

Easter Triduum.
Year B.
28th-31st March 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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New Life in Relationship with the Crucified and Risen Jesus

The Paschal Mystery, that is, the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus, is the centre of our life as Christians. It is the very basis of our faith and our hope. This is indeed Good News, for Jesus, who emptied Himself of His divinity to become human like us (love incarnate), suffered and died on the cross for us, and was raised by Father. Jesus' Resurrection is love's victory over hatred, mercy's victory over sinfulness, goodness' victory over evil, truth's victory over falsehood, and life's victory over death.

The Good News (Gospel) is that each and every one of us is invited into a deep and intimate friendship with the risen Jesus. Jesus always invites us to live our lives in Him, with Jesus in us. When we take up this incredibly generous and beautiful invitation, then we will be able to live a life of unconditional and faithful love. This is a life where we leave ourselves behind and encounter others, becoming close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast. In other words, when we live our lives in Jesus, who is love personified, we will clearly see just how powerful God's love is, for God's love gives us life in abundance, and makes hope blossom in the face of barrenness.

With this joyful certainty in our hearts, we turn to you, risen Lord! Help us to seek you and to find you, to realise that we are the beloved sons and daughters of the Father, and that we can love and adore you. Enable us to protect the vulnerable, especially children, women, and the elderly. Enable us to care for our brothers and sisters struck down by illness. Comfort those who have left their own lands to migrate to places offering hope for a better future and the possibility of living their lives in dignity. We ask you, Jesus, to put an end to all war and every conflict, whether great or small, ancient or recent. We pray in a particular way for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that all those suffering the effects of the conflict can receive much needed humanitarian aid and that neither side will again use deadly force, especially against the defenseless civilian population, but instead boldly negotiate peace and harmony for all.

By your resurrection Jesus, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace and love in your world. Amen.

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 on Easter Sunday.

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 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.

Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper

As always, we will be 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.**

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 Jesus' institution of the Eucharist, the institution of the priesthood, 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** (finishing at 9pm).

Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY



This coming Saturday,
30th March 2024 during the
Easter Vigil, we will welcome
into the Catholic Family,

**Sinae, India, Jade and
Schon**

As they received their
Sacraments to complete their
journey through the RCIA,
with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we pray that Sinae, India, Jade and
Schon, together with their family and
friends, experience God's happiness, joy and
love, now and always.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 4th April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 5th April

9.00am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 6th April

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 7th April.

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

7th April - Caritas, Project Compassion donations due back to the Mass Centre please.

Save the Date...

In March...

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**)

In April...

7th - Caritas Project Compassion donations due back to the Mass Centre, Please.

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 **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 at 7pm Saturday night in silence at the bonfire** in which we will light the Easter candle and then celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus with exuberant joy! Celebrating with delight our four sisters and brothers becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

Candles for the Easter Vigil

The candle ceremony is an important part of the Easter Vigil celebration on Saturday night. During this ceremony we light the Easter candle which symbolises Christ Risen! Parishioners are invited to purchase a battery-operated candle (\$2.00 each) as they enter the hall. Once the Paschal Candle is lit, please switch on your candles. The Risen Christ truly is **the Light of our lives, the Light of the world!**

The Stations of the Cross

To get even more out of our Triduum celebrations, we are all invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday (March 29) at 10am**.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion

If you have not done so already, please give your Project Compassion donations this weekend. Renae and I need to count and bank these donations next week for Caritas Australia. Thank you to all parishioners who have supported these vitally important projects this year. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Good Friday - Holy Land Collection

The annual Holy Land collection contributes to the lives of those who are keeping alive the Christian presence in the land of Jesus, often in the face of great odds. **Please support the Holy Land collection, which will be taken as a retiring collection on Good Friday after the Passion at 3pm.**

Lenten Group

Thank you to all the parishioners who joined-in the Lenten group this year. Each session was very fruitful in preparing for our Easter Triduum celebrations this year. Thank you to Jeanette for organizing the roster, and for those who lead and read at the sessions. May God bless you abundantly for doing so.

Deanery Lenten Retreat

Our Parish Prayer Network thrives in our St Benedict Parish thanks to Jeanette Kearney's awesome leadership. I know Jeanette would be embarrassed for me to write this, but it needs to be said, for she is such a good leader.

Thank you to The Prayer Network members who made this year's Deanery Lenten retreat another wonderful success. Thank you to Sister Denise Brosnan RSJ (Religious Sister of St Joseph) for leading us so beautifully into Holy Week. The theme of the Retreat was to allow God to create new hearts in us, to experience God's love and forgiveness so that we have hearts of love and forgiveness for all others. Everyone who participated in the Retreat loved it.

Thank you to our Prayer Network who organized the Retreat and provided great hospitality for all participants. Thank you to all parishioners from the Deanery who came along. There was a deep richness in the sharing and the loving bond we all had for each other. Companions on the journey sharing life in the Lord.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter Triduum, with abundant blessings. **Fr Bryan.**

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Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 6th April, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 7th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian & Shaji George

Sunday 7th April, 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. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Let us join together for Easter at St Benedict's



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)

Please remember in your Prayers:

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

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Colin Larter.

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.



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. 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 supporting this initiative.

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.

www.stbenedictscollege.qld.edu.au



ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC PARISH
MANGO HILL/GRIFFIN/NORTH LAKES

JUSTICE, PEACE & ECOLOGY LEADERSHIP TEAM

Micah: 6:8 'act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God'.

Join us for an enriching 5 day SOOT (Signs of Our Times) workshop.

Deepen Your Faith . Building Bridges

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:

stbenedictsje@gmail.com

Archbishop's Dinner for Women

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women, hosted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, offers a chance for women discerning their vocation to connect and gain insights into their journey. The event features personal stories from the Archbishop to assist in discernment and the questions they are currently facing. It's set for April 18th at Wynberg in New Farm. Interested attendees should email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au to submit their interest. Places are strictly limited.

When: Thursday 18th April, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Archbishop's
VOICATIONS DINNER 2024

for WOMEN 18 APRIL

A night of discussion and discernment
with the Archbishop.



Easter Triduum Readings

Holy Thursday - Thursday of the Lord's Supper

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

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

Response - Our blessing-cup is a communion with the blood of Christ

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

Gospel - John 13: 1-15.

Good Friday - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

1st Reading - Isaiah 52: 13 - 53: 12.

Psalm - Ps 30: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25.

Response - Father, I put my life in your hands.

2nd Reading - Hebrews 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9.

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John - 18: 1 - 19: 42.

Easter Vigil - Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord

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, 32 - 4:4.

7th Reading - Ezekiel 36: 16-28.

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

Gospel - Mark 16: 1-7.

Easter Sunday - Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

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

Response - This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

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

Gospel - John 20: 1-9.

Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 24th March 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$448.00
Parish (Running) - \$1245.65

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

Building (Church) - \$773.00
Parish (Running) - \$1422.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1221.00
Parish (Running) = \$2667.65

*'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.

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.



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.*