

Third Sunday of
Advent.

Year A.

11th December 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 (Postponed to 2023)

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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

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Rejoice in the Lord Always! Again, I say, "Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

This coming Sunday we celebrate Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday ("Gaudete" being Latin for "Rejoice."). The focus for this Sunday's readings is not only aimed at preparing us for the coming of Christ at Christmas and the Second Coming, but they clearly emphasise the incredible joy that Jesus gives us when He comes into our lives in the here and now.

How can we not rejoice at the coming of Jesus into our lives? Jesus is our Lord, our God, our everything! Anyone who has a deep and intimate personal relationship with Jesus will attest to this. Jesus gives us life, love, hope, faith, guidance, comfort, strength, support, healing, peace, contentment, joy and all the other good things that we need to live life in abundance. How can we not rejoice??

We are certainly a parish who fully rejoices in the Lord. As is often the case, visitors of our parish come up to me after Mass last say, "I love the great sense of joy and happiness you have in this community." We have no trouble connecting with the readings for today. For we truly "shout for joy...for God is in our midst, a mighty Saviour, rejoicing over us with gladness, renewing us in love" (Zep 3:14-18a). And in turn, "we rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice...for the peace of God, which beyond all understanding, keeps your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:4-7).

Second Rite of Reconciliation on Wednesday 14th December, 7pm.

The **Second Rite of Reconciliation** will be celebrated next **Wednesday on 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!

St Benedict's Christmas Carols on Saturday 17th December, 6pm.

The joy of Christmas is welling up in each of us, as we approach the celebration of the birth of our greatest gift ever, Jesus! Our St Benedict's Youth Group and Young Adults are once again leading us in the singing of Christmas Carols, so we can release this incredible joy in song.

Please come along and join in our **St Benedict's Christmas Carols on Saturday December 17th at 6pm**. Bring along your family and friends as we gather as a parish to celebrate the gift of Christmas in song and friendship.

Also, **Santa will be popping-in** to give the children a visit and a little gift.

Building Extension of the Primary School Hall, update.

The St Benedict's Primary School have an exciting building project where they are extending their hall. This, however, will impact us while the construction is taking place. The project **starts on Monday the 5th of December**.

Now that we have acquired more information from the builders of the project, it is likely that the completion date will be May/June (dependent on the weather etc). During December/January (possibly February also) there will be **no Friday Masses**, and the hall will only have **one entry/exit point, which is the one stacker-door next to the tennis courts** (the two emergency doors at the front of the hall will be used in emergency situations only).

So, the only difference for us is that we will be entering and exiting the hall through the stacker-door at the front of the hall rather than the back of the hall (as we have been doing ever since Covid times). Given that the front stacker-door is closer to the car park, this will be more convenient for many parishioners.

For further information and images of the extension project, please direct your attention to page five (5) of this newsletter. I'm sure this will help to give a better understanding of the enhancements that are taking place.

Our Advent Resource - The Heart of a Disciple.

I am thoroughly enjoying our Advent resource, **The Heart of a Disciple**. I am also thoroughly enjoying our weekly gathering with parishioners on zoom praying and discussing the resource.

This Sunday's Readings, 11th December

1st Reading - Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

2nd Reading - St James 5: 7-10

Gospel - Matthew 11: 2-11

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 14th December

7pm - St Benedict's Parish, Second Rite of Reconciliation.

Thursday 15th December

Parish Newsletter Day.

7pm - St Benedict's Prayer Network, Advent Resource Reflection evening, via Zoom.

[Thursday December 15 Zoom Link 7pm](#)

Friday 16th December

** **No Friday Mass**, while the Building works take place on the Scholl Hall **

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 17th December

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

6pm - St Benedict's Parish Christmas Carols - lead by the Youth Group.

Sunday 18th December

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, and Rehearsal for Children's Christmas Eve Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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.

Our Parish Prayer Network will be leading the prayer and discussion at:

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**.

