

**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord.**

Year B.

24th March 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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Palm Branches – Victory Over the Powers of Sin and Death

We begin Mass this coming Sunday with an opening procession marking the beginning of Holy Week. Here we commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem for our salvation through His Pascall Mystery.

It is important to note that the crowd welcomes Jesus with palms, which are a symbol of hope that Jesus is the one they have been waiting for - the new David. The people hoped that Jesus is the one who will overthrow the might of imperial Rome.

Jesus was dealt with a similar scenario earlier in John's gospel when He fed thousands of people from five loaves and two fish. The people were amazed and wanted to make him king. If he can feed thousands of people from five loaves and two fish, then He is surely the one who will set us from Roman occupation. But the gospel then tells us that Jesus could see they were about to come and take Him by force and make him King, so he escaped back to the mountain by Himself.

The same thing is happening here on Palm Sunday. As Jesus passes by, the people acclaim Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! He is the king of Israel! Jesus knows what is on their minds, and by way of response He does not call for a chariot or a War Horse. That is not who Jesus is. Instead, Jesus finds a young donkey and sits upon it. This is Jesus' powerful, but silent, reply to what the people are hoping for by waving their palm branches.

Mark's account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem alludes to Zechariah's prophetic vision of the city of Jerusalem shouting acclamation to a victorious king who rides humbly on a donkey. Pope Benedict XVI offers this reflection: *this passage announces a poor king. A king whose rule does not depend on political and military might. Jesus' inmost being is humility and meekness. In this Jesus is the exact opposite of the great kings of the world, which is vividly illustrated by the fact that he rides on a donkey, the mount of the poor. This is the counter image of the chariot that He rejects. Jesus is bringing the Kingdom of God, and He has made it clear that this Kingdom will be established by means of rejection, death, and resurrection.*

In the city of David, Jesus is not interested in setting up a new Kingdom of political power. Jesus' kingdom is a kingdom in which the poor and humiliated of this earth, whom Jesus called blessed, would finally share in those goods to which they are entitled. Jesus is indeed the true king, but not the king expected by the crowds who welcomed Him into Jerusalem with palm branches and a royal acclamation. Jesus is a king whose rule does not depend on political and military might. Jesus will set His people free, but not freedom from a foreign invader. Jesus will win a victory over a far more powerful and insidious foe. It will not be a victory won by military might. On the Friday of this week, Jesus will be lifted-up on the cross. His victorious death on the cross will set us free from the powers of sin and death.

Palm Sunday (Elizabeth Harrington)

A feature of the liturgy on Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord is the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem which includes the procession of branches. This is not intended to be a re-enactment of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.

The Church's liturgy does not re-enact past events but is rather a living encounter with the whole mystery of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, death, and resurrection to glory. The proclamation of the story of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, waving branches and processing together as a pilgrim people are ritual actions which help us call to mind a key event in our salvation history.

By participating in the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, we symbolise our commitment to complete the initial victory that Christ has won. We joyfully join ourselves to Christ, making his passion our own. We share in his suffering so that we may share in his glory.

The readings and prayers set down for Palm Sunday clearly proclaim that, just as there is no cross without the resurrection, there is no resurrection without the cross.

Easter Triduum (Elizabeth Harrington)

The term "Triduum" refers to the period of three days starting on Holy Thursday evening, continuing through Good Friday and Holy Saturday and ending with Mass or evening prayer on Easter Sunday evening.

Key liturgical celebrations of the Triduum are the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night.

Busy people may be tempted to attend just one of these, perhaps Good Friday because of the moving veneration of the cross, or the Easter Vigil because it's the main celebration of the

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Readings for this week - 24th March.

Palm Sunday .

1st Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-7.

Psalm - Ps 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24.

Response - My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11.

Gospel - Mark 15: 1-39.

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 27th March

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day for Easter

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

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

Thursday 28th March

Holy Thursday

7.00pm - St Benedict's Parish, Mass of the Lords Supper.

Friday 29th March

Good Friday

10.00am - St Benedict's Parish, Stations of the Cross.

3.00pm - St Benedict's Parish, The Passion of the Lord.

Saturday 30th March

Easter Saturday

7.00pm - St Benedict's Parish, Easter Vigil Mass.

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday.

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

** No Sunday evening Mass **

period, although it starts later than the normal Saturday evening Mass and lasts much longer!

