

Third Sunday of  
Easter.  
Year A.  
23rd April 2023.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

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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

**Parish Secretary:**

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**Parish Safeguarding:**

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STOPline: Ph - 1300 304 550

STOPline: Em - [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

**Parish Website:**

[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://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)

**Readings for this week - 23rd April 2023.**

**Third Sunday of Easter.**

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles  
2: 14, 22-33

Psalms - Ps 15: 1-2, 5, 7-11

2nd Reading - St Peter 1: 17-21

Gospel - Luke 24: 13-35

**The Road to Emmaus**

I have been blessed to have had many very good teachers in my life. One of my favourite teachers is Sr Mary Coloe, a Scripture scholar, who taught me several studies to become a priest. Sr Mary wrote the following poem, which is a beautiful retelling of the Emmaus Story, which we will hear in this coming Sunday's Gospel. Enjoy!

**EMMAUS**

*Their backs were turned to Jerusalem  
the memories of that Friday too bitter  
there was nothing to hold them now.*

*They had hoped –  
even that was cause for sour taste.  
They'd given him their time  
left villages and families to follow;  
and what hurt most  
they'd given him their hearts.  
His words were strange  
but they had known his friendship  
and learned to trust  
even to love.  
But now!*

*They walked on  
and he joined them.  
The dry dust of their journey  
and their hearts  
clouded their vision.  
Weighed down with loss, betrayal, fear  
they did not see  
he travelled with them.*

*Even when he spoke  
recalling a history  
they still did not perceive.*

*Their blind journey continued to Emmaus  
and could have gone beyond  
but for a word –  
a simple shattering word of invitation.  
'Stay with us. The darkness is upon us.'*

*And in the shared darkness  
their eyes were opened  
and their broken hearts healed.  
In memory of him became Eucharist  
and life to be shared with others.*

*Surely this is Easter –  
not once  
a past event  
but in the darkness of our journey  
finding a God  
walking the dark ways with us  
into dawn.*

Mary Coloe

## The Week Ahead...

Please note: the Parish Office will be closed  
Tuesday 25th April, for Anzac day.

### Thursday 27th April

Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 28th April

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together  
with Grade 9

### Saturday 29th April

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

### Sunday 30th April

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

## Save the Date...

### May...

\* First Holy Communion Sacramental Program  
to start.

28th May - Pentecost Sunday.

### June...

24th June - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal  
to begin

### July...

9th July - St Benedict's Feast Day, Archbishop  
Mark Coleridge to visit.

\* Confirmation Sacramental Program to start.

30th July - Bishop Tim Norton, Justice, Peace  
& Ecology Workshop at St Benedict's.

## Mass Ministry Roster - Week 5.

### Saturday 29th April, 4pm

Commentator: Rosemary Franzidis

Reader 1: Russell D'Souza

Reader 2: Maffy Vaz

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

### Sunday 30th April, 8.30am

Commentator: TBC

Reader 1: Brandon D'Silva

Reader 2: Aaron D'Silva

Communion Minister: Sosefo Nasio &  
ET Mataele

### Sunday 30th April, 5.30pm

Commentator:

Reader 1: Ministers to be  
confirmed at

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.

## Counter Roster -

Monday 24th April - Jim Kearney and  
Joseph D'Souza

Tuesday 2nd May - Ken Butler and  
Raymundo Rivera.

## Archbishop Mark's Seven Apostolic Priorities

As I mentioned last week, Archbishop Mark Coleridge has published a document  
entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from  
2023" which outlines **seven priorities** for us all to consider.

This week we look at the Archbishop's second priority, **Reshaping Parish  
Communities**

Archbishop Mark writes,

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our  
current mode of provision is unsustainable.... Therefore, we need – sensibly  
and over time – to move towards larger configurations of a community of  
communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of  
resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."

Please see page 3 of this newsletter for this week's insert on Reshaping Parish  
Communities.

A PDF copy of this document can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze>

## Caritas – Project Compassion

Thank you to everyone who donated to Project Compassion this year. We raised  
\$2693.05. Thank you also to the members of our Justice and Peace team, who  
promoted this very important charity each week. The money raised will help  
improve the quality of life for many of our sisters and brothers struggling in the  
world.

If you are still wishing to contribute, please bring your Project Compassion  
envelopes to Mass this weekend, Thank you.

## Youth Lead Mass

Thank you to our wonderful Youth and Young Adults, who magnificently lead the  
ministries at our 8:30am Mass last Sunday. Thank you for contributing so  
generously to the life of our St Benedict's Parish.

