

Third Sunday in Lent
Year A.
12th March 2023.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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Place of Worship:

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

Mass Times:

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

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Email: sbparishyouth@outlook.com

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Gather Friday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm

Parish Safeguarding:

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Parish Website:

www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au

Parish Facebook Page:

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

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Faith, Hope, and Love!

Faith, hope, and love all work together to make up the three virtues of God (Theological Virtues). In this coming Sunday's first reading from the Book of Exodus we see the importance of Faith and Hope working together in our lives.

In this reading the People of Israel are tormented by thirst in the desert - with the adults, their children, and their cattle dying of thirst. Rather than praying to God to help them, that is, rather than putting their total trust in God to help them, they complained bitterly and cursed God. So much so, that they were on the verge of stoning Moses - God's messenger - to death.

By turning on God, or even deserting God, during tough times, is akin to shooting ourselves in the foot. Especially for us, who are people of the Resurrection, knowing that God will always raise us to life.

Just like God's miraculous action through Moses, eventually provided the people of Israel with water from a rock. The people of Israel were lacking faith that God was with them, loving them, and therefore were filled with self-pity, doubt and bitterness. It was this self-pity, doubt and bitterness that was destroying the people of Israel, not their lack of water.

This story from Exodus shows us the inverse relationship between faith and doubt, hope and hopelessness. That is, it shows us that the more faith we have, the less we doubt that God is with us, loving us. Being people strengthened by our hope. Conversely, the less faith we have, the more likely we are to doubt God's love for us, which leads to a life of hopelessness.

So as people of faith, hope, and love, let us put our total faith and trust in God, who promises Resurrection no matter how tough our challenges may be.

Thank You Father Joe

We are very lucky to have Father Joe Duffy helping us out in our parish. Whenever I ask parishioners how Mass went with Father Joe, I always get a glowing report that Father Joe is great! Something I am very aware of, for as I have said before, every Sunday evening, when I was little, my whole family use to sit around the radio and listen to Father Joe answer calls about our faith. Thank you Father Joe for the support you give me (especially, helping me to recover from my lip surgery), and for the great love and support you give to our St Benedict's Parish family.

Lip Surgery

Thank you for all your prayers and well-wishes over the last week. They undoubtedly gave me strength to endure the painful process of recovering from my lip surgery. The doctor was very happy with how it went, and I have been very diligent in keeping the wound clean and free from infection. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to recover, and I look forward to being back celebrating Mass with you this coming weekend.

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

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent we will be having our annual ministry drive. 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 helpers.
- * 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.
- * Hospitality for our Events.

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. Ministry Cards are available at the Mass Centre.

LENT - Coming Back to God with all Our Heart

In the First Reading on Ash Wednesday from the Book of the Prophet Joel, God says to us, "Come back to me with all your heart." This is a very appropriate quote, for it describes the primary focus of our Lenten journey, that is, strengthening our friendship with Jesus.

We strengthen our friendship with Jesus every Lent through fasting, acts of charity, and increased prayer. All these gifts work together in strengthening our personal relationship with Jesus.

This Sunday's Readings, 12th March 2023

1st Reading - Exodus 17: 3-7
Psalm - Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
Gospel - John 4: 5-16, 19-26, 39-42

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 15th March

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

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

Thursday 16th March

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 17th March

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, with Schools.

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

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group .

Saturday 18th March

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 19th March

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Second Rite of Reconciliation – Tuesday March 28th at 7pm

We will be offering the Second Rite of Reconciliation this Lent, the sacrament will take place on Tuesday March 28th at 7pm in the St Benedict's worship space. Everyone is welcome!

Stations of the Cross

We will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6pm in our usual worship space. We will also have them on Good Friday at 10am. All are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Lenten Retreat

Lent is a time where we make a concerted effort to connect with God more in prayer, so that we can be blessed with a deeper understanding of the Paschal Mystery (the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus). This year we have **Shane Dwyer**, co-author of "From Ashes to Hope", directing us in our Lenten Retreat. I encourage you all to join us on **Saturday March 11, from 9am to 2pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Woodford.**

As a parish, we will be car-pooling (meeting in the St Benedict's car park at 7:30am).

