part of our Planned Giving Program, then please join and make a commitment. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

- *By Direct Debit or
- *By Credit Card or
- *By Planned Giving Envelopes.

On this Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support both:

* **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, offices, 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.

Have a wonderful Holy Week everyone, with abundant blessings. *Fr Bryan.*

Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder to our Communion Ministers.

If you could kindly remember to bring your face mask with you, when you are rostered on for Communion Ministry Roster please. Alternatively; Face Masks are available for sale from the Sacristy for \$1.00 each.

Let us come together for Easter 2023...

Palm Sunday, Sunday 2nd April—8.30am and 5.30pm Mass

Holy Thursday, 6th April – 7pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 7th April – 10am, Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, 7th April – 3pm, The Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday, 8th April – 7pm, Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, 9th April – 8.30am, The Resurrection of the Lord.

(No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Bernadeen Hodby, Cheryl Black.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed:



Friday 31st March—Creating Palm Crosses.

Please, come along on Friday the 31st March and join a group of crafty creators and learn how to make Palm Crosses for our Palm Sunday celebrations.

Should you already know how to make these beautiful crosses, please come and share your talents with us.

We would love to have a number of Palm Crosses made to share with those at our Palm Sunday Masses.

Feel free to join in the Parish Stations of the Cross at 6pm and stay for the crafty creations from 6.30pm at the St Benedict's Mass Centre. All are welcome.

Please bring along some scissors, and perhaps a Palm frond or two if you have them in the garden.

For those who may like a little practice before the evening, we have included a You Tube link below.

[How to make a PALM LEAF CROSS \(EasyTutorial\) - YouTube](#)



St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details using one of the following methods:

email to sbparishprayerhub@gmail.com , or

online requests: [St Benedict's Prayer Request Form](#) or

via the prayer box available at the Welcome Table at Mass.

All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. A new request will be needed after 2 weeks.

Should you wish you have a name placed in the prayer requests in the Parish Newsletter, please email the Parish Office on-admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au.

St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has reviewed the requirements for Parish Volunteers who are required to hold a Blue Card and/or a Police Check:-

* Most Parish Volunteers are NOT REQUIRED to have a Blue Card/Police Check unless they are working directly with children or vulnerable adults for our Parish or hold particular roles.

* If the you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will be in contact with you directly. Thank you.

If you wish to become a volunteer for St Benedict's the Welcome Portal is:- <http://archbne.org/welcome>

If you are required to hold a Blue Card, we ask that you please take part in the Level 1 Training for Safeguarding, this is online:-

[Level One Induction Video for Safeguarding](#) and submit the form on completion. Please contact the Parish Office should you require any help.



Men's Shelter South Brisbane

The St Benedict's Parish and greater community have been proud to support the Men's Shelter in South Brisbane for many years by donating shirts and socks for those in need.

In January this year, Mitchell (from the shelter) stated that their need is greater now than ever before.

Mitchell is seeking assistance once again, in the way of donating white shirts/executive shirts suitable for job interviews, socks and good quality warm clothing.

Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent. Are you able to help in this worthy cause?

From Saturday, March 4th, the St Benedict's Justice and Peace group will be collecting donated items at all Masses in our worship centre. There will be a washing basket available for all donated goods.

It is with the greatest of hope that we can improve on last year's donations of 12 pieces of clothing.

The donated goods will be presented at the preparation of gifts during Holy Thursday Mass, 6th April.

The donated clothing items will be then given to the Men's Shelter after Easter.

Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

Covid-19 Awareness

PLEASE may we refrain from coming to Mass if we have any cold or flu symptoms, this will help greatly to prevent the spreading of this very contagious virus.

Please, may we continue to keep each other and ourselves safe by :-

**** Stay home if you are sick or showing signs/symptoms of illness.**

**** Feel free to bring and wear your face mask. Masks are recommended when you cannot socially distance.**

**** Maintain good hand hygiene, sanitizer is provided.**

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 Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 26th March 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$325.00
Parish (Running) - \$687.30

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$713.00
Parish (Running) - \$1012.00

*For it is in giving that we receive ...
St Francis of Assisi*

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1038.00
Parish (Running) = \$1699.30

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.



Donations received with Thanks,
from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference.
SVDP received for week ending 26/03/23 - \$0.00

Help us keep you up to date.

Please feel free to reach out to the Parish Office if you would like to update or check any contact details we may have on file for you and/or your family. Receiving our weekly Newsletter by email is a wonderful way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

Our faith sustains us through challenging times.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>

Thank you for your kind support.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2023

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Enrolments are open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2023, Sacramental Preparation will take place throughout the months of May and June, with Sacraments being received in June. Families that participated in the 2022 Sacramental Program for Confirmation have been contacted via email by the Parish, should families not have received an email please feel free to call the Parish Office.

Confirmation - children in Grade 3 and above having received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible.

Enrolments will open late April, Sacramental Preparation to take place throughout the months of July and August, with the Sacrament being received in August.

We welcome you to please contact the Parish Office on 34901768 or admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au if you are wishing to have your child/children enrolled or seek information for Sacramental Programs for 2023, and you have not yet done so.



Sixth Sunday of Lent - Palm Sunday - 1 & 2 April

Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. With your generosity, Caritas Australia has been able to help millions of vulnerable people around the world, through the Project Compassion appeal. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation envelopes available from your parish, or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion or phone 1800 024 413.



Baptism at St Benedict's in 2023.

The Sacrament of Baptism at St Benedict's takes place on the First (1st) Sunday of the month.

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 2023.

St Benedict's Planned Giving

As a Parish, we have the responsibility of meeting the associated costs of running our Parish. It is with great hope and appreciation that Parishioners and Friends of St Benedict's Parish will help to support our Parish financially and consider contributing to the Parish Planned Giving and Building funds. Our Parish has the following giving options available for those who are willing and able to contribute:-

Planned Giving via **Credit Card Deduction**

Planned Giving via **Direct Debit**

Planned Giving **Envelopes**

We also have available the **Plate Collections** at Mass, the **Tap N Go** facilities and the **Parish Plan Giving App** (see above)

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.

Pledge cards are available at the Mass Centre for those wishing to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving and or Building Funds by completing these cards and placing them in the Tap'n'Go Collection stand at the entrance of the Mass Centre. Our Office will be in contact after they are submitted. **We sincerely thank you for your kind and generous support of the St Benedict's Catholic Parish.**

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 behind the OSHC building before or after Mass of a weekend as a matter of safety. Thank you