

Second Sunday in  
Lent.  
Year B.  
25th February 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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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)

## **Our Lenten Journey Through the Sunday Gospels**

Here is an overview of our Lenten journey this year through the Sunday Gospels for the five Sundays of Lent.

Last Sunday, the 1st Sunday of Lent, we joined Jesus in the desert. The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert. He remained there for 40-days and he was tempted by Satan.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus ascends a mountain in the company of Peter, James and John. Here, He is transfigured in their presence, and Moses and Elijah appear to them.

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Lent, Jesus enters the Temple where He finds people selling cattle, sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters. Jesus makes a whip out of some cord and drives them all out of the Temple.

On the 4th Sunday of Lent, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man must be lifted-up, as Moses lifted-up the serpent in the desert. So that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.

On the 5th Sunday of Lent, Jesus says "that the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain. But if it dies, it yields a rich harvest" (John 12:23-24).

These five Gospels prepare us beautifully for Holy Week. Giving us a deeper understanding of Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection, the Paschal Mystery, the core of our faith as Christians.

## **Our Lenten Journey**

Lent is a time where we prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter. The Paschal Mystery being the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, which is the foundation of our faith.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and will conclude before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. During this time neither the Gloria nor the Alleluia are sung or said.

Purple is the liturgical colour for Lent and has a twofold significance. Purple is widely recognised as the colour of mourning, alluding to the impending suffering of Jesus' crucifixion, yet it is also associated with royalty and heralds Christ resurrection and sovereignty.

During Lent we make a concerted effort to deepen our relationship with Jesus. We do this through Prayer, Fasting and Acts of Charity.

Below is what we are doing as a parish as we journey together during Lent to the Paschal celebrations at Easter.

## **Our 2024 Lenten Prayer Group**

*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.

We will be gathering **each Wednesday during Lent at 7pm on zoom** to pray for the following Sunday's gospel and reflection from the resource. The link for this prayer group is:

[St Benedict's Lenten Prayer Group 2024 \(Wed's 7pm\)](#)

Please join us.

## **Our 2024 Stewardship Program – Time, Talent and Treasure**

Always striving to become an even better parish here at St Benedict's, let us all answer God's call for us to be good **Stewards**.

**STEWARDSHIP** is a spirituality for life that challenges the Christian disciple to foster a sense of gratitude, responsibility, and generosity through the better use of **time, talent and treasure**. The practice of Stewardship is an intentional living of the biblical call to be stewards.

The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them generously in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to God.

The origins of stewardship are deeply embedded in the Scriptures and in a specific sense in the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel. Stewardship is a means of showing gratitude for all that we have in our lives. Each of us has something that we can be grateful for. As a way of life stewardship calls all of us to action.

**To be Stewards we give back to God our TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. In return, God gives us salvation.** Last week we discerned our call to give time and talent to God for the building up of God's Kingdom, this week we are asked to share our treasure.

The  
Season  
of  
Lent



## Readings for this week - 25th February, Second Sunday in Lent.

1st Reading - Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18.

Psalm - Ps 115: 10, 15-19.

Response - I will walk in the presence of  
the Lord, in the land of the  
living.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans  
8: 31-34.

Gospel - Mark 9: 2-10.

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

### **Wednesday 28th February**

**7.00pm** - St Benedict's Parish, Lenten Prayer Group via Zoom.

[St Benedict's Lenten Prayer Group 2024](#)  
(Wed's 7pm)

### **Thursday 29th February**

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 1st March**

**NO 9.00am Mass.**

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

### **Saturday 2nd March**

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

### **Sunday 3rd March**

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

*Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning*

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

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

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

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

**3rd** - Baptism Preparation and Celebration

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

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

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

**24th** - Palm Sunday

8.30am & 5.30pm Mass

**28th** - Holy Thursday -

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**29th** - Good Friday -

10am - Stations of the Cross

3pm - The Passion of the Lord

**30th** - Easter Saturday -

7pm - Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

**31st** - Easter Sunday -

8.30am - Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord (**NO 5.30pm Mass**)

## **Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.**

### **Saturday 2nd March, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Jim Kearney

**Reader 1:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 2:** Nancy D'Souza

**Communion Minister:** Joseph D'Souza

### **Sunday 3rd March, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Thessa Ikitau

**Reader 1:** Andrea Thomas

**Reader 2:** Chrislyn Shaji

**Communion Minister:** Daisy Kurian &  
Shaji George

### **Sunday 3rd March, 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 other Ministers.

I would like to commence with a quote from St. Catherine of Siena:

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who has contributed to the life of the St Benedict's Parish financially over the last six years. Without you we would not be able to operate as a parish.

