

Third Sunday of  
Easter. Year B.  
14th April 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

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Friday - 9.00am  
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[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au)

## Parish Facebook Page:

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

## St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

## St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

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

## **The Gospels for the Sundays of Easter**

The Easter Season goes from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. So, let us have a quick overview of the Gospel readings that we hear during this Easter Season.

Last Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter, we heard the story of the risen Lord appearing to his disciples, who have gathered behind locked doors. However, Thomas is not with them on this occasion and refuses to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus. When Jesus appears a second time, the following week, we have the deeply moving encounter between Jesus and Thomas, and the gentle but firm way in which the Risen Jesus brings Thomas to faith. Jesus then proclaims the demanding ideal of unconditional faith - blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

This coming Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, Luke's Gospel tells us about the two disciples who have just returned to Jerusalem from Emmaus. They are still telling their story to the Eleven, and their companions, when the risen Lord stands among them. Jesus shows them His hands and feet and asks if they have anything to eat. They offer Him a piece of grilled fish and He eats it before their eyes.

The Gospel for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter always comes from Chapter 10 of John's Gospel. It is the Sunday we traditionally call Good Shepherd Sunday, where we promote vocations to the Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage, and the Single Life devoted to God. This year we focus on Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep.

We have the beautiful image from Jesus of 'the Vine' and 'the branches' on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. Jesus is the Vine, and we are the branches. Cut off from Him we can do nothing.

The Gospel for the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter comes from John's account of Jesus speaking with his disciples during the Last Supper. "This is my commandment," Jesus tells them, "that you should love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12).

We celebrate the Feast of the Ascension on the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. This year, Year B, we hear Luke's account of 'The Ascension' from the Acts of the Apostles. In the Gospel we have an overview of the appearances of the risen Lord taken from the ending to Mark's Gospel.

Finally, the Gospel for Pentecost Sunday comes from John's account of the risen Lord appearing to His disciples. Jesus breathes on them and says, "receive the Holy Spirit, for those whose sins you forgive they are forgiven. For those whose sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:23). The Easter season concludes with this Feast of Pentecost.

## **Justice, Peace, and Ecology Workshops – The Sign of our Times**

The Sign of Our Times is a series of workshops developed by the Archdiocese of Brisbane to assist us in doing charity well. Members of our Justice, Peace, and Ecology Team promoted these workshops at last weekend's Masses. Below, is a message to all parishioners from Ken Butler, who is a member of this very important leadership team in our St Benedict's parish.

"Thank you for the warmth you gave our Justice Peace and Ecology presentation last Sunday. We have had many people registering for the JP&E "Signs of Our Times" workshops, starting at 10am this Sunday, 14 April. Don't forget to register at [stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com) before then, but we will take registrations "at the door" on Sunday, if you wish to give it more thought. Thank you again."

## **Congratulations and Welcome to Our Sisters and Brother in Christ**

Congratulations to India Carney, Sinae Seok, Jade Monks, and Schon Hansen, who were fully received into the Catholic Church during our Easter Vigil celebrations. This was very much a night of great joy, celebrating our sisters and brother being given new life in Christ.

A big thank you to their sponsors, who journeyed with them and will continue to do so. I pray that Jesus will fill them with grace so that they can come to know the height and the depth, and the length and the breadth of God's incredible love for them, so that they can live life in abundance.

## **The Season of Easter (Elizabeth Harrington)**

Just as there is a time of preparation leading up to Easter – the 40 days of Lent, there is a period after Easter when we continue the joy of the resurrection – the 50-day season of Easter, or Easter Time. Perhaps the best way to understand the Easter season, which runs from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, is to consider it as an overflow of the Vigil and a time for unfolding the Easter mysteries. For those who were baptised at Easter, it is the period of *mystagogy* when the "spiritual and heavenly mysteries of the Church are explained". The continuity between the Easter Vigil and Eastertime is seen in the worship environment. Banners, hangings and other decorations for the Vigil remain in place until Pentecost. The

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## **Readings for this week - 14th April, Third Sunday of Easter.**

**1st Reading** - Acts of the Apostles  
3: 13-15, 17-19.  
**Psalm** - Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9.  
**Response** - Lord, let your face shine on  
us.  
**2nd Reading** - St John 2: 1-5.  
**Gospel** - Luke 24: 35-48.

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 18th April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 19th April

No 9am Mass.

### Saturday 20th April

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 21st April.

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

## Save the Date...

### In April...

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

25th - Anzac Day.

### In May...

**\*\* Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion to begin.**

5th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

12th - Ascension of the Lord

12th - Mother's Day

19th - Pentecost

19th - First Holy Communion Preparation and Information Session

### In June...

**\*\* Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion to continue.**

22nd / 23rd - Vinnies Winter Appeal Weekend

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

### Saturday 20th April, 4pm

**Commentator:** Oliver Morata

**Reader 1:** Jean-Paul Franzidis

**Reader 2:** Rosemary Franzidis

**Communion Minister:** Denise Rapkins

### Sunday 21st April, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Charles D'Rosario

**Reader 1:** TBA

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

**Communion Minister:** Bobette Sindicic

### Sunday 21st April, 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.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

central symbols of water and light are used throughout the fifty days. The paschal candle is placed near the ambo or altar until Pentecost and is lit during all liturgical celebrations to remind us that Christ is indeed our light. The document on the liturgical year says that the fifty days of the Easter season are "the days for the singing of the *Alleluia*". In this "week of weeks" (Easter Time is seven weeks long) we sing our *Alleluias*, to the risen Christ and celebrate our new life in him.

### **Good Friday - Holy Land Collection**

Thank you to all those who supported the annual Holy Land collection taken up after the Passion on Good Friday. The response was very generous, with our Parish contributing a total of **\$1370.55**, which will contribute significantly towards financially assisting the Christians in the Holy Land, and the preservation of the Christian Sacred sites.

### **Thank you—Caritas' Project Compassion**

Thank you everyone who was able to contribute to Caritas' Project Compassion this year.

**St Benedict's Parish was able to contribute a generous donation of \$2890.35.**

For those that have requested receipts for their cash donations, they will be available to collect at the Mass Centre from the 27th April. For those that chose the Cheque or Credit Card options your receipts will be distributed directly from Caritas once the payments have been processed over the coming weeks. Once again, thank you for your generosity. The projects by Caritas unequivocally make a positive difference to the lives of many.

### **No Friday 9am Mass – for two (2) weeks, 12th and 19th April.**

There will be no Friday 9am Mass this week, Friday 12th April or next week Friday 19th April. Friday morning 9am Mass will recommence Friday 26th April. All are welcome.

Have a great Easter Season everyone, with abundant blessings,

**Fr Bryan.**

## 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](mailto: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**  
VOCATIONS DINNER 2024  
for WOMEN 18 APRIL

A night of discussion and discernment  
with the Archbishop.



## 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](http://www.stbenedictscollege.qld.edu.au)



*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](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.

**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.



**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.



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:

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

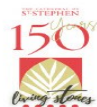


Do you have a connection to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen?  
Have you or your family celebrated Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion in the Cathedral?  
Were you part of our Rite of Election this year?

**You are invited to Celebrate 150 Years of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen**

**Sunday 21 April 2024  
@ 10:00am Mass  
Cathedral of St Stephen**

rsp: Thursday 18 April 2024  
e: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
t: 3324 3030



**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY





**Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 7th April 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$585.65  
Parish (Running) - \$817.65

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

Building (Church) - \$990.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1080.00

**Totals:-**

**Building (Church) = \$1575.65**  
**Parish (Running) = \$1897.65**

*'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.

**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.