Children's Advent Resource.

We still have some of the brilliant Advent resources for our children of Primary School age available to collect from the Welcome Table before and after each Mass, please take one.

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, with excited expectation for the coming of Christ,

Fr Bryan.

Save the Date...

December...

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

24th December, 6pm St Benedict's Christmas Eve Mass (Carols from 5.30pm) or 9pm St Benedict's Christmas Eve Mass (Carols from 8.30pm)

25th December, 8.30am St Benedict's Parish Christmas Day Mass.

January...

29th January, 8.30am St Benedict's Parish Commissioning Mass for the Teachers and Staff of St Benedict's Schools.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 17th December, 4pm

Commentator: TBC
Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis
Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis
Communion Minister: TBC

Sunday 18th December, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Isaac Spillane
Communion Minister: Philipp Delrosario

Sunday 18th December, 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.

Advent Concert Series

Concerts commence at 5:00pm

Sunday 27 November	Choral Spectacular	The Cathedral Schola
Sunday 4 December	La Nativite du Seigneur - Messiaen	Dominic Perissinotto - Organ Sophie Hacker - Icons
Sunday 11 December	French Fireworks	Christopher Trkillis - Organ
Sunday 18 December **	Carols in the Cathedral	Combined choirs of the Cathedral of St Stephen

The Cathedral carpark will be available

Tickets available at the door or www.trybooking.com/CDVWH
 Adult \$35; Concession \$30; Child \$15
 ** Free Admission on 18/12

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.



Merry Christmas

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 the lead up; 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 for more details on sbparishyouth@outlook.com or 0423503546.

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 - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details using one of the following methods:

email requests to: sbparishprayerhub@gmail.com ,

online requests: [St Benedict's Prayer Request Form](#) or

via the prayer box available at the Welcome Table at Mass.

All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. A new request will be needed after 2 weeks.



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.

Parish Office - Closure for Christmas and New Year.

PLEASE NOTE:

The St Benedict's Parish Office will be closed for a Christmas and New Year break:- **from 3pm Friday 23/12/22, reopening on Monday 30/01/23 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 30/01/23.

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.



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.

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.



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SAFEGUARDING - STOPLine 1300 304 500

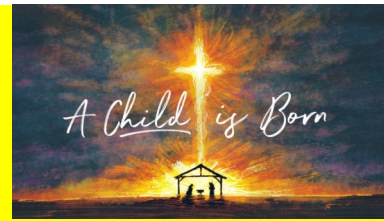
We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the St Benedict's Parish.

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.



Donations received with Thanks,
from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference.
SVDP received for week ending 04/12/22 - \$581.00

St Benedict's Church Fundraising - Christmas Raffle.

Our St Benedict's Christmas Raffle will start this weekend, tickets are available at each of the weekend Masses for \$5.00 each.

VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL—Thank you!

On behalf of our St Benedict's Conference of St Vincent de Paul, we thank you for your generous spirit in assisting us to lend support to our neighbours in need this Christmas, to make a difference in their lives. Through your efforts, we can contribute an extra \$1300 towards our 34 Christmas Hampers this year. We thank God and ask for His blessings on our wonderful and generous St Benedict's community.



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

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$556.75
Parish (Running) - \$587.95

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$515.00
Parish (Running) - \$920.00

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

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1071.75
Parish (Running) = \$1507.95

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

Drafted Plans for the St Benedict's Primary School Hall.

We have received some wonderful images of the works that are taking place on the **extension** of the St Benedict's Primary School Hall. Please find below those images that have been provide to us.

These diagrams will give you a wonderful understanding of where and what is taking place and why we need to be adaptable over the coming months.

I'm sure you will agree these are very exciting enhancements for the St Benedict's School Community and in turn the Parish.

We thank you for your understanding and patience during these works, and we ask that you please keep all those working towards these extensions in your prayers.

