

Second Sunday of
Advent.

Year A.

4th December 2022.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

Email: roeb@bne.catholic.net.au

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)



Advent – Joyful Waiting for the One We Love

In last Sunday's Gospel we heard Jesus encouraging us to be watchful and alert to the coming of Jesus into our lives. Similarly, this Sunday's Gospel has John the Baptist crying out that the Kingdom of God is very close at hand, and to prepare the way for the Lord. Eliminating any barriers that are preventing us from journeying through life with Jesus.

Advent is a time where we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus, Our Saviour, into our lives more deeply. Advent is the expectant waiting, hopeful anticipating and cheerful preparation of God breaking into our lives in all moments, all places, and all times – past, future, and present. Where we commemorate the birth of Jesus, prepare for Jesus' return, and welcome God into our lives every day. Advent prepares us for all these events and reminds us there is a joy in waiting.

To mark this special season, we are making two changes to our Sunday Masses during Advent. Firstly, each week we are going to sing the hymn "Come, Emmanuel" as the Processional hymn, with the refrain being sung again after the Penitential Act. Then secondly, music will be played continuously while the Prayers of the Faithful are read, and after each prayer there will be a sung call and a sung response (Call: "Lift up o Church this world to God." Response: "Come quickly Lord in mercy come."). This is a beautiful way of reminding us that we are in the Advent season preparing ourselves to joyfully receive the One we love more deeply into our lives when He comes.

Building Extension of the Primary School Hall begins

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** and will continue for approximately 3 months, or until completion. During this time there will be **No Friday Masses**.

It is also important for Mass goers to note, that the hall will only have **one entry/exit point, that is the one stacker-door next to the tennis courts (at the front of the Worship Space)**. We ask that you please do not enter any fenced off construction areas during the coming months. Thank you.

Our Fifth Anniversary Celebration

This is a big THANKYOU to everyone who came along and celebrated our fifth (5th) anniversary as a parish last Sunday. It was a lovely community-building event with a great atmosphere. I would like to especially acknowledge those who helped with the Sausage Sizzle. Thank you!

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Please help our brothers and sisters struggling financially by supporting our **St Vinnies Christmas Appeal**. This appeal directly helps our brothers and sisters struggling financially in our area. You can donate with cash, credit card, or take a card from the Christmas tree requesting gift vouchers for various amounts. If you would like to claim your donation as a tax deduction, our St Vinnies Conference members will provide you with a receipt upon request.

Please give if you are able.

Our Advent Resource - The Heart of a Disciple

I am thoroughly enjoying our Advent resource, The Heart of a Disciple. 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.

This Sunday's Readings, 4th December

1st Reading - Isaiah 11: 1-10

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel - Matthew 3: 1-12

The Week Ahead...

Tuesday 6th December

6pm - RCIA Meeting; 'At Home with God's People' Resource - Prayer and the Bible.

Wednesday 7th December

7pm - St Benedict's Prayer Network, Advent Resource Reflection evening, via Zoom.
[Wednesdays Zoom Link Advent Group](#)

Thursday 8th December

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 9th December

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

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group.

Saturday 10th December

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 11th December

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

December...

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.

24th December, 6pm or 9pm St Benedict's Parish, Christmas Eve Mass.

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

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 10th December, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon

Reader 1: Joy Darby

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Nancy D'Souza

Sunday 11th December, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronald Vaipuna

Reader 1: Brandon D'Silva

Reader 2: Aaron D'Silva

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna

Sunday 11th 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.

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](#)

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

Our Parish Secretary, Renae, has put together a brilliant resource for our children of Primary School age to get the most out of our Advent season. These free resources will be at the welcome table before and after each Mass, please take one.

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, with excited expectation for the coming of Christ,

Fr Bryan

Cathedral of St Stephen, Advent Concert Series - 5PM Sunday 4 December.

Dominic Perissinotto, St Stephen's Cathedral Organist, will perform French composer Olivier Messiaen's *La Nativité du Seigneur* (The Nativity of the Lord), a work of nine "meditations" each depicting an image or concept from the birth of Jesus. *La Nativité* is a testament to Messiaen's Christian faith, as well as one of his earliest works to show the style of composition that would later imbue much of his music. His works were inspired by both the mountains and the nativity scenes in stain glass windows in medieval cathedrals.

In addition to Dominic's performance, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will present reflections on each movement, delving into the joy of Christ's birth, and relating the music to the artwork of Sophie Hacker, which will be displayed on monitors during the performance. Sophie worked with 'found objects' - discarded pieces of wood, string, metal and skip finds, and created nine stunning images depicting aspects of the Incarnation, which are full of spiritual and theological symbolism.

Tickets available at the door or www.trybooking.com/CDVWH

Adult \$35; Concession \$30; Child \$15 (The Cathedral car park will be available).

COVID-19 ADVICE

When the traffic light is: Please follow this advice:

RED (Tier 2) Wear a mask indoors

AMBER (Tier 1) 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

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 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.



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 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.

**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.



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.

**WELCOME into the
CATHOLIC FAMILY**

This Sunday morning we welcome into the Catholic Family,
Cillian and Daniel,
as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism,
with us at St Benedict's Parish.
May Cillian and Daniel, together with their family and their friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



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.

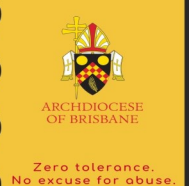
St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

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

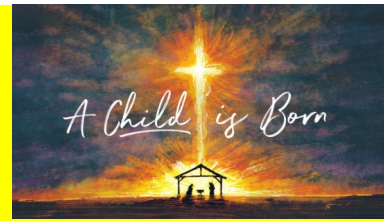
We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional owners and caretakers of the land which is the St Benedict's Parish.

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.



Donations received with Thanks,
from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference.
SVDP received for week ending 27/11/22 - \$419.15



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 - 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.

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 27th November 2022.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$335.00

Parish (Running) - \$709.65

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1008.00

Parish (Running) = \$1286.65

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$673.00

Parish (Running) - \$577.00

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

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