

Fifth Sunday of Easter.
Year B.
28th April 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Place of Worship:

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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com

Our Greatest Blessing is Jesus

Our greatest blessing is Jesus, who is the Light of our lives, helping us to see that we are fully loved by God. Jesus is also our strength, who helps us to love in healthy life-giving ways. For as Jesus tells us in this coming Sunday's Gospel, He is the Vine, and we are the branches. Apart from Him, we can do nothing. But with Him, we bear abundant fruit.

The Good News is that Jesus, our incredibly fertile Vine, is with us always, helping us to live great lives where we love and care for each other. Where we visit or ring people who are lonely. And I assure you there are a lot of lonely people in the world today, especially in so-called developed countries like ours.

We can love each other by caring for the sick and dying. By reaching out to the poor and marginalised. By supporting those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

We can also love each other by simply showing interest in each other. Smiling and saying "hello", and asking each other: "How are you going?" "How are your children?" "How's your Mum and Dad?" "Is there anything I can do for you?"

Jesus assures us in this coming Sunday's Gospel that living our lives in Jesus, with Jesus in us, then we will bear much fruit. We will devote our lives to loving and caring for each other, which, according to Jesus, who is our all-knowing, all-loving, and all-powerful ever-living God. Living our lives devoted to loving and caring for each other, according to Jesus, is the absolute best life possible. For everyone loves a tree that bears rich and abundant fruit. Fruit that truly satisfies.

The Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday June 2

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, the Catholic Church honours the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6:55). Processing with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets is a tradition that is embraced all over the world and continues today.

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we will bear witness to our faith on the 2nd of June 2024, as we gather with over 5000 Catholics to walk with Jesus through the streets of Brisbane City, as we pray, sing, praise, and honour Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Corpus Christi Procession, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** will start at 2pm from the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral.

In addition to the procession, an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles around the world will be on display in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, from Saturday the 1st of June until Sunday the 2nd of June. There will also be a vigil of Adoration in St Stephen's Chapel overnight from 7pm Saturday the 1st to Sunday the 2nd of June.

All are welcome to participate in this procession. For transport and other information, please call 0412 802 122 or visit the Corpus Christi website: <https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com>

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 two workshops over the last two last Sundays. It is not too late to join in these workshops this coming Sunday April 28 at 10am in the St Benedict's College staff room. All are welcome.

Anzac Day

On Thursday the 25th of April we remember those thousands upon thousands of Australian and New Zealand men and women who in different theatres of war fought and died, or fought and lived, taking up arms so that Australians and New Zealanders – past, present and future - might enjoy the freedoms they believed all people should enjoy. Theirs was a noble effort that we acknowledge and celebrate, just as we pray for them all, and commend the souls of those who have died, whether they lie among us or lie on foreign soil, to God. On a day like Anzac Day, we also remember those who at this very moment throughout the world are fighting in foreign fields, or preserving peace in foreign fields inspired by those who have gone before so that once again they will preserve our rights as Australians and New Zealanders to live in the peace justice and freedom desired by God for all. Today we also remember their families and friends who live in our midst, and we ask God to comfort those people with peace and hope, and to bring their loved ones safely home when their work is finished. May God bless them all.

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Readings for this week - 28th April, Fifth Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
9: 26-31.
Psalm - Ps 21: 26-28, 30-32.
Response - I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.
2nd Reading - St John 3: 18-24.
Gospel - John 15: 1-8.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 2nd May

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 3rd May

9am– St Benedict's Parish Mass,
lead by Gr6 Students.

Saturday 4th May

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 5th May

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**** Please note:- Monday 6th May is a Public Holiday, the Parish Office will be closed ****

Save the Date...

In April...

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 1.

Saturday 4th May, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 5th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 5th May, 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.



Anzac Prayer by Father Frank Brennan

Lord Our God,
on this day, 109 years ago,
the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps,
at Gallipoli,
made immortal the name of Anzac
and established an imperishable tradition of selfless service,
of devotion to duty,
and of fighting for all that is best in human relationships.

O Lord, we who are gathered here today
remember with gratitude the men and women who have given,
and are still giving all that is theirs to give,
in order that the world may be a nobler place in which to live.

And with them, Lord, we remember those left behind
to bear the sorrow of their loss.

We dedicate ourselves to taking up the burdens of the fallen and,
with the same high courage and steadfastness
with which they went into battle,
to setting our hands to the tasks they left unfinished.

Lord, we dedicate ourselves to the service
of the ideals for which they died.
With your help, O God, might we give our utmost
to make the world what they
would have wished it to be,
a better and happier place for all,
through whatever means are open to us.

We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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.

A Gentle Reminder:- We will be joining together for Friday 9am Mass this coming Friday the 26th April, with Year 9 Students. All are Welcome.

Have a great Easter Season everyone, with abundant blessings, **Fr Bryan.**

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, Maricris David.

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
2024/2025.**

Enrolments are open.

We wish to Congratulate and continue to pray for all of the children who took part in the Sacramental Programs in 2023 through our 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 2024/2025 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email; 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. Preparation takes place through out the months of July and August, Sacrament received in August.

Then followed by,

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible. Preparation takes place through out the months of May and June, Sacrament received in June.



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.



ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC PARISH
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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.

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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.

www.stbenedictscollege.qld.edu.au



**World Day
of Prayer
for Vocations**

21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY



Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 21st April 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$160.00
Parish (Running) - \$1090.30

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

Building (Church) - \$505.00
Parish (Running) - \$1255.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$665.00
Parish (Running) = \$2345.30

*'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.

