

Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.

Year B.

11th February 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

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Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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## **Jesus...sternly ordered him, "Mind you say nothing to anyone" (Mark 1:43)**

Mark's Gospel being brilliantly structured to make by far its most significant point, and that is, **Jesus has come as Saviour of the World, and we receive salvation by joining Jesus in His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection (the Paschal Mystery).**

The first half of the Gospel has Jesus as the great Teacher, Healer, Miracle Worker, and Conqueror of Evil. But whenever Jesus performs one of these powerful acts, as He does in this coming Sunday's Gospel, He quickly follows it up by saying, "Don't tell anyone about what I have done." This is what scholars refer to as the "Secrecy Motif." The reason why Jesus says this is because Jesus is indeed our All-Powerful All-Loving God, but this is not the full story of Christianity. The full story of Christianity, and indeed of the Salvation of the World, is the Road to the Jerusalem, that is, the Road to the Cross, which covers the whole second half of Mark's Gospel.

The centre of Mark's Gospel has Jesus giving, not one, not two, but three Passion Predictions. Where Jesus says, "the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again." This Gospel then goes on to say "and he said all this quite openly" (Mark 8:31-32). There is no secret here. The Paschal Mystery is unequivocally the core message of this Gospel, and indeed, the core message of the Christian faith. This is why we spend forty days in Lent each year preparing ourselves – through increased prayer, fasting, and acts of charity – to celebrate the Easter Triduum. Lent will be commencing next Wednesday, February 14, with the celebration of Ash Wednesday.

## **Our 2024 Lent Resource, A Resurrected Life—\$6 at the Mass Centre.**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of Brisbane) writes: *A Resurrected Life will invite you to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears – a hope grounded in a God who transfigures our wounds, which become fountains of healing and life for those around s and for the world.*

I read through the whole resource and have become much richer in faith and spiritually from doing so. So, I too strongly recommend our Lenten resource for 2024. Shane Dwyer, the author, is a very well qualified spiritual writer, educated in the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and who has the gift of being able to speak to and enhance the faith of all people at different levels on their faith journey.

What will make this resource even more beneficial, will be our weekly gatherings on zoom throughout Lent. I will be including the link to these gatherings in next week's newsletter.

**We have purchased 100 copies of A Resurrected Life, and we will be selling them for \$6 each at our Masses over the next two weekends.** Please purchase this terrific resource, for it will undoubtedly enhance our faith as we journey together towards the Font of Life.

## **Ash Wednesday by Elizabeth Harrington**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by the Church as days of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday.

In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old.

Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat.

The practice of fasting and abstinence aims at leading us to interior conversion by making us more disciplined and more charitable. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, the practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert.

The ashes that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and remind us of the need to repent our failings.

## **Ash Wednesday Masses - Wednesday February 14, 7am and 7pm.**

Our St Benedict's Parish Masses for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at **7am and 7pm** in our usual worship space. All are welcome.

## **Project Compassion 2024**

Each year, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

The theme of Project Compassion is **For All Future Generations**. It reminds us that what we

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**Readings for this week - 11th February,  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary.**

1st Reading - Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46.

Psalms - Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11.

Response - I turn to you, Lord, in time of  
trouble, and you fill me with  
the joy of salvation.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians  
10: 31 - 11: 1.

Gospel - Mark 1: 40-45.

## **The Week Ahead...**

### **Wednesday 14th February**

**7.00am** - St Benedict's Parish, Ash Wednesday Mass.

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### **Thursday 15th February**

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 16th February**

**9.00am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

St Benedict's College beginning of Year Mass Offsite.

**6.00pm** - St Benedict's Parish, Stations of the Cross.

### **Saturday 17th February**

**4.00pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### **Sunday 18th February**

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Rite of Elect, RCIA Catechumens, St Stephens Cathedral.

do today can have an impact for all future generations. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond our own. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference today, for all future generations.

