

Fourth Sunday of
Easter. Year B.
21st April 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
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Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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Jesus has Got your Back!

I am blessed to have some very good friends, who have got my back - I have their backs too. We care about each other and would do anything for each other – often going the extra mile. Be that as it may, by far our best friend imaginable, as people of faith, is Jesus, our Lord, our God, and our Saviour, who has always got our backs!

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus makes it very clear that He has got our backs. Jesus refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. Unlike the hired shepherd, who does 'a runner' whenever the sheep are threatened, Jesus puts His life on the line to save us. So, whenever we are threatened by temptation or negative life-destroying thoughts, Jesus assures us that He has "got our backs." Jesus will never leave us, and He will always offer Himself up totally for us to save us as we live our lives.

So, my friends, let us turn to Jesus, our Good Shepherd, constantly in your lives, so that He can help us during the tough times, so that He can also lead us away from temptations that are life-destroying, and so that we can live life abundantly in His love, rejoicing always in the abundant blessings that God lavishes upon us.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

This coming Sunday marks the 61st Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Here is a letter from Pope Francis encouraging us to listen, discern and live out God's call for us to build up God's Kingdom in the world as members of the people of God.

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence. I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity. I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good. I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them. And I think of all those who have accepted God's call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God's kingdom.

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter. FRANCIS

Holy Spirit Seminary Prayer Calendars

Last year we had the Ordination of three young men to the priesthood. This year we will be celebrating another four ordinations. We also have had four seminarians join Holy Spirit Seminary this year. So, thank you for your prayers for vocations to the priesthood in Queensland.

The Rector of Holy spirit Seminary, Father Neil Muir, has generously given us 100 Prayer Calendars for 2024. Please take one of these Prayer Calendars from our Welcome table this coming Sunday and pray for our future shepherds to have hearts like our Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep.

No Friday 9am Mass – this week 19th April.

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

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Readings for this week - 21st April.

Fourth Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
4: 8-12.
Psalm - Ps 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29.
Response - The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.
2nd Reading - St John 3: 1-2.
Gospel - John 10: 11-18.

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 24th April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.
(for Anzac Public Holiday)

Thursday 25th April

Anzac Day Public Holiday.

Friday 26th April

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 27th April

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 28th 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 4.

Saturday 27th April, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 28th April, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza

Sunday 28th April, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Ashley Oliver
Communion Minister: Christopher Beck

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.

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 successfully led the first workshop last Sunday. It is not too late to join in these workshops this coming Sunday April 21 at 10am in the St Benedict's College staff room. All are welcome.

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 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.

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 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

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.



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

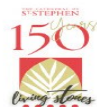


Do you have a connection to the Sacraments of Initiation at the Cathedral of St Stephen?
Have you or your family celebrated Baptism, Confirmation or First Communion in the Cathedral?
Were you part of our Rite of Election this year?

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
t: 3324 3030



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 14th April 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$590.00
Parish (Running) - \$1128.85

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

Building (Church) - \$650.00
Parish (Running) - \$745.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1240.00
Parish (Running) = \$1873.85

*'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.*