## Archbishop's Dinner for Women

As we saw at last week's 8:30am Mass, we have many wonderful faith-filled young  
ladies in our Youth/Young Adults group and wider parish community. I would very  
much like these young ladies to consider accepting Archbishop Mark's invitation for  
them to join him for dinner with many other faith-filled young ladies from the  
Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women is an evening event that provides a space for  
women who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other.  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of Brisbane) will share his personal journey  
of vocation to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the  
questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for women to be  
inspired, ask questions, and continue your discernment journey.

**When:** Thursday 13 April 2023, 6.00pm

**Where:** Archbishop's Residence, New Farm.

If you would like to attend this dinner, or seek further information about the event,  
please email me on [roeb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:roeb@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Readers' Training

I would like all parishioners who have volunteered to assist in our Reading Ministry  
for the first time to see me after our Masses this weekend. I have a resource for  
you, to go through to assist you in preparing for this very important ministry in our  
Parish.

Happy Easter my friends, journeying with the Risen Jesus.

*Fr Bryan*

### **Communion Ministers—Face Mask Reminder**

A gentle reminder for 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.

### *Please remember in your Prayers:*

**Those who are Unwell:** Sophie Allen, Bernadeen Hodby, Cheryl Black, Sang Yeoul Choi, Genesis Neru.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Michael Reidy

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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. Thank you very much to those who Volunteer.



### **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.

## **Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

### **Priority Two: Reshaping Parish Communities**

"Our current structures are based upon the facts of an earlier time and our current mode of provision is unsustainable. In the cities at least we have too many parishes and too many churches. Urban parishes were established on the assumption that people had to be able to walk to church and at a time when the numbers attending Mass were much larger. Many of our parishes are pressed financially and cannot provide the range of services which a missionary Church requires. Therefore, we need - sensibly and over time - to move towards larger configurations of a community of communities where the concentration of personnel and the sharing of resources would allow a greater range of services for the sake of the Gospel."



Download the whole document at [tinyurl.com/lampsablaze](http://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze)

### **Information Day for Prospective Guides & Welcomers**



You are invited to attend an Information Day for prospective Guides and Welcomers at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April from 9:30am to 2:00pm** in the Hanly Room Francis Rush Centre.

It's the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year for the Cathedral of St Stephen. Come along and learn about the art, history and significant religious features of the Cathedral and then host / guide visitors to the Cathedral. Register your interest at Cathedral Office via ph 07 / 33243006 or email [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

### **DATE CLAIMER:**

Fr Frank Brennan sj has recently published a book titled "An Indigenous Voice to Parliament – Considering a constitutional bridge".\*

Fr Brennan will be at St Ignatius Church on **Thursday 27 April** in the evening, to speak on the topic. This a free event—no booking required. All are welcome.

Books are available for purchase through St Ignatius Parish at the discounted price of \$20 per copy.

**At the event, cash only.**

Enquiries: email [toowong@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:toowong@bne.catholic.net.au) or phone 3870 7818.

*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.*

**Parish Giving and Donations:- Week ending, Sunday 16th April 2023.**

**Loose & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$990.20  
 Parish (Running) - \$685.15

**Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-**

Building (Church) - \$530.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$464.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1520.20  
 Parish (Running) = \$1149.15

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

*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 16/04/23 - \$0.00



**Help us keep you up to date.**

Please feel free to contact 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 great 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.

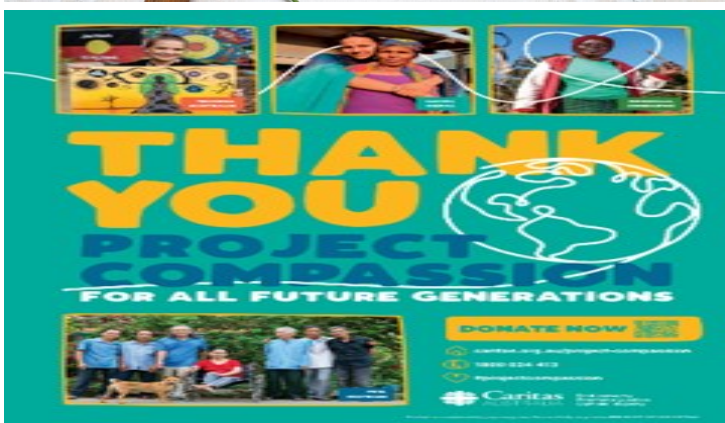





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**Sacramental Programs 2023**

**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. Registration for Eucharist will close Monday May 8

**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](mailto: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. Thank you.

**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