Our Justice and Peace group will be helping with the promotion of Project Compassion again this year. Members will be handing out the Project Compassion envelopes at the beginning of each Mass, and will be playing the videos of each project before each Mass during Lent. They hope to bring Project Compassion to life in the St Benedict's Parish, making it an inspiring and rewarding experience for everyone.

### **Prayer for Project Compassion 2024**

God of all hope,  
we pray for our world with all its beauty and need.  
We thank you for the love in our lives that is a mirror of your unending love.

May all creation know your compassion this Lent  
and may we take courage to share it, especially with  
those who don't have what they need.

In our time, we hear the same words you spoke to Moses:  
'I will be with you,' when you ask us to do courageous things.

Through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving,  
move us to act in the company of your Spirit,  
showing compassion and acting for justice  
to renew the face of the Earth,  
now and for all future generations.

We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

### **Thank you to our Parishioners who assisted with the morning Tea for the St Benedict's Primary School and College Staff Commissioning Mass.**

Thank you to all our Parishioners who came along to our 8.30am Mass on Sunday to support the Staff at both of our Catholic Schools here at St Benedict's. Thank you also to all of the Staff from our schools who came along and supported our parish.

A big thank you to those in our hospitality team and all Parishioner who contributed by bringing a plate for the marvelous morning tea we shared after mass .

### **Is God Calling You to Serve our St Benedict's Parish?**

To fulfill our vocation as a parish we need groups to meet and support each other in becoming better disciples of Jesus. These groups need leaders. Now, to be fair, it would be great if parishioners volunteer to lead these groups for a one-year term. Once the year is completed, it would be charitable to step aside to allow others to lead too.

The groups that would be beneficial in making better disciples for our parish include, but are not restricted to, the following:

- \* **Young Adults Group (18-30 Years of Age).**
- \* **Youth Group (13-17 Years of Age).**
- \* **Children's Group (7-12 Years of Age) and Children's Liturgy of the Word.**
- \* **Members of the Sacramental Team.**

### **Friday Mass will Resume, tomorrow February the 9<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

We will come together to recommence our Friday morning Masses tomorrow morning for the Primary School start of year Mass, Friday February 9th at 9am. This will be a wonderful way to come together to celebrate Mass with the Primary School. All are Welcome.

*Have a great week everyone, allowing God to fill you with the joy of salvation,*

***Fr Bryan.***

## **Save the Date...**

### ***In February...***

**11th** - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

**14th** - 7am, Ash Wednesday Mass

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**14th** - Caritas, Project Compassion to begin.

**16th** - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

**18th** - RCIA - Rite of Elect at St Stephens Cathedral.

**23rd** - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

### ***In March...***

**1st** - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

**8th** - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

**15th** - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

**22nd** - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

**24th** - Palm Sunday

**28th** - Holy Thursday

## **Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.**

### **Saturday 17th February, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Oliver Morata

**Reader 1:** Jean-Paul Franzidis

**Reader 2:** Rosemary Franzidis

**Communion Minister:** Denise Rapkins

### **Sunday 18th February, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Charles D'Rosario

**Reader 1:** TBA

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

**Communion Minister:** Bobette Sindicic

### **Sunday 18th February, 5.30pm**

**Commentator:** TBA

**Reader 1:** TBA

**Reader 2:** Shiela Pereira

**Communion Minister:** Theresa Saad

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



## **Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY**

This Sunday, 11th February 2024,  
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

**Lilah and Kristine**

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

May we pray that Lilah and Kristine, together with their family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

*Please remember in your Prayers:*

**Those who are Unwell:** Lynette Kelleher, Paul Kraus, Sue Kraus, Joy Gibbs.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Efren Mationg, John Kyono.

**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.



**Sacramental Programs for Children 2024**

We wish to Congratulate all of the children who have taken part in the Sacramental Programs for 2023 through St Benedict's Parish. Please keep all of the children who have participated, along with their families, in your prayers as we offer them our best wishes.

