

Second Sunday of  
Easter. Year B.  
7th April 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

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## Place of Worship:

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall  
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## Mass Times:

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

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## 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)

## ***Life in Relationship with the Risen Jesus***

Since we treasure Easter (the Resurrection of Jesus) so highly as people of the Christian faith, we celebrate it for fifty days liturgically each year right up until Pentecost Sunday (May 19). In this coming Sunday's Gospel, St Thomas, after doubting that Jesus has indeed risen, sees the risen Jesus for himself and believes! Then he goes on to profoundly identify Jesus as "My Lord and my God." Jesus responds by saying to Thomas, "You believe because you can see me, happy are those who have not seen yet believe." (John 20:19-31). Not only are we happy, but we REJOICE, for life with the risen Jesus is wonderful. Jesus is indeed our Lord and our God, who loves us infinitely, and gives us life in abundance.

Our Easter Triduum celebrations were powerful. During these three days we journeyed with Jesus as we commemorated the night before He died with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. During this night we celebrated the gift of the Eucharist that Jesus gave us that night. We also reenacted Jesus' washing of His disciples' feet, which reinforces for us that Jesus came to serve and not be served, and to give His life completely to us so that we can have life through Him. What an incredibly generous gift. Then we journeyed with Jesus, commemorating Jesus' praying in the garden just before He was arrested.

On Good Friday, our hearts were torn as we remembered Jesus' horrific suffering and death. With the Stations of the Cross and The Passion of our Lord helping us to remember and be extremely grateful for Jesus loving us so much. These celebrations were well attended, and left us hurting from the brutal and barbaric death that our beautiful Jesus underwent for us.

Then on the third day after Jesus' death "Alleluias" were proclaimed and the Gloria was sung as we celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus. Yes, Jesus has truly risen, and we celebrated this with gusto. Our Easter Vigil celebration was marvelous, as we lit the Easter Candle, sung the Easter Canticle, proclaimed our salvation through the Scriptures, and joyfully welcomed four adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. There was light, there was water, there was bread, and there was new and abundant life. On Easter Sunday we had over 500 brothers and sisters come together to celebrate our Easter Sunday Mass. The Risen Jesus was truly alive, for the love and joy at this celebration penetrated all of our souls.

## ***Thank You!***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed so wonderfully to making our Lenten, Holy Week and Easter celebrations so powerfully holy. Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our liturgical celebration. Having so many parishioners participate in these celebrations fills my heart with joy.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in specific ministries. I very much thank and appreciate the generosity of our Sacristans, those who set up our Sacred space, our Ministry Coordinator, our Music Coordinator, our Musicians, our Singers, our Readers, our Communion Ministers, the generous parishioners who set up and put away the chairs, our Altar Servers, our Welcomers, our RCIA team, our Safeguarding Officer, and our Parish Secretary. I thank God for you every day. May you all have Easter Blessings in abundance!

## ***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 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

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## **Readings for this week - 7th April,**

### **Second Sunday of Easter.**

**1st Reading -** Acts of the Apostles 4: 32-35.

**Psalm -** Ps 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24.

**Response -** Give thanks to the Lord for  
he is good, his love is  
everlasting.

**2nd Reading -** St John 5: 1-6.

**Gospel -** John 20: 19-31.

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 11th April

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 12th April

9.00am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Saturday 13th April

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 14th April.

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

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.

### **Caritas' Project Compassion**

Thank you everyone who has contributed to Caritas' Project Compassion this year. If you haven't already done so, **please bring your donations to our Masses this Saturday (06/04) and Sunday (07/04)**, so we can get this money to Caritas, and distribute the receipts requested. Once again, thank you for your generosity. These projects unequivocally make a positive difference to the lives of many.

### **Anointing Mass – 9am Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

We will be having an Anointing Mass on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of April at 9am. All are welcome.

## 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

Have a great Easter Season everyone, with abundant blessings,

**Fr Bryan.**



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**

roup: Thursday 18 April 2024  
e: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au  
t: 3324 3030



## Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

### Saturday 13th April, 4pm

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 14th April, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Brandon D'Silva

**Reader 2:** Aaron D'Silva

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna &  
Juvenal Ndayishimye

### Sunday 14th April, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Tim Campbell

**Reader 1:** Xanthe Campbell

**Reader 2:** Geni Campbell

**Communion Minister:** Sheeja Alphonse

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.

## 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.

### 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

## Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 7th April 2024, we will welcome into the Catholic Family, **Bethany, Sunny, and William**

As they received the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish. May we pray that Bethany, Sunny and William, together with their family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



ST BENEDICTS CATHOLIC PARISH  
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### 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)

### 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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# Archbishop's

VOCATIONS DINNER 2024

for WOMEN 18 APRIL

A night of discussion and discernment  
with the Archbishop.



**Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 31st March 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$300.95  
 Parish (Running) - \$2058.65

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

Building (Church) - \$900.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$920.00

**Totals:-**

**Building (Church) = \$1200.95**  
**Parish (Running) = \$2978.65**

*'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.**

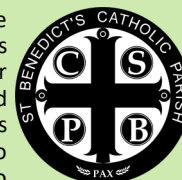
**Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:**

<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](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.*