Due to good financial stewardship, the parish has been able to repay the loan on the presbytery. This goes a long way to show that the parish is becoming financially viable, and that further support from the Archdiocese is warranted to support our mission for the construction of a church.

As we said last year, for our first five years as a parish, we have been very fortunate to receive \$120 000 support from the Archdiocese of Brisbane to assist with the running of our parish. This support, however, was reduced to \$85 000 last year, and will be further reduced this year.

The only stable and recurring income that our parish receives is from parishioners who support 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.

This is a constant challenge for us, as costs will rise sharply once we have a church. With the income from the Archdiocese in the future certain to continue to decline, we need to step up as a parish.

Just as many families struggle to make ends meet with the rising cost of living, our parish faces similar challenges.

There is a need to increase our collections by \$2000 a week to break even as a parish. It is very important for us to show the Archbishop that we are financially viable, for we need a \$5 million loan from the Archdiocese to build a church. We need to be financially viable now, at the very least, for as I have said, expenses will increase once we have a church. After a church is built, there will be additional operating costs such as insurance, maintenance, utility bills etc.

This coming Sunday we are asking every parishioner to commit some of your TREASURE and help make our dream become a reality.

If you are already in the Planned Giving Program, we are asking you to at least continue and, if possible, increase your financial support. At the moment, around 500 people attend Mass each week and 70 families 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 this coming Sunday.

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 hope, love, and peace.

### ***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.

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.

### ***Catholic Revival in Our Time***

Inspired by St Benedict of Nursia (480-547), our patron saint, and St Francis of Assisi, our **Justice and Peace Group** would like to lead us in training us to assist in reviving Christianity in society today. Using a resource developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane called the Sign of Our Times, the members of our Justice and Peace Group are keen to educate us and form us to bring Christianity back to the forefront of our society.

Starting after our 8:30am Mass on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, and running for 5 consecutive Sundays, our Justice and Peace Group will be leading us in the Sign of Our Times sessions. These sessions will start with Morning Tea and run from 10-11:30am each Sunday, and they consist of the following.

April 14 – The Love of Christ.

April 21 – Encounter.

April 28 – Accompaniment.

May 5 – Inclusion.

May 12 – Dialogue.

Please come along and join this journey aimed at equipping us in becoming Missionary Disciples of Jesus, transforming the world with His love.

**\*\* No Friday 9am Mass for the Fridays of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February and 1<sup>st</sup> March.\*\***

*Have a wonderful Lent with many blessings, Fr Bryan.*

## Please remember in your Prayers:

**Those who are Unwell:** Di Wilson, Gail Tarrier, 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 and email to:

[stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com) 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.



### 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.

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### Men's Shelter South Brisbane

The St Benedict's Parish 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.

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.

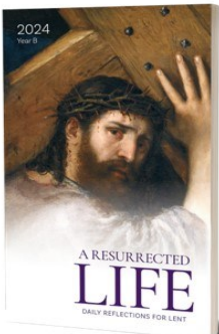
It is with the greatest of hope that we can improve on last year's donations of clothing. The donated goods will be presented at the preparation of gifts during Holy Thursday Mass, 28th March.

The donated clothing items will be then given to the Men's Shelter after Easter. Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

### 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.

**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.



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

### 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.



### 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.



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FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

## 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 18th February 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$245.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1142.50

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

Building (Church) - \$766.00  
Parish (Running) - \$920.00

**Totals:-**

**Building (Church) = \$1011.00**  
**Parish (Running) = \$2062.50**

*'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.

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**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.

