

Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year C
17th July 2022.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest

Fr Bryan Roe

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Place of Worship

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.**

Mass Times

Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am

Sunday - 5.30pm

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<https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsCatholicParish/>

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Listening to Jesus

Monday was the Feast Day of St Benedict. So, my friends, happy feast day! St Benedict consistently advises us to listen carefully to the voice of God, and love what we hear. This is the message in this coming Sunday's gospel.

In Sunday's gospel Mary and Martha are set up as contrasts. Mary sits at Jesus' feet, listening to Him. While Martha is running around serving Jesus anxiously. Jesus informs Martha that Mary has chosen the better path, and it will not be taken away from her.

The gospel makes it clear that Martha's serving distracts her from what is truly important. It says, "Martha is distracted with all the serving." Martha's serving of Jesus is distracting her from hearing the only thing that is important, that is, Jesus. Listening to the Word of God. It is only after we have listened to God that we can truly serve God. Sunday's gospel makes it perfectly clear that listening to Jesus is an essential requirement to serving Him.

We need to remember this. For whether we admit it or not, we are totally dependent on the Word of God, that is, on listening to Jesus, who leads us in living life abundantly. We cannot effectively serve God without sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to Him first. We need the grace of God to live a life serving God and each other well. We need help from God. We need to pray. We need to listen to Jesus. We need God's grace.

It is only after listening to Jesus that our good works can flow. These good works will certainly flow if we listen to Jesus and take what He has to say to heart. For in this section of Luke's gospel Jesus calls us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

As we hear in all the gospels, but particularly last week in the parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbour is everyone. Particularly the poor, the outcasts, the lonely, the wounded, the beaten, and even our enemies. Jesus calls us to love everyone. Hence, good works flowing from prayer, from listening to God, is a key theme in Luke's gospel.

The cross symbolises the relationship between prayer and good works particularly well. The vertical member can be seen as prayer. It provides the foundation and support of the horizontal member, which represents our good works where we love everyone. Without prayer the horizontal beam, our good works, will fall. Without the good works, then we will be without a horizontal beam where Christ stretches out His arms in love for us all, and indeed for the whole of Creation. So, we need to allow Jesus into our lives, under our roof, and allow his Word to penetrate our being to make us whole. It is only then that good works will follow, and we will **serve the Lord with gladness, and come before Him with joyful songs** (Psalm 100:2).

Friday Masses

There will be **no Mass this Friday**. Friday Masses will resume next week (July 22).

The St Vinnies Winter Appeal

"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me." (Matthew 25:40).

Time and time again Jesus implores us to reach out to the poor and do all we can to help them. Here is our chance! This coming weekend at all our Masses our members of our St Vincent de Paul Conference will be collecting money for the St Vinnies' Winter Appeal. If you can, please support our brothers and sisters in need. Your money will help St Vinnies help the families struggling in our area in the following ways:

This Week's Readings -

Sunday 17th July

1st Reading - Genesis 18: 1-10

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Colossians 1: 24-28

Gospel - Luke 10: 38-42

Parish Diary

Wednesday 20th July

10am - Christian Meditation, Parish Office Building (BCEO North).

Thursday 21st July

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 22nd July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 23rd July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5pm - Youth Group Valentines Concert

Sunday 24th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
(Confirmation Children Retreat morning and preparation session)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Mass at Home - Streaming from the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane.

[Mass On Demand - YouTube](#)

Your support helps dedicated volunteers to work with people living in poverty, and provide assistance when life is tough;

Together we can provide basic essentials such as blankets, clothes and toiletries to resolve dignity in times of need;

Your donation can provide money for groceries, reducing hunger and removing a major stress for families;

You can help us provide financial support with household expenses to families who are struggling to make ends meet; and

Your donation enables us to help people like escaping domestic violence, and their families find a safe place to sleep when they have nowhere else to go.

The Plenary Council

We, as Catholics, have a common faith. But under the marque of our common faith, there are a variety of theological positions that sees the faith-life differently. The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia seem like a great example of unity in diversity, which is something we need to strive for if we are going to be effective witnesses of Christ, who is yearned for in this present day and age. So, congratulations to every single participant in the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council for humbly listening to the Holy Spirit and striving for the Catholic Church to be great witnesses of Christ in the world.

