

Fourth Sunday of
Easter.
Year A.
30th April 2023.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Readings for this week - 30th April 2023.

Fourth Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
2: 14, 36-41

Psalm - Ps 22: 1-6

2nd Reading - St Peter 2: 20-25

Gospel - John 10: 1-10

Jesus gives Us Life in Abundance (John 10:10)

The last verse of this coming Sunday's Gospel is the very well-known verse, John 10:10, where Jesus assures us that he has come so that we may have life and have it in abundance. This is indeed Good News. Jesus, the Word made flesh, has come into the world to reveal to us the key to life, which is something that every human being yearns for. And the key to life, as Jesus tells us, is Jesus Himself.

According to Jesus, we can only live full lives, if we live them through, with and in Jesus. Jesus, the gate through whom we are totally safe. By entering our lives through Jesus, that is, by living our lives in relationship with Jesus, we are assured of finding green pastures that will give us true life.

If we look for life in other things besides Jesus, then we won't find it. Trying to find life through other gates like obsession with money, material goods, self-image or power, will always leave us empty and wanting more. These gates, as Jesus tells us, are thieves and brigands, robbers that take life away from us. It is only Jesus who truly fills. It is only Jesus who leads us to full and eternal life.

For Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us to fresh and green pastures where He gives us repose. To restful waters to revive our drooping spirit. He guides us along the right path, the path that is life-giving. With his gentle embrace, he gives us comfort, especially in the tough times. He has prepared a banquet for us, which is life-giving. And He has anointed us with oil, filling us with the Holy Spirit and with life (Psalm 23). All we need to do is listen and respond Jesus' gentle voice, which is always calling us and leading us to live life abundantly.

Archbishop Mark's Seven Apostolic Priorities

In the first reading for this coming Sunday, we hear St Peter preaching at Pentecost. Just a few verses prior, Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles, provides us with an account of the outpouring and infilling of the Holy Spirit that enabled the apostles to preach the Gospel in different languages so that all who were present could hear the Gospel in their own language. Luke's account highlights the fact that the Gospel is for everyone of every country and culture. All are welcomed and called to encounter Jesus, the Good Shepherd. This Pentecost event situates **the third of Archbishop Mark's Apostolic Priorities: Bringing the Cultural Communities to the Centre.**

Archbishop Mark writes:

["The face of the Church around the world is changing as the centre of gravity shifts from places like Europe and North America \(and Australia\) to Africa, Asia and Latin America..."](#)

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To download Archbishop Mark's document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" please click the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze>

A Beautiful Welcoming Community

One of the wonderful gifts we have as a parish are our beautiful welcoming communities. Starting on Sunday May 21 and continuing right through until the end

The Week Ahead...

Please note: the Parish Office will be closed
Monday 1st May for the Public Holiday.

Thursday 4th May

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 5th May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together
with Grade 5G

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth & Young Adults.

Saturday 6th May

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sunday 7th May

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass
Baptism Celebration 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 1.

Saturday 6th May, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney
Reader 1: Sharon Hickey
Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza
Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 7th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Andrea Thomas
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian &
Shaji George

Sunday 7th May, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Claire Goss
Reader 2: Erwin Perez
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

** 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 -

Tuesday 2nd May - Joseph D'Souza and
Raymundo Rivera.

Monday 8th May - Brian Ziebarth and
Ada Bernardo

of August, our Sacramental families will be joining us for celebration of Masses. Let's welcome them with great joy, as their children travel towards receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Archbishop Mark Joining Us for Our Feast Day –

8:30am Mass on Sunday July 9

Great news! Our Chief Shepherd for the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be joining us for the celebration of our Feast Day at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday July 9th (St Benedict's actual feast day is July 11). Please put this date in your diary as Archbishop Mark Benedict Coleridge we lead us in a beautiful Mass to celebrate St Benedict's Feast Day. The celebrations will continue after Mass with a sausage sizzle.

Receipts for Caritas—Available this weekend from the Mass Centre.

For our Parishioners who requested a receipt for their Caritas Contribution; your receipts will be available for collection from the Mass Centre this weekend. If you could kindly see your Mass Sacristan and they will be able to assist you.

Thank you once again to all those who were able to contribute to Caritas' Project Compassion in 2023.

Happy Easter my friends, being led by the Good Shepherd to life in abundance,
Fr Bryan



7:00pm Saturday 10 June 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

The St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance for Catholic young adults aged 18 - 39, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure!

All profits from this event (including ticket sales, drink purchases and raffle tickets) will be donated to Emmanuel City Mission to help fund the amazing work they do to support the homeless and vulnerable in Brisbane.

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD +
FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT



SCAN FOR MORE INFO
& TO PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS - ONLY \$20
(+BF) EACH INCLUDING
DRINK ON ARRIVAL!



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday 30th April 2023,
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Ayla, Alex, Leo and Toby,

as they received the Sacrament of Baptism,
with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we all pray that, Ayla, Alex, Leo, and Toby,
together with their family and their friends, experience
God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

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, Peter Jones.

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.



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

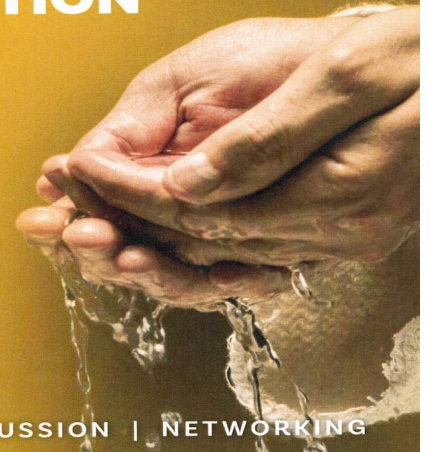
PLEASE may we refrain from coming to Mass if we have any cold or flu symptoms, this will help greatly to prevent the spreading of this very contagious virus.

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.

RCIA FORMATION DAY

Be equipped to walk alongside others during the Mystagogy stage.



INPUT | DISCUSSION | NETWORKING

DETAILS

Sunday 7 May 2023

1pm to 4pm

Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo

RSVP by 4 May

at <https://tinyurl.com/RCIAfd23>



Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Three: Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre

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WITH LAMPS ABLAZE

Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

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 23rd April 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$775.70
 Parish (Running) - \$1036.20

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$759.00
 Parish (Running) - \$1487.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1534.70
 Parish (Running) = \$2523.20

*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 23/04/23 - \$70.00



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.






THANK YOU

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



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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 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