But to miss any of the three liturgies of the Easter Triduum is like missing one act of a three-act play. The Triduum is really one three-day-long liturgy. This is illustrated clearly when we consider how the liturgies of this period begin and end.

The Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way, but there is no blessing or dismissal at the end. Instead there is a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the place of reservation. People depart in silence. The Good Friday liturgy begins with a silent procession, a period of silent prayer, and the opening prayer. It finishes with the prayer over the people. Again there is no final blessing or dismissal and people depart in silence.

At the Easter Vigil we gather around a fire in silent darkness for the blessing of the fire and the lighting of the paschal candle. The liturgy concludes with the joyful paschal dismissal "Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia" as we process out to the sounds of the triumphant Easter hymn.

The three-day liturgy, which began with the entrance and greeting on Holy Thursday evening, has moved us from suffering through death to resurrection. The whole Easter mystery is celebrated from a different point of view on each of the three days.

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.

Friday Stations of the Cross

We come together to pray and reflect on The Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6pm. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday are at 10am

Please Help - Palm Leaf Crosses for Palm Sunday

All are invited to join us in making Palm Leaf Crosses for Palm Sunday. This will be taking place after the Stations of the Cross on Friday the 22nd of March.

Friday 9am Mass

There will be **no** 9am Friday Mass on March 22.

Our 2024 Lenten Retreat – Saturday March 23

Are you craving some quiet time and space to take a breather and reflect? St Benedict's Parish may have the answer for you. Everyone is invited to a Holy Week Retreat. For more information please see the advertisement on Page 3 of this newsletter. To register; Please email Fr Bryan on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au



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 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.

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

Justice and Peace Initiative - 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.

There will be a washing basket available for donated items in our worship centre. With great hope we can improve on last year's donations. 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.

Save the Date...

In March...

22nd - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

23rd - Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Church
9am-3pm

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 - Easter Triduum.

Thank you very much to all those who have offered to assist with the many Ministries for the Easter Triduum.

Those on Roster throughout the Triduum have been contacted by Dianne or Father Bryan.

If there are any questions in regard to the Roster, please contact the office or see Dianne at our Sunday morning Mass.

Thank you. Happy Easter.

** 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.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Di Wilson, Gail Tarrier, Lynette Kelleher, Joy Gibbs.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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 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.

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

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.



2024 Lenten Retreat, 23rd March.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" Matthew 11: 28

Are you craving some quiet time and space to take a breather and reflect? Saint Benedict's Parish may have the answer for you. Everyone is invited to a Holy Week Retreat.

When: Saturday March the 23rd, commencing at 9 am and finishing at 3 pm after the celebration of Mass.

Where: Holy Cross Church, 68 Nottingham Street, Kippa Ring.

Facilitated by: Sister Denise Brosnan, a Josephite Sister, an experienced Retreat Director, who will focus on preparation for Easter and looking at questions such as "Where am I today?"

What should I bring: A water bottle and lunch. Morning Tea will be provided.

Registration: Please email roeb@bne.catholic.net.au



Let us join together for Easter at St Benedict's in 2024...

Palm Sunday, Sunday 24th March—8.30am and 5.30pm Mass
Holy Thursday, 28th March – 7pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 29th March – 10am, Stations of the Cross
Good Friday, 29th March – 3pm, The Passion of the Lord
Easter Saturday, 30th March – 7pm, Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday, 31st March – 8.30am, The Resurrection of the Lord.
(No 5.30pm Mass on Easter Sunday)



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HOW TO STAY CONNECTED WITH GOD IN VERY SIMPLE DEEDS EVERY DAY AND BECOMING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES OF JESUS, TRANSFORMING OURSELVES, OUR PARISH, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR WORLD

Time: 10am – 11:30am

Venue: St Benedict's College Staff Room

SUNDAYS:

APRIL 14 – THE LOVE OF CHRIST

APRIL 21 – ENCOUNTER

APRIL 28 – ACCOMPANIMENT

MAY 5 – INCLUSION

MAY 12 – DIALOGUE

Hope you can join us .

For Registration and Further Information:

 stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com

Year 7 2026 Enrolments

Have you lodged your Enrolment?

Applications close 30 June 2024



Please go to our website and complete the online Application for Enrolment Form, email us the supporting documentation and pay the Enrolment Application Fee to be considered for enrolment.

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Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 17th March 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$417.50
Parish (Running) - \$1110.25

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

Building (Church) - \$955.00
Parish (Running) - \$1035.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1372.50
Parish (Running) = \$2145.25

*'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), 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.