During the coming weeks I will go through the decrees reached. If you would like a heads-up on the decrees of the Plenary Council, please click [Plenary Council \(catholic.org.au\)](#) and enjoy!

The St Benedict's Youth Group Valentine Day Concert Saturday July 23 at 5pm

We are one of the only Catholic parishes in the Western World who are blessed with an awesome Youth Group. So please support our youth Group's initiative and hard work, giving us an opportunity to come together for Valentine's Concert on Saturday 23rd July which will feature all your favourite Disney songs!

Doors open at 5pm for a 5:30pm start at the St Benedict's Primary Hall. This is a fundraising event organised by our parish youth, helping them for World Youth Day next year. Tickets are \$10 each which includes a sweet snack, and a hot drinks station will be available on the night. There is also the option for a donation if you cannot make it but would like to support us. Tickets can be purchased before and after Mass, as well as at the door on the day. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Being Missionary Disciples - Welcoming our Sacramental Families

Our sacramental families will be joining us for our Masses over the next three weeks. This is a great opportunity attract people to a deeper relationship with Jesus. **All we need to do to be Missionary Disciples is continue to show the incredible joy that Jesus gives us as we celebrate Mass. And continue to be a beautiful welcoming and caring community.**

Teenagers and Adults wanting to Become Catholics

Calling all teenagers or adults want to become Catholics, please contact the Parish Office at admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.au

Thank you for Your Prayers and Support during my latest Battle with Covid

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and messages of support. I am well and truly on the improve from the adverse effects of Covid and look forward to celebrating Masses with you this weekend. Thank you to Father Graham for supplying at the last minute again. We are very fortunate to have him. Thank you also to all the parishioners, who welcomed Father Graham, and ensured that our liturgical celebrations went so well. God bless you all!

Wishing you a great week, sitting at Jesus' feet and serving the Lord with gladness, *Fr Bryan*

We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the St Benedict's Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past and present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

Mass Ministry

Saturday 23rd July, 4pm Mass


Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Mena Jordan

Sunday 24th July, 8.30am Mass

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erica Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic

Sunday 24th July, 5.30pm Mass

Commentator:
Reader 1: Ministers to
Reader 2: be confirmed
Communion Minister:



Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are,
Unwell: Sophie Allen
Anniversaries:




Valentine's Concert 2022

We're back and love is in the air! Join us for our Valentine's Concert on **Saturday 23rd July** which will feature all your favourite Disney songs! Doors open at **5pm for a 5:30pm start at the St Benedict's Primary Hall.**

This is a fundraising event organised by our parish youth, helping them for World Youth Day next year. **Tickets are \$10 each which includes a sweet snack, and a hot drinks station will be available on the night.** There is also the option for a donation if you cannot make it but would like to support us. Tickets can be purchased before and after Mass, as well as at the door on the day. We hope to share the love and see you there!

St Benedict's Prayer Network Initiatives. Prayer Requests



If anyone has any prayer requests, please fill in your details using one of the following methods:

- * a dedicated email addressed to: sbparishprayerhub@gmail.com
- * our online [St Benedict's Prayer Request Form](#)
- * a prayer box available at the rear of the church.

All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. After this period another request will be needed. *(Please note:- you shall need to make a separate request to the Parish Office for Prayer Requests in the Parish Newsletter, thank you)*

Meditation Group at St. Benedict's.

The Christian Meditation Group gathers together at the Parish Office on Wednesday mornings at 10am. All are welcome! Please email Paul, pkraus44@optusnet.com.au for details.

