

Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time,
Year C
13th November 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
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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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[https://www.facebook.com/
StBenedictsCatholicParish/](https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsCatholicParish/)

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Not a Hair on Your Head will be Lost (Luke 21:19)

Since the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time (20 weeks ago), we have been journeying with Jesus on the road to Jerusalem. While on this journey, Jesus has given us many insightful and lifegiving lessons in discipleship. In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus has now reached the end of his journey and is in Jerusalem, within its magnificent Temple.

This is a very important Gospel for us, for Jesus teaches us that life can be extremely tough whether we are Christian or not. All of us are exposed to pain, suffering, death, and the consequences of poor human behaviour. Faith in Jesus doesn't take us out of the world. We are part of a struggling humanity.

In life there will be hardship and struggle; these are not incompatible with Christian faith and are not to be taken as signs that God is absent. Endurance is required from us at times as we live our lives. Our faith was never meant to be an easy escape from really living. A strong faith will engage the world and wrestle with the questions life poses. But in all this, faith in Jesus makes a difference. And this wonderful life-giving relationship we have with Jesus fills us with the beautiful hope that Jesus guarantees us in this coming Sunday's Gospel. That no matter what challenges we are faced with in this world, or what life throws at us, "not a hair on our heads will be lost, for our endurance will win us our lives" (Luke 21:19).

Friday Mass in coming weeks.

We will join together for Friday morning 9am Mass tomorrow, 11th November, which will be led by the St Benedict's Primary School.

There will be **no** Friday Mass next week, 18th November; we will join together for Friday Mass on the 25th November.

We will then join with the Primary School for their end of year Mass on Thursday 1st December at 9am, there will be **no** Mass on Friday 2nd December.

Finally, we will join together for an Anointing Mass on Friday 9th December at 9am (1st week of School Holidays).

Music Ministry Workshop this Sunday 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Our Parish Music Ministry will gather together this Sunday, 13th November, for a Workshop with Michael Mangan from 1.30pm.

It will be wonderful to see the fruits the workshop will bring to our Parish Music Ministry.

Our Advent Resource - The Heart of a Disciple



I have now had the chance to look at our Advent resource, The Heart of a Disciple, and it is excellent! It is a little different from the usual Lenten and Advent resources, for there are no dates given, so this is how I recommend we use it.

The book covers personal prayer for the four weeks of Advent. Week 1 **starting on Sunday November 27**, and Week 4 **finishing on Saturday December 24**. I suggest that as we are praying each day, we write down something we like, or something that we did not quite understand as praying the resource. Then, each week during Advent we gather via zoom to share these experiences.

The resource is available from the Mass Centre, for \$5.00 each book.

Our Parish Prayer Network will be organising the following dates and times for these zoom gatherings:

7pm Wednesday November 30 [Wednesdays Zoom Link Advent Group](#)

7pm Wednesday December 7 [Wednesdays Zoom Link Advent Group](#)

7pm **Thursday December 15** (we have our 2nd Rite of Reconciliation on Dec 14) [Thursday December 15 Zoom Link 7pm](#) and

7pm Wednesday December 21 [Wednesdays Zoom Link Advent Group](#)

This Sunday's Readings, 13th November

1st Reading - Malachi 3: 19-20

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Thessalonians
3: 7-12

Gospel - Luke 21: 5-19

Parish Diary

Thursday 17th November

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 18th November

No Friday Mass

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 19th November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 20th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

9.45am - ALPHA SERIES, College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

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

I wish you all abundant blessings this Advent as we journey together in raising our hearts and minds to God in praying *The Heart of a Disciple*.

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 are available to purchase for \$2.00.

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 Masses up for anyone who requests a Mass for their loved ones.

Second Rite of Reconciliation

We will be having a **Second Rite of Reconciliation** this Advent. The celebration of this sacrament will take place on **Wednesday December 14 at 7pm in our worship space**. This will be a very good opportunity for us to eliminate any barriers in our lives that are preventing us from receiving Jesus more fully into our lives. Like all our celebrations, everyone is most welcome!

First Rite of Reconciliation

At St Benedict's 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.

