

The Resurrection
of the Lord.

Year A.

9th April 2023.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
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Parish Facebook Page:

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

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

God has Done Great Things for Us! (Psalm 126)

We have prepared for forty days during Lent for this most significant moment – the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death, and Resurrection (The Paschal Mystery). The core of our faith.

Even though the Passion of Jesus fully exposes our human weakness, especially the ironic tendency to want to eliminate God from our lives, the whole of Matthew's Gospel is not about what we do to God, but it is definitively about what God is doing for us.

In the first and last chapters of Matthew's Gospel we have the appearance of an Angel. In chapter one an Angel appears to Joseph in a dream assuring him that the child that Mary has conceived is from the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20). In this coming Sunday's Gospel we hear from the final chapter of Matthew's Gospel where we have an Angel appearing to Mary of Magdala and the other Mary telling them that Jesus has been raised (Matthew 28:1-12). So, in both stories there is an Angel. And both stories have the same angelic exhortation "do not be afraid!"

The story in chapter one is about the divine placing in the womb. The child conceived in Mary's womb is from the Holy Spirit. The story in the final chapter is about the divine raising from the tomb. Jesus has been raised as he said He would. Matthew's Gospel begins with the divine placing in the womb, and concludes with the divine raising from the tomb. Matthew's Gospel tells us what God is doing for us in the person of His Son. This brings us to another bookend in Matthew's Gospel.

In chapter one, Matthew tells us that the divine conception of Jesus fulfils what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "look the Virgin is with child, and will give birth to a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel" (Matthew 1:22). Matthew then explains that the name Emmanuel means "God is with us". In the final chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Risen Lord assures his disciples, "I am with you always, yes to the end of time." (Matthew 28:20). So, Matthew is telling us that his gospel is the story of God with us. This ending of Matthew's Gospel reverberates the whole of the Old Testament, assuring us that in the person of Jesus, God loves us infinitely and is with us until the end of time. We, as human beings, have a tendency to reject the One who loves us infinitely and wants us to live life abundantly. May we all open our hearts and minds to Jesus this Holy Week, so that we can be filled with the love, joy, hope, and peace of Christ, now and forever!!

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,



The Week Ahead...

Thursday 13th April

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 14th April

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass (Anointing Mass)

Saturday 15th April

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sunday 16th April

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish 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...

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.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 15th April, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis
Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis
Communion Minister: Neville Williams

Sunday 16th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic and Michael Campbell

Sunday 16th 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 -

Tuesday 11th April - Brian Ziebarth and Raymundo Rivera.

Monday 17th April - Peter Zimon and Gary Smyth.

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.

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! For the Lord has done great things for us, holy is His name." (Psalm 126).

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**.

Stations of the Cross

We will be praying and reflecting on the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 10am. Everyone is invited to join us for this special and appropriate devotion.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter with abundant blessings,

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.

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, Sang Yeoul Choi.

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, 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.

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.



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.

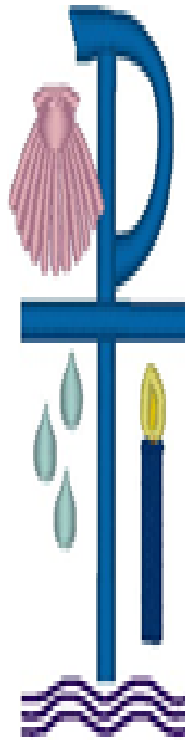
* If the you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will be in contact with you directly. Thank you.

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.

Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY



This Easter, on Saturday 8th April and Sunday 9th April 2023, we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Jessica, Ming, Arielle, Harvey, Mason and Cruz,

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

We also welcome,

Timote and Ephraim, along with Jessica and Ming

as they are fully received into the Catholic Family through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

May Jessica, Ming, Arielle, Harvey, Mason, Cruz, Timote and Ephraim, together with their family and their friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

Readings for the Easter Triduum 2023

Thursday of the Lords Supper, Thursday 6th April.

1st Reading - Exodus 12: 1-8, 11-14

Psalm - Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel - John 13: 1-15

Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Friday 7th April.

1st Reading - Isaiah 52: 13 - 52: 12

Psalm - Ps 30: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17

2nd Reading - Hebrews 4: 11-16; 5; 7-9

Gospel - John 18: 1 - 19: 42

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord, Saturday 8th April.

1st Reading - Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 2

2nd Reading - Genesis 22: 1-18

3rd Reading - Exodus 14: 15 - 15: 1

4th Reading - Isaiah 54: 5-14

5th Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-11

6th Reading - Baruch 3: 9-15, 23 - 4: 4

7th Reading - Ezekiel 36: 16-28

8th Reading - St Paul to the Romans 6: 3-11

9th Reading - Gospel according to Matthew 28: 1-10

Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Sunday 9th April.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm - Ps 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel - John 20: 1-9

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 2nd April 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$303.30
Parish (Running) - \$1197.15

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$710.00
Parish (Running) - \$700.00

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

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1013.30
Parish (Running) = \$1897.15

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 02/04/23 - \$20.00

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.



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.

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.



Easter Sunday—9 April

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

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You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 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

