

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe.

Year C.

20th 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
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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Parish Facebook Page:

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

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Today you will be with me in Paradise (Luke 21:19)

Over the last several Sundays, the readings have expressed great hope in how awesome life is in the next world. Firstly, St Paul in his second letter to Timothy describes dying as setting sail into the sunset and being received into the loving arms of God (2 Timothy 4:6).

Then Jesus, two weeks ago, in a conversation with the Sadducees, makes it clear that the children of God will be like the angels when we go to heaven (Luke 20:36). Then in last week's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to hold firm to our faith on earth, no matter what we are confronted with in this life, for in the next life "not a hair on our heads will be lost, and our endurance will win us eternal life" (Luke 21:19).

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus continues this theme on the Feast of Christ the King. While Jesus is suffering from His brutal execution by crucifixion, there is a beautiful encounter between Jesus and the criminal being crucified with Jesus, who speaks up for Jesus. He asks Jesus to remember him when Jesus comes into God's Kingdom. And Jesus responds, 'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise' (Luke 23:43). Beautiful comforting words, not only for the repentant criminal, but for us all.

Becoming Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please come along to our Introduction and Information session on **Tuesday November 22 at 6pm in the St Benedict's School Hall**. All are welcome!

St Benedict's Parish is turning Five!

On December 3 this year we will be five-years a Parish.

To mark this special occasion, we will be having a **Sausage Sizzle after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday November 27** (the 1st Sunday of Advent) to celebrate.

We are asking for \$2.00 donations to aid in sharing some of the costs of the celebration. There will be cold drinks, together with tea and coffee available, as well as the Sausage Sizzle.

Please come along and join in this great celebration.

Friday Mass in coming weeks.

There will be **no** Friday Mass this 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.

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

Finally from Friday 16th December we will return to our regular 9am Friday morning Mass.

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](#)

This Sunday's Readings, 20th November

1st Reading - Samuel 5: 1-3
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Colossians 1: 12-20
Gospel - Luke 23: 35-43

The Week Ahead...

Tuesday 22nd November

6pm - RCIA Introduction and Information Meeting

Thursday 24th November

St Benedict's Primary School Grade 6 Graduation.

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 25th November

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 26th November

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal begins.

9am - St Benedict's Parish Memorial Mass.

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 27th November

Advent begins

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5 Year Parish Anniversary - Sausage Sizzle

9.45am - ALPHA SERIES, College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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](#)

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. Mass Offering Envelopes can be found at the Mass Centre with our Sacristans or at the Parish Office.

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.

Have a great week everyone, glorifying God in all things,

(Rule of St Benedict 57:9)

Fr Bryan

Save the Date...

December...

9th December, St Benedict's Parish Anointing Mass, 9.00am.

14th December, St Benedict's Parish Second Rite of Reconciliation 7.00pm.

17th December, St Benedict's Parish Youth Group Christmas Carols 6.00pm.

18th December, Rehearsals for Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 26th November, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreaena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Neville Williams

Sunday 27th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erica Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 27th 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.

COVID-19 ADVICE

When the traffic light is: Please follow this advice:

RED (Tier 2) Wear a mask indoors

AMBER (Tier 3)

Wear a mask:

- In healthcare settings
- Indoors, if you can't socially distance
- On public transport
- If you are older or medically at risk
- If you're around people who are vulnerable to COVID-19

Take a rapid test (RAT) every 2 days if someone in your household has COVID-19

GREEN (Baseline)

Stay home if you're sick
Keep up to date with your vaccinations
Take a rapid test (RAT) if you get COVID-19 symptoms

If you get COVID-19:

- Register your RAT result
- Stay home until you're well again
- Wear a mask for 7 days after your test
- Avoid visiting hospitals, aged care or disability care for 7 days after your test
- Ask household members to closely monitor for symptoms

Wear a mask if required by the healthcare provider, venue or household

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.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Mick Lowcock.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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.



**St Benedict's Youth Group
Christmas Carols 2022**

Join St Benedict's Regium Youth on **Saturday 17th of December from 6pm-7:30pm in the Hall** for a festive night, to sing along to Christmas Carols, both new and old! Bring along your family and friends, as well as your favourite snacks, as we gather as a parish to celebrate this joyous time. This is a fundraising event organised by our parish youth, helping them to raise funds for future events such as World Youth Day 2023. **Tickets are \$3** which will be sold at the door on the night or at our weekend Masses in coming weeks, cold soft drinks will be sold for \$2 each on the night. There is also the option for a donation if you cannot make it but would like to support us which can be made at Mass on the weekends. Come in your reindeer ears, Santa hats and holiday shirts to spread good cheer! Please feel free to contact Chrisma on sbparishyouth@outlook.com or [0423503546](tel:0423503546) for more details!



**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.

Baptism at St Benedict's in 2023.



The Sacrament of Baptism at St Benedict's takes place on the First (1st) Sunday of the month.

We invite all families wishing to have children Baptised into the Catholic Faith at St Benedict's, to please contact the Parish Office for information and available dates for Baptism Preparation and Baptism in 2023.

Please note; our dates do fill quickly, thank you.

**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.**

Please feel free to email the office with any questions or queries during this period, the emails will be responded to after the 30th January 2023.

**PLEASE
NOTE:**

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, sanitizer is provided.**

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

Thank you for your commitment.

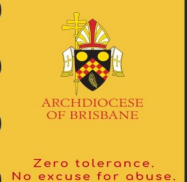
St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

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. Thank you.

**Safeguarding is
everyone's
responsibility.**

Respect & Protect.



SAFEGUARDING - STOPLine 1300 304 500

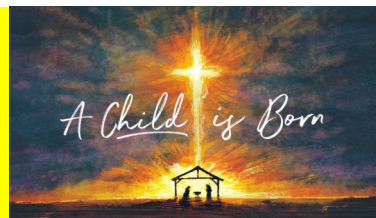
We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the St Benedict's Parish.

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.



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 24/12 - Christmas Eve Mass (Children's Mass)

9pm 24/12 - Christmas Eve Mass

8.30am 25/12 - 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.



Received with Thanks,
from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference.
Donations for week ending 13/11/22 - \$10.00



VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference will be holding the Annual Christmas Appeal at all Masses over the **26th and 27th November, through to 3rd and 4th December.**

This year we are aiming to provide over 30 Christmas hampers to families in our local area, including 60 children. It is with great hope that those who are able, may generously donate financial assistance to ensure that our families receive some Hope and Joy this Christmas. Thank you.

St Benedict's Church Fundraising - Lucky 100!

100 tickets available to be purchased.
\$5.00 a ticket, available from the Mass Centre.

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 13th November 2022.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$363.00

Parish (Running) - \$695.75

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$445.00

Parish (Running) - \$370.00

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

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$808.00

Parish (Running) = \$1065.75

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

Leaving a Legacy; A simple yet powerful way to impact future generations, is to leave a gift to St Benedict's Parish, North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin in your will. After you have taken care of your loved ones, you may consider naming St Benedict's Parish to receive a gift, which will continue to make a meaningful and profound difference to your Parish.

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