We welcome families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or seeking to obtain information about our 2024 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office at [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

To receive the Sacraments of:-

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

Then followed by,

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



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.

**Baptism at St Benedict's in 2024.**

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 2024.



**discere**

10 FEBRUARY 2024  
9:00AM - 3:00PM | MARIAN VALLEY

A VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT RETREAT



Discere is a free, one-day retreat for young single Catholic men and women (18-35 years) to intentionally pause and ask the question "where is God calling me?" in a peaceful, supportive and safe environment. Scan the QR code to register for this event!



**Xavier School of Mission**  
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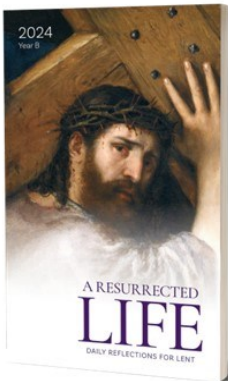
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**Lenten Resource 2024 - A Resurrected Life.**



Evangelisation Brisbane has again produced a wonderful Lenten Resource for 2024; Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis.

Beneficially, *A Resurrected Life* has been written by a single author. This allows for continuity and development within the resource, taking the

reader on a meaningful journey. The author, Shane Dwyer, is the former Associate Director of the Adult Formation at Evangelisation Brisbane and has recently taken up a role as General Manager, Mission Integration with Mercy Community. He is an experienced speaker, faith resource write and qualified spiritual director. He is currently completing his PHD thesis on the relevance of John of the Cross to the contemporary quest for authenticity.

*"This Resource A Resurrected Life is subversive. It challenges our conventional way of thinking and invites us to believe in the extraordinary hope that the Gospel bears. This is a hope ground not on vapid promises, but on the fact of a God who takes flesh, entering even our woundedness and brokenness, so that life may come from death and strength from weakness. This is a God who transfigures our wounds, even the cosmic wound of death, which become fountains of healing and life for those around us and for the world"* - Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

Copies are available to purchase from the Mass Centre, from this weekend, for \$6.00 each.



**Project Compassion 2024**

This weekend, please consider taking home a Caritas Project Compassion set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **for all future generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. 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 and envelopes available from the Mass Centre, by calling 1800 024 413, or by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)





**Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 4th February 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$420.00  
Parish (Running) - \$792.90

**Direct Deposits, Credit Cards, APP & Tap N Go:-**

Building (Church) - \$870.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1015.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1290.00  
Parish (Running) = \$1807.90

*'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.*

**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>



**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.



**Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish**

To everyone who actively contributes financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish. Thank you! 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, which will cease in 2024. 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 83 families that 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 to our Parish. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

1. **Direct Debit or**
2. **Credit Card or**
3. **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.

**Please be aware, not alarmed—Spamming Continues!**

Archdiocesan priests continue to be a target for spammers. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbledygook email address from bigpond, yahoo or gmail (e.g. [churchcare0147@gmail.com](mailto:churchcare0147@gmail.com)), but always spouting a similar urgent message.

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of Gift cards or similar. *Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists.* Should you be concerned, or should you receive this type of message, please contact your Parish Office.



If you or anyone you know is struggling and needs a 'hand up', please contact St Vinnies on 1800Vinnie.

**Covid-19 Awareness—Thank you for your commitment.**

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 if you wish, and please maintain good hand hygiene, sanitizer is provided.

**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

*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.*

**St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.**

Safeguarding requirements for Volunteers in Parishes are constantly under review from the Archdiocese. A number of our Volunteer roles are no longer in need of Blue Cards or Police Checks. Blue Card and/or Police Checks are to be held by those that are working directly with children or vulnerable adults for our Parish or hold particular roles in accordance with Archdiocese guidelines. If you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will contact you directly. Thank you. *If you wish to become a volunteer for St Benedict's please email the Parish Office.* We thank you for your time given to supporting our Parish.