Covid-19 is Still Very Contagious

Unfortunately, there are members of our parish community who are catching Covid-19, and I would not be surprised if it is being caught at one our Masses. Now that restrictions are eased, our Masses do have the potential of being super-spreading events. **So, please may we refrain from coming to Mass if we have any cold or flu symptoms, and may we wear a mask, socially distance, and sanitise our hands regularly to prevent the spreading of this very contagious virus.**

Mask wearing at Masses is now optional, and there will no longer be capacity limits at our Masses. However, to include our parishioners who are at risk of being very adversely affected by Covid-19, **we will set up an area of the Mass Centre to be Covid-safe. That means this area will be reserved for parishioners who are vulnerable and would like to maintain social distancing and wear masks.** I urge you to follow the recommendations following to do all we can to keep each other safe during these times of reduced restrictions.

- ** Please stay home if you are sick or showing signs/symptoms of illness.**
- ** Wearing a mask is recommended when you cannot socially distance.**
- ** Please maintain good hand hygiene.**
- ** Please do not shake hands, hug, or kiss hello. These actions are not COVID safe.**

Thank you so much for your ongoing commitment to keeping each other safe.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



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St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

The Archdiocese has reviewed the requirements for Parish Volunteers who are required to hold a Blue Card and/or a Police Check:-

- Most Parish Volunteers are NOT required to have a Blue Card/Police Check unless they are working directly with children or vulnerable adults for our Parish or hold particular roles.
- If the you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will be in contact with you directly.

If you wish to become a volunteer for St Benedict's the Welcome Portal is:- <http://archbne.org/welcome>

If you are required to hold a Blue Card, we ask that you please take part in the Level 1 Training for Safeguarding, this is online:- [Level One Induction Video for Safeguarding](#) and submit the form on completion.

Thank you very much to those who Volunteer and give your precious time to serve St Benedict's Parish.

If you have any questions or need any help please contact the Parish Office.

SAFEGUARDING - STOPLine 1300 304 500
STOPLine email - AOB@stoline.com.au

St Benedict's Planned Giving

As a Parish, we have the responsibility of meeting the associated costs of running our Parish. It is with great hope and appreciation that Parishioners and Friends of St Benedict's Parish will help to support our Parish financially and consider contributing to the Parish Planned Giving and Building funds. Our Parish has the following giving options available for those who are willing and able to contribute:-

Planned Giving via **Credit Card Deduction**

Planned Giving via **Direct Debit**

Planned Giving **Envelopes**

We also have available the **Plate Collections** at Mass, the **Tap N Go** facilities and the **Parish Plan Giving App** (see below)

Pledge cards are available at the Mass Centre for those wishing to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving and or Building Funds by completing these cards and placing them in the Tap'n'Go Collection stand at the entrance of the Mass Centre. Our Office will be in contact after they are submitted.

We sincerely thank you for your kind and generous support of the St Benedict's Catholic 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>

Thank you for your kind support.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2022

Sacramental Programs for 2022 are now closed for enrolment.

We invite families to please contact the Parish Office, admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au for further information in regard to 2023 Programs.

Confirmation, Children in Gr3 and above, having been Baptised are eligible.

First Holy Communion, Gr4 and above, having already made their Confirmation, are eligible.



*Received with Thanks, from
St Vincent De Paul North Lakes
Conference.*

Donations for week ending
10/07/22 - **\$0.00**

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 10th July 2022.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$ No Count
Parish (Running) - \$ No Count

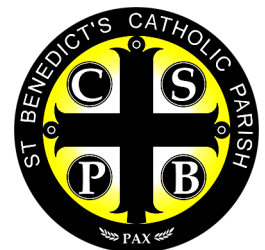
Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$395.00
Parish (Running) - \$255.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$395.00
Parish (Running) = \$255.00

*'For it is in giving that we receive' ...
St Francis of Assisi*



We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously been donating in support of the life and mission of the St Benedict's Parish. We thank you for your continued support.



St Benedict's Parish Fundraising

\$10,000 Raffle is here! One Lucky winner, will win \$10,000!

Our Major Fundraiser for 2022 is here... Funds raised from the \$10,000 Raffle will go towards building our St Benedict's Church.

Tickets are \$100 each (Eftpos available) - purchased at weekend Masses, or through the Parish Office.

With only 200 tickets available, get in quick, once they are sold we will draw the prize winner.

Please... dig deep and support the Fundraising efforts for the St Benedict's Parish. Good Luck!