

Thirty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year C
30th October 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 and 5.30pm

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Friday Closed.

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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)

The Transforming Power of Jesus

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, we see the transformation of Zacchaeus, a chief tax-collector in Jericho, who is transformed through his encounter with Jesus. Before encountering Jesus, Zacchaeus was not very popular with his fellow citizens. In fact, he was despised for being a traitor and corrupt.

In the story, we hear Jesus is passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. Now Zacchaeus, being short in stature, was unable to see Jesus through the crowd (Luke 19:3). So, Zacchaeus then ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree along Jesus' path. When Jesus reached Zacchaeus, He looked up at the sycamore tree, addressed Zacchaeus by name, and told him to come down, for He intended to visit his house. The crowd was shocked that Jesus, a religious teacher/prophet, would dishonour Himself by being a guest of a sinner. But this encounter with Jesus transformed Zacchaeus completely. Zacchaeus went from being greedy, selfish, and dishonest, to being kind, selfless and generous, particularly to the poor.

An interesting thing to note in this story is that Zacchaeus put in a great effort to see Jesus, and the outcome was not only tremendous for Zacchaeus, but indeed for the whole world. Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. Zacchaeus then humbles himself by coming down from the tree and opens his heart to Jesus, who in turn, opens Zacchaeus' heart up to others, particularly to the poor.

Zacchaeus is declared to be a happy man, now that he has turned from sin to God. Now that he is saved from his sins, from the guilt of them, from the power of them, all the benefits of salvation are his. Christ has come to his house, and when Christ comes, He brings salvation with Him. Jesus came into this lost world to seek and to save.

Zacchaeus is an example of Jesus's personal, earthly mission to bring salvation (that is, perfect well-being) to all.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

Please join for our last gathering in praying the Rosary **on zoom on Friday at 7:30pm via the following link: [October Friday Rosary 7:30pm](#)**

If you are unfamiliar with the Rosary, these two online resources are excellent!

[How to pray the Rosary with Bishop Robert Barron](#)

[Pray the Rosary at home with the family](#)

Wellbeing Workshop - How are you going?

The St Benedict's Prayer Network will be facilitating a Wellbeing Workshop - "How are you going?" this Saturday, 29th October in the St Benedict's College staffroom from 11am to 3pm.

The workshop is an opportunity in a safe, small-group 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. Adults and teenagers from 14 and upwards are most welcome to come join us.

Participants are encouraged to bring along snacks/lunch and a water bottle; tea and coffee will be provided.

Mango Hill Marketplace – Community Day – Saturday Morning

If you happen to be at the Mango Hill Marketplace on Saturday morning, make sure you come along and say "hello" to our St Benedict's Parish Justice and Peace team members. They will be continuing to raise money for Catholic Missions' Goat Rearing Project in Ethiopia. I hope and pray that the wider community will support this excellent project aimed at helping to reduce child malnutrition and starvation in Ethiopia.

**** No Friday Morning Mass on 4th November****

We will not be celebrating Mass next Friday morning, we will gather together again for Friday Mass on 11th November at 9am.

This Sunday's Readings, 30th October

1st Reading - Wisdom 11: 22—12:2

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Thessalonians
1:11—2:2

Gospel - Luke 19: 1-10

Parish Diary

Thursday 3rd November

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 4th November

* No Friday Mass *

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 5th November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

11am - 3pm St Benedict's Wellbeing Workshop, College Staffroom.

Sunday 6th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

8.30am - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

9.45am - ALPHA SERIES, College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

* Please note the Parish Office is closed on a Friday, thank you.

The Australian Blanket Exercise – The 5th of November at 9am

The Exercise is raising awareness and understanding of the truth of Australian History, and by participating in the Australian Blanket Exercise, you are remembering, acknowledging, and sharing the pain of colonisation.

By participating you become part of truth-telling and have an opportunity to learn and know about past wrongs as well as ongoing injustice.

We invite you to walk with us in a movement of The Australian people for a better future. **All parishioners are invited to participate in The Australian Blanket Exercise at St Columban's College Hall, Caboolture at 9am on Saturday November 5th. Several of us will be gathering at 8:15am in the car park at St Benedict's and travelling from there to Caboolture.** All are welcome.

November – Praying for Our Loved Ones who have Gone before Us

One of the great things about being Catholic is our traditions. One of these traditions is that each year in November we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Asking God to receive them and care for them.

