

Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in Ordinary
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11th Sept 2022.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest

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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

Sunday - 5.30pm

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This Week's Readings, 11th September

1st Reading - Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

2nd Reading - St Paul to Timothy
1: 12-17

Gospel - Luke 15: 1-32

God's Infinite Mercy and Love

God's love for us is infinite and eternal. It is infinite in the sense that it is greater than we can imagine, and God's love is eternal for it is always and forever.

This coming Sunday's Gospel confirms this great love that God has for us all. In the lost and found parables that we will hear: we are the lost sheep; we are the lost coin; and we are the lost sons. What does God do when we are found? God exuberantly rejoices!

With the parable of the lost sheep, once we are found, the Good Shepherd energetically puts us on His shoulders, and runs us home to the Father, where there is great rejoicing.

In the parable of the lost coin, God searches thoroughly to find us. When we are found, God and all the angels rejoice. Now, what happens in the third parable, when the prodigal son returns? The Father gives him a big lavish welcome and throws a huge party. He explains the reason for this party when he tells his older son, "It is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." Jesus is saying here that the prodigal son was dead because he had separated himself from the love of the Father. He was lost because he chose to pull himself away from his loving Father and go it alone.

God, who loves us infinitely and eternally, doesn't want us to go it alone. For according to Jesus in this Gospel, life without God is death. Jesus makes it very clear that God does not want us to die, God wants us to live abundantly. This is shown by God's great rejoicing when we return, when we are found, when we live in a beautiful relationship with Jesus.

No Friday Mass for Four (4) weeks.

A gentle reminder, that there will be no Friday 9am Masses for the next few weeks, while Father Bryan takes a well earned break; we will resume our Friday Masses on Friday 7th October at 9am.



Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for the **Season of Creation**, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth and we rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all who share it.

This year, the theme for the season is **Listen to the Voice of Creation**. We continue to listen to Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. This is week 2 of the Season of Creation, and here is the second key point from Pope Francis' message:

Sweet song and bitter cry

Listening to creation, Francis mentions that there is a "kind of dissonance": "On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home".

In this regard, the Executive Director of Laudato Si' Movement, Tomás Insua, mentioned: "The sweet song of creation is mixed with its bitter cry, as evidenced by the intense heat wave that is experienced in much of the northern hemisphere and that has already killed, only in Spain and Portugal, more than 1000 people or has left 5 million people without water in

Parish Diary

Thursday 15th September

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 16th September

**** No Friday Mass ****

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 17th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 18th September

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.



9.45am - ALPHA SERIES begins, in the College Staffroom. Register via:- [Alpha Registration 2022](#)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Our **Christian Meditation Group** are on a little break. Please keep an eye on our Newsletter for further information details, which will also be announced at Masses or contact Paul at for further information pkraus44@optusnet.com.au

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

[Mass On Demand - YouTube](#)

Mass Ministry

Saturday 17th September, 4pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis
Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis
Communion Minister: Nancy D'souza

Sunday 18th September, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Isaac Spillane
Communion Minister: Michael Campbell

Sunday 11th September, 5.30pm

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

Monterrey, Mexico”.

Pope Francis encourages people to stop consumerism, change lifestyles and harmful systems. All scientific reports prove it and the Pope reaffirms it: “We are reaching ‘a breaking point’” and we must act now. “The crisis is no longer a hypothesis of a distant future but a tangible reality that is costing human lives,” added Tomás.

The Plenary Council - Decree 8 of The Plenary Council of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia is titled:

INTEGRAL ECOLOGY & CONVERSION FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COMMON HOME

The Fifth Plenary Council decrees:

Article 1

That, witnessing to their communal ecological conversion and the urgent need for action, by 2024, each Catholic parish, diocese, eparchy, educational institution or organisation commits to joining the Laudato Si' Platform; and by 2030 either develops its own or participates in an established Laudato Si' Action Plan which includes the following elements:

- a. a public commitment;
- b. a governance model, processes and procedures;
- c. a mechanism for listening to the ecological wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, developed in partnership with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and diocesan justice, ecology and peace bodies where these exist;
- d. regular reporting on progress towards and accountability for defined goals and objectives; and
- e. co-construction of those goals and objectives with the people they are meant to support and serve.

Thank You!

Thank you to **Joy and Mike Gibbs** for the incredible effort they put into fund raising for our parish, particularly with the latest \$10 000 raised for our church from the raffle draw last Sunday. Congratulations to the winner, Liz, and thank you to all the parishioners who have supported this raffle.

Thank you to **Marj and Nev Williams** for providing all the **Father's Day treats** to our fathers last weekend. The blessing and chocolate was a beautiful gesture to thank all the fathers for what they do for their families and for us at St Benedict's.

I also thank **Fr Joe Duffy** for joining us for the next three weekends. Fr Joe is an awesome priest! He is an excellent mentor for me, and a great witness to the faith for us all. So, as I go on annual leave, I know I will be leaving you all in very caring and capable hands. And not only that, I also know that I am leaving Fr Joe in capable hands too, for St Benedict's truly is an awesome parish to serve as a priest.

Message from the Alpha Team

The Alpha Team is praying that you will come to the launch of our next Alpha at St Benedict's.

We pray that we get to know God and each other better through Alpha.

We pray that you invite family, friends and neighbours to spend a little over an hour with us on Sunday September 18 at 9:45am to come and share morning tea, see a video 'Is There More to Life Than This', and be part of the growth in our community.

Adults wanting to Become Catholics

Calling all adults wanting to become Catholics; please contact the Parish Office for further information on the RCIA Program.

Have a great week everyone, filled with God's love,

Fr Bryan



St Benedict's Parish - Wellbeing Workshop 2022.

What is the Wellbeing Workshop? It is a free Workshop called "How are you going?"

The workshop is an opportunity in a safe, small groups environment, to talk about your experiences during Covid over the last almost three (3) years. How you have coped and a time for talking about resilience.

Who can come along? We look forward to welcoming Adults and teenagers from 14 and upwards to come join us.

When is the Workshop? The workshop will be held on Saturday October 29th from 11am-3pm.

Where is it to be held? Join with us in the St. Benedict's School/Church Hall.

Is there anything else I should know? Please bring along your own lunch/snacks and water bottle. *Tea and coffee will be supplied.*

To register your interest in attending the Wellness Retreat, please complete the registration form by following the link - [St Benedict's Wellbeing Workshop Saturday October 29 at 11am](#)

We thank the St. Benedict's Prayer Network for organizing this wonderful Wellbeing Workshop.

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)*

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are,

Unwell: Sophie Allen, Mick Lowcock

Anniversaries:

Dearlly Departed:



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

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 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.

Covid-19 is Still Very Contagious

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.

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.**

**** Please feel free to bring and wear your face mask.**

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.

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.

SAFEGUARDING - STOPLine 1300 304 500

STOPLine email - AOB@stopline.com.au

Congratulations!

The \$10000 Raffle Winner is...

Ticket # 1

Congratulations, L Watson!

Thank you again to all our Parishioners and Friends who purchased Tickets in the \$10000 Raffle to raise funds for the building our St Benedict's Church. As always this wonderful support is very much appreciated.

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 04/09/22 - \$0.00

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 4th September 2022.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$282.95
Parish (Running) - \$756.85

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$680.00
Parish (Running) - \$705.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$962.95
Parish (Running) = \$1461.85

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



We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously 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 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 above)

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.