Statement from the Queensland Bishops Concerning Reception of Holy Communion

You will find in this weeks newsletter (ref. pg3), we have included a statement from the Queensland Bishops concerning the reception of Holy Communion in Queensland. The statement is allowing parishioners to receive Holy Communion by mouth. This does distress me, given that Covid-19 has not been eliminated, and we still have very vulnerable people in our community. The bishops strongly advise that those who wish to receive Holy Communion by mouth, come to receive Holy Communion after the rest of the community.

To be considerate to our community and care for the vulnerable parishioners, I will be asking all those wishing to receive Holy Communion by mouth to wait until the end of Holy Communion. I am asking them to receive Holy Communion from me only (not the other Communion Minister/s). I will be announcing this at Communion time at all Masses at St Benedict's.

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 on 20th November.



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



St Benedict's Parish Office - Closure for Christmas and New Year.

The St Benedict's Parish Office will be closed for a Christmas and New Year break from 3pm Friday 23rd December 2022, reopening on Monday 30th January 2023 at 8.30am.
Further details to come over the next few weeks.

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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



Mass Ministry

Week 3 - Saturday 19th November, 4pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis
Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

Week 3 - Sunday 20th November, 8.30am

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

Week 3 - Sunday 20th 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.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen,
Mick Lowcock.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: 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.

Queensland
Bishops



A Statement from the Queensland Bishops
concerning the reception of Holy Communion

In the light of the Queensland government's recent easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the Bishops of Queensland have been asked to consider a modification to the policy for the reception of Holy Communion.

Given that the COVID virus is still highly active and the pandemic is not over, the Bishops would prefer that the faithful continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand.

However, for those who wish to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, this is now permitted with appropriate precautions with regard to hygiene, especially by those distributing Holy Communion.

The Bishops would prefer that those wishing to receive Holy Communion on the tongue come forward after the rest of the faithful in the Communion procession.

Most Reverend Ken Howell
Secretary, Queensland Bishops

*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.*

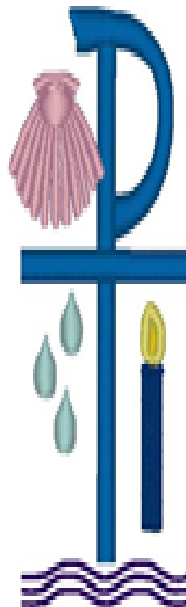
**WELCOME into the
CATHOLIC FAMILY**

We welcome this Sunday into the Catholic Family,

**Donnacha, Kaiden, Harriet
and Scarlett,**

as they receive the
Sacrament of Baptism,
with us at St Benedict's
Catholic Parish.

May Donnacha, Kaiden, Harriet and Scarlett, together with their family and their friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love,
now and always.



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.

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.**

St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

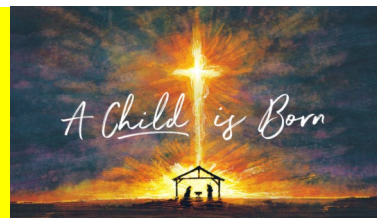
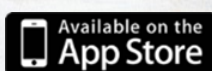
The Archdiocese has reviewed the requirements for Parish Volunteers who are required to hold a Blue Card and/or a Police Check:-

- 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. Thank you.

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.



Planning Ahead...

St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations

Let us all join together this Christmas, to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

The St Benedict's Catholic Parish and Community, will be joining together to celebrate the following Masses for Christmas 2022.

6pm - Christmas Eve Mass (Children's Mass)

9pm - Christmas Eve Mass

8.30am - Christmas Morning Mass

There is no need to book in to attend any of our Christmas Masses this year thanks to the easing of COVID restrictions.

Please note: Fr Bryan requests; Families that wish for their children to take part in the Children's Mass, 6pm Christmas Eve, to please attend the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 18th December for rehearsals, fittings, allocation of roles and preparations. Thank you.

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 6th November 2022.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$315.35
Parish (Running) - \$615.60

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$565.00
Parish (Running) - \$1120.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$880.35
Parish (Running) = \$1735.60

*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