We can pray for our loved ones in November at St Benedict's by:

Memorial Book and Candles: Please write the names of your loved ones, who are no longer with us, in our **Memorial Book**, so we can pray for them. Also, you are welcome to light a **candle** (battery operated) for your loved ones and place it on our stand. Candles may be purchased for \$2.00 each.

At each Mass we celebrate during the month of November will be offered for our loved ones.

Memorial Mass: All are invited to celebrate our Memorial Mass remembering the souls of our loved ones on **Saturday November 26 at 9am.**

Mass Offerings: I will be celebrating Mass everyday throughout November and offering these Mass up for anyone who requests a Mass for their loved ones. Mass Offering Envelopes are available through the Parish Office or from the Sacristy.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

At St Benedict's we celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation twice a year – in Advent and Lent. The First Rite of Reconciliation is celebrated by appointment. So, if you would like to receive the First Rite of Reconciliation, please email me on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au and we will organise a time.

Adults wanting to Become Catholics - RCIA 2022/2023

Calling all adults wanting to become Catholics; please contact the St Benedict's Parish Office for information on the RCIA Program 2022/2023, which will begin in November.

*Have a great week everyone, glorifying God in all things,
(Rule of St Benedict 57:9), Fr Bryan*

Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder to 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.

Alternatively; Face Masks are available for sale from the Sacristy for \$1.00 each.

Advent Resource 2022 - Available NOW and Selling Fast!



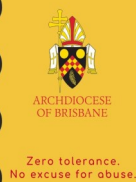
Heart of the Disciple, Advent Resource is ideal as

- Advent preparation,
- A prayer guide for those preparing to be received into the Church,
- Spiritual renewal for liturgical ministers and those engaged in the mission of the Church,
- Assistance to those leading prayer and discussion groups
- And as a personal resource for anyone looking to establish a few minutes prayer in the midst of their busy day.

Available - \$5 each, at the weekend Masses.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



Mass Ministry

Week 5 - Saturday 5th November, 4pm

Commentator: Paul Kraus
Reader 1: Raymond Anthony
Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

Week 5 - Sunday 6th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Chrisma Shaji
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Shaji George

Week 5 - Sunday 6th November, 5.30pm

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

** Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap or please arrange to swap weeks with another Minister. Thank you.

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 work shop 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](#)

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Mick Lowcock.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Blacker, Theresa Blacker, Myrtle Spiller, Allan Spiller and Giovanni Sindicic.

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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.



Covid-19 Awareness

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 help prevent the spreading of this very contagious virus.

We unfortunately continue to experience Parishioners and Friends coming down with COVID. We wish them well. 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. Masks are recommended when you cannot socially distance.**

**** Maintain good hand hygiene, by using the sanitizer provided.**

**** Please do not shake hands, hug, or kiss hello. These actions are not COVID safe.**

Thank you for your commitment.

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Australian Blanket Exercise Artwork by Blarrindji

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2023

Programs for 2022 have now been completed.

We invite families to please contact the Parish Office (admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au) for information in regard to the 2023 Sacramental Programs. Thank you.

Confirmation. Children in Grade 3 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible.

First Holy Communion (Eucharist). Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation, are eligible.

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator at St Benedict's Parish (North Lakes / Mango Hill / Griffin). A person who is able to gather our youth once a week for faith formation and building friendships, along with engaging our youth in our Parish Ministries is required for 10 hours per week. Information about the position can be found at:-

[Careers - Archdiocese of Brisbane \(brisbanecatholic.org.au\)](https://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au)

For additional information, please refer to the Archdiocese of Brisbane Website or alternatively contact the St Benedict's Parish office on 07 3490 1768 or via admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au.

Application close: 8 / 11 / 2022

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.

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.



St Benedict's Fundraising - Lucky 100!

Have to be—in it to Win it!
 100 tickets available to be purchased.
 \$5.00 a ticket.
 Prize is \$100 Cash, to the lucky winner.
 Available at the Mass Centre.
 Good luck, and thank you for supporting the fundraising efforts for our Parish.



Received with Thanks,
 from the St Vincent De Paul
 North Lakes Conference.
 Donations for week ending
 23/10/22 - \$0.00

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 23rd October 2022.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$220.00
 Parish (Running) - \$562.60

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$504.00
 Parish (Running) - \$990.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$724.00
Parish (Running) = \$1552.60

*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.

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