

Fourth Sunday of  
Advent.

Year A.

18th December 2022.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Parish Priest:**

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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 (Postponed to 2023)

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)



**Mary and Joseph – Humble People of Faith**

Each year, the spotlight is placed on our heavenly Mother, Mary, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This makes perfect sense given that this is the Sunday before we celebrate the Birth of our Lord. In Sunday's Gospel, however, the spotlight is also placed on Mary's husband, Joseph. Joseph, as portrayed in this Gospel, is a wonderful humble person of faith, as is his wife Mary.

We all know Mary's beautiful humble words when the Archangel Gabrielle asks her to be the Mother of God – "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Similarly, when God speaks to Joseph through an angel in a dream, Joseph immediately does what God asks of him to do when he wakes up from the dream. Like Mary, Joseph puts God at the centre of his life, and does whatever God asks of him. This is the key to living life abundantly my friends – putting God at the centre of our lives, listening to God's Word, and doing whatever God asks of us, for our own good and for the good of the whole world.

**Let's join together!!! St Benedict's Christmas Carols,  
this 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Rehearsal for our Christmas Eve Children's Mass,  
this Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Yes, we will be celebrating Christmas again this year with a wonderful Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 6pm. In this Mass, the children are very heavily involved.

If you would like your child to be an angel, a shepherd, Mary, Joseph, a Wise Man, the Drummer Boy, or a reader, please come along to the **8:30am Mass this coming Sunday (December 18) rehearsal will be held after**. All are welcome.

**Building Extension of the Primary School Hall.**

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 has started as you will see on arrival at the Mass Centre.

We were able to acquire more information last week from the builders of the project, and 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 at the front of the Worship space** (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.

**Additional Christmas Eve Mass added at 4pm.**

With the exciting construction works taking place around the Mass Centre currently, we have added a 4pm Mass to our Christmas Eve Celebrations.

We hope that by having three (3) Masses on Christmas Eve, 4pm, 6pm and 9pm, along with our Christmas Day 8.30am Morning Mass, this will provide everyone

**This Sunday's Readings, 18 th December**

1st Reading - Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans  
1: 1 - 7

Gospel - Matthew 1: 18 - 24

## **The Week Ahead...**

### Wednesday 21st December

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

[Wednesday Link Advent Group](#)

### Thursday 22nd December

Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 23rd December

\*\* No Youth Group - Christmas break. \*\*

### Saturday 24th December

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Christmas Eve Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Christmas Carols

6pm - St Benedict's Parish Christmas Eve Children's Mass.

8.30pm - St Benedict's Christmas Carols

9pm - St Benedict's Parish Christmas Eve Mass.

### Sunday 25th December

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Christmas Day Mass.

\*\* No Evening Mass \*\*

Parish Office Closed - 22nd December 2022 to 29th January 2023.

Parish Office Reopens - 30th January 2023.

## **Save the Date...**

### January...

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

### March...

11th March, 9am - 3pm Deanery Retreat for Parishioners and Friends, details will be shared as they come to hand, early in 2023.

## **Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.**

24th and 25th December,

Christmas Mass Ministry Rosters.

*Please speak with your Mass Sacristan if you have not already been able to, to see if they are requiring assistance for our, Christmas Masses.*

*4pm, 6pm, and 9pm Christmas Eve Masses or the*

*8.30am Christmas Day Mass.*  
*Thank you very much.*

\*\* 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.

wishing to attend a Christmas Mass plenty of opportunity.

With the construction in mind, and without the use of the side doors, we will experience limitations on people being able to move and/or stand around the perimeter of the Worship Space due to the works.

Please spread the word amongst Family and Friends, join one of our St Benedict's Christmas Masses and celebrate the Birth of our Lord.

All are Welcome!

### 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.

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

**7pm Thursday December 15** (we have our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

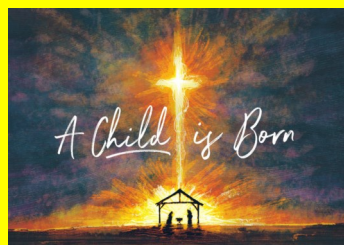
We still have some of the brilliant Advent resources for our children of Primary School age available to collect from the Welcome Table before and after each Mass, please take one.

### 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](mailto: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.*



## **St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations 2022**

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.

**4pm 24/12 - Christmas Eve Mass \*\*ADDITIONAL MASS ADDED\*\***

**6pm 24/12 - Christmas Eve Children's Mass, Carols from 5.30pm.**

**9pm 24/12 - Christmas Eve Mass, Carols from 8.30pm.**

**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.

**\*\*However...** please be aware that due to the construction works taking place around the Mass Centre we will be restricted for space, as we are unable to use the side doors.

**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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

*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 Trillitis - Organ
Sunday 18 December **	Carols in the Cathedral	Combined choirs of the Cathedral of St Stephen



Tickets available at the door or [www.trybooking.com/CDVWH](http://www.trybooking.com/CDVWH)

Adult \$35; Concession \$30; Child \$15

\*\* Free Admission on 18/12

**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 Thursday 22/12/22, 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.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas and a Joyous and Safe New Year.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**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 in our community 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.



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Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

**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.



**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](mailto: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.



*Donations received with Thanks, from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference. SVDP received for week ending 11/12/22 - \$5.00*

**VINNIE'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER APEAL**

On behalf of the 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.



**St Benedict's Church Fundraising - Christmas Raffle.**

The St Benedict's Christmas Raffle is selling at the Mass Centre, tickets are available at any of the weekend Masses for \$5.00 each.

Please see a member of the Fundraising Team for the details of the many wonderful prizes that are available to be won.

GOOD LUCK!!



**Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 11th December 2022.**

**Loose & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$522.75  
Parish (Running) - \$787.20

**Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-**

Building (Church) - \$580.00  
Parish (Running) - \$270.00

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

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1102.75  
Parish (Running) = \$1057.20

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.

