

Twenty-Third  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time, Year C.  
4th September 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

## Parish Office Contacts

Renae - Monday to Friday

## Office Admin Hours

Mon - Thurs 9.00am - 2.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 12.00pm

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## Parish Youth

Friday evenings - 6.30pm-8pm

Chrisma Shaji - Mobile: 0423 503 546

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## Parish Safeguarding

Email: [northlakes.slr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:northlakes.slr@bne.catholic.net.au)

**STOPline: Ph - 1300 304 550**

**STOPline: Em - [A0B@stopline.com.au](mailto:A0B@stopline.com.au)**

## Parish Website

[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au)

## Parish Facebook Page

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

## St Vincent de Paul

Ph: 1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

## **Called to Take Up our Cross and Follow Jesus**

I met a bloke the other day, who use to be a highly paid executive for the National Australia Bank. He's now retired, plays a lot of golf, spends time with his wife and grandchildren, has a yearly corporate box at the Gabba to watch the Brisbane Lions games, and is a director of two companies, both publicly listed. One of these companies impressed me greatly, while the other company's product is less impressive, and an interesting reflection on society. The first company provides imaging technology that allows health care professionals to rapidly detect whether someone has had a stroke, and if there is any bleeding in the brain. This is awesome technology that will enable ambulance personnel to treat stroke victims immediately, minimising the damage caused by the stroke.

The other company provides storage facilities for people to store material possessions. This company makes a much greater profit than the first one, which is somewhat ironic given that the brain imaging technology is far more beneficial to humanity.

In the last line of this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions' (Luke 14:33). In light of the storage companies making huge profits in the Western World today, I dare say that there are not too many disciples of Jesus, for people are clearly hoarding possessions that they are not even using. While at the same time, many people go without. Let us be inspired by St Francis of Assisi, St Ignatius of Loyola, and many other saints, who freed themselves from their abundant material possession, and devoted their lives to Christ, who always calls us to look after the poor.



Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for the **Season of Creation**, a world-wide 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**.

For the first time, Pope Francis has published in advance his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, which is celebrated every September 1. It marks the beginning of the Season of Creation.

For the next four weeks we will summarise the four keys points of Pope Francis' message.

## **This is week 1: A time to cultivate our ecological conversion**

The Pope defines the Season of Creation as "an opportunity to cultivate our 'ecological conversion'", recalling this concept encouraged by St. John Paul II as a response to the 'ecological catastrophe' announced by St. Paul VI as early as 1970.

In this way, he invites all Christians during this time to "pray once more in the great cathedral of creation, and revel in the "grandiose cosmic choir" made up of countless creatures, all singing the praises of God."

People of faith, says the Pope, feel "even more responsible for acting each day in accordance with the summons to conversion. Nor is that summons simply individual: "the ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion".

## This Week's Readings, 4th September

1st Reading - Wisdom 9: 13-18

2nd Reading - St Paul to Philemon  
9-10, 12-17

Gospel - Luke 14: 25-33

# Parish Diary

## Thursday 8th September

Parish Newsletter Day.

## Friday 9th September

**\*\* No Friday Mass \*\***

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

## Saturday 10th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

## Sunday 11th September

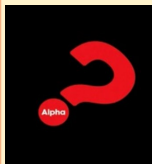
**\*\* Safeguarding Sunday \*\***

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### SAVE the DATE

**Sun. 18th September - ALPHA Series** to commence, 9.45am. To register, please complete the form via the link:- [Alpha Registration 22](#)



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

[Mass On Demand - YouTube](#)

### No Friday Mass for Five (5) weeks, from tomorrow - Friday 2nd September.

A gentle reminder, that there will be no Friday 9am Mass this week, Friday 2nd September.

We won't be joining for an additional four (4) weeks of a Friday for Mass; we will resume our Friday Masses on Friday 7th October at 9am.

### *The Plenary Council*

### **Decree 7 of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia is titled: AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION: GOVERNANCE**

**Article 1** That dioceses support parishes to establish and strengthen appropriate synodal structures by developing guidelines and providing resources for the flourishing of Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Committees, and other parish bodies.

**Article 2** That representatives from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons form a working group to conduct appropriate and broad consultation, to develop and establish a National Catholic Synodal Life Roundtable, to foster, assess, and report periodically on the development of synodal leadership across the Church in Australia. The roundtable will bring together representative members of those groups with Diocesan Pastoral Councils and other key national bodies of the Church, including Catholic social and community services, health, and education.

**Article 3** That the National Centre for Pastoral Research be commissioned to study the implementation of recommendations from The Light from the Southern Cross which has already happened, to identify examples of effective initiatives that have been taken and thus promote further implementation of those recommendations judged helpful and practicable

### *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.

### *Christian Meditation Group.*

Our Christian Meditation Group are going to have a little 'winter hibernation' to ensure the health and wellbeing of all it's participants are looked after, this was brought about due to the cooler weather and the latest Covid spike.

Please keep an eye on our Newsletter for the recommencement details, which will also be announced at Masses or contact Paul at [pkraus44@optusnet.com.au](mailto:pkraus44@optusnet.com.au) for further information. All are Welcome!

### *Adults wanting to Become Catholics*

Calling all adults wanting to become Catholics, please contact the Parish Office at [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.au) for information on the RCIA Program.

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

# Mass Ministry

## Saturday 10th September, 4pm

**Commentator:** Paul Kraus

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Dorothy  
Anthony

## Sunday 11th September, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronald Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Brandon D'Silva

**Reader 2:** Aaron D'Silva

**Communion Minister:** Juvenal

## Sunday 11th September, 5.30pm

**Commentator:**

**Reader 1:** Ministers to

**Reader 2:**

**Communion Minister:**

be confirmed



## WELCOME into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

We warmly welcome this Sunday,  
**Taj, Reeve and Harper**  
into the Catholic Family, as they receive the  
Sacrament of Baptism, with us at  
St Benedict's Catholic Parish.

May Taj, Reeve, Harper and their family  
experience God's happiness, joy and love,  
now and always.

# Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

to be celebrated by  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge

*Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more  
are invited to attend, together with family and friends*

**Saturday 24th September 2022**  
**11:30am**

RSVP: Wednesday 21st September  
email: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)  
telephone: 3324 3030

The Cathedral car park will be available.



## BRISBANE SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

*Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?*

There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the web-site.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction/>



### 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](mailto: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

**Anniversaries:**

**Dearly Departed:**



## Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



Zero tolerance.  
No excuse for abuse.

### **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.*

### 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](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au)**



**St Benedict's Parish Fundraising - \$10000 Raffle**  
**Will be Drawn this Sunday 4th September at 8.30am**  
**Mass.**

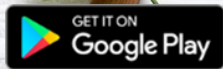
**Good luck to all our Ticket holders!**

Thank you very much to all our Parishioners and Friends that have purchased Tickets in the \$10000 Raffle for 2022, in support of raising funds which will go towards building our St Benedict's Church.

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](mailto: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 28/08/22 - \$10.00

**Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 28th August 2022.**

**Loose & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$473.50  
 Parish (Running) - \$862.55

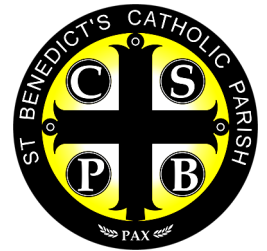
**Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-**

Building (Church) - \$498.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$835.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$971.50  
 Parish (Running) = \$1697.55

*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.**