

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Times
Year A.
15th January 2023.



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 (resumes Feb)

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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

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1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Happy New Year!

Being our first newsletter for this calendar year, I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy 2023 with abundant blessings. My major goals for 2023 are:

1. To strengthen parishioners' and my personal relationship with Jesus and each other,
2. to draw more and more people into our community of faith, and
3. to build a lovely church, offices, and gathering space, which will greatly assist the above two goals.

If we work together to achieve these goals, through the grace of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit, then we are set to have a very blessed 2023.

Baptism—Immersed in God

Although we are in Year A of the three-year Liturgical Cycle, which I have already said on several occasions is marked by listening to the Gospel of Matthew, we encounter John's Gospel this Sunday. Why? Since John's Gospel misses out on being designated a liturgical year, he makes guests appearances each year.

In Sunday's Gospel we hear strong baptismal references. It essential for us all to know that when we were baptised the priest or deacon poured (or immersed us in) water and said, "I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." From that point on we were born into a life in God. Immersed in the Trinity.

Hopefully we continued to feel immersed in the infinite love of the Trinity as we live each second of everyday. We have a great tradition in the Catholic Church that assists us in being reminded of our life immersed in God, and this is, the Sign of the Cross. We bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, saying the words, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!" Reminding us that when we were baptised, we were immersed in the infinite love of God for all eternity.

Christmas Celebrations

All our Christmas Masses were marvelous celebrations. We had pre-Covid numbers come along to participate in our wonderful joyful liturgies. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these vibrant meaningful liturgies. The Musicians and Singers enlivened our Masses beautifully. The Readers proclaimed the Word very well. Our Commentators did a great job introducing our Masses and leading the Prayers of the Faithful. Our Sacristans were magnificent in ensuring that we were well organised. A special thank you to those who decorated our sacred space, organized the Children's Mass, prepared and operated the PowerPoint, raised funds for our future church through the Christmas raffle, and fully participated in our Masses. Thankyou! May the light of Christ continue the shine through you.

Our St Benedict's Youth and Young Adults

At our **8:30am Mass on Sunday January 22** we will be celebrating a thanksgiving **Mass for Chrisma Shaji**. Thanking her for her great leadership of our youth and young adults at St Benedict's as our Youth Coordinator. Chrisma has served us in this ministry for over five years, leading our youth and young adults to a stronger relationship with Jesus and each other.

We are blessed to have **Brandon D'Silva and Kali Yopp (newly appointed Youth Coordinators)** to build on the great foundation that Chrisma has laid. Please pray for them in this very important ministry for the life of our Church and parish.

This Sunday's Readings, 15th January 2023

1st Reading - Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Corinthians 1: 1-3

Gospel - John 1:29-34

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 19th January

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 20th January

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

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group .

Saturday 21st January

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 22nd January

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Thanksgiving Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

Parish Office Reopens - 30th January 2023.



Save the Date...

January...

22nd January, 8:am Thanksgiving Mass for Christma.

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

March...

11th March, 9am - 2pm Deanery Retreat for Parishioners and Friends,

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 21st January, 4pm

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

Sunday 22nd January, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian

Sunday 22nd January, 5.30pm

Commentator: Ministers to be confirmed
Reader 1: Ministers to be confirmed
Reader 2: Ministers to be confirmed
Communion Minister: Ministers to be confirmed

**** 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.**

Lenten Resource

Evangelisation Brisbane's Advent and Lenten resources are excellent. This year's Lenten and Easter Octave reflection resource is From Ashes to Hope. It has been written by Shane