So, please book-in for this retreat using the following link:

[Northern Rivers Deanery Retreat Booking Form](#) .

Please also let us know (admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au) if you need a lift. It will be great to see you there.



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.

Project Compassion

Lent is a time where we reach out to the poor in love, becoming more and more like Jesus and preparing ourselves to get the most out of our Easter celebrations. Every year Caritas Australia helps us to do this by encouraging us to donate to the wonderful project initiatives known as Project Compassion. If you can, please support these very important initiatives, via the online QR code or Project Compassion envelopes available at the Mass Centre.

Have a great week everyone, as we place our trust in the Lord, *Fr Bryan.*

Save the Date...

March...

11th March, 9am - 3pm Deanery Retreat for Parishioners and Friends at St Mary's Woodford

12th-31st March, St Benedict's Stewardship Program. Time, Talent, Treasure.

28th March, 7pm St Benedict's Parish Second Rite of Reconciliation.

April...

2nd April, Palm Sunday.

6th April, Holy Thursday.

7th April, Good Friday.

8th April, Easter Saturday.

9th April, Easter Sunday.



Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 18th March, 4pm

Commentator: TBC

Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis

Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis

Communion Minister: TBC

Sunday 19th March, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: Seema Masih

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic and Michael Campbell

Sunday 19th March, 5.30pm

Commentator: Ministers to be confirmed at

Reader 1: Mass.

Reader 2: Mass.

Communion Minister:

** 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.

NORTHERN DEANERY LENTEN RETREAT: "From Ashes to Hope"

Saturday March 11th 2023, 9am to 2pm.

St Mary's Parish Centre, 16 Peterson Road, Woodford

Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend the Northern Deanery Lenten Retreat, where you will receive friendship, a nice morning tea, fresh country air, spiritual satisfaction, food for thought, and a personal message to you of hope that Jesus will place in your heart. Shane Dwyer from Evangelisation Brisbane will be our Retreat facilitator and will speak on the topic of "From Ashes to Hope."

The day will begin at 9 am and will finish at 2pm after Mass.

This is a free Retreat, with morning tea provided, but please bring along your own lunch and water bottle.

Please come along, we would love to see you there. The Retreat will be ideal Easter preparation.

For any enquiries please contact St Benedict's Parish Office on 34901768 or email admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au

To book, please complete the booking form via the link:-

[Northern Rivers Deanery Lenten Retreat - 9am-2pm Saturday 11th March 2023. \(google.com\)](#)

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.



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 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.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Mick Lowcock, Margaret Cafferty, Bernadeen Hodby, Cheryl Black.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:
Faye Graham.

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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.



Petrie Catholic Parish

Ph: 07 3285 6759

Em: petrie@bne.catholic.net.au

FAITH NIGHT

Join us for our Parish Faith Night

Friday 24th March 2023

Commencing at 7.00pm

Guest Speaker

Bishop Tim Norton SVD

Theme Parish and Mission



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.**



LENTEN RETREAT IN BRISBANE

with Fr. Roni George VC,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby

Saturday, 25th March 2023
9.30am-4pm

School Hall, Holy Cross Church
110 Nottingham St, Kippa Ring, QLD, 4021

Contacts: Gabrielle 0432 833 439, Steve 0435 590 630

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 5th March 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$335.00
Parish (Running) - \$636.80

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$635.00
Parish (Running) - \$695.00

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

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$970.00
Parish (Running) = \$1331.90

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 05/03/23 - \$0.00

Help us keep you up to date.

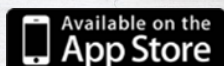
Please feel free to reach out to the Parish Office if you would like to update or check any contact details we may have on file for you and/or your family. Receiving our weekly Newsletter by email is a wonderful way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

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.



Third Sunday of Lent- 11 & 12 March

Zimbabwe is experiencing an intense drought, exacerbated by climate change. With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops and started poultry farming to support her family during the current food crisis.

Please donate if you are able to Project Compassion 2023.

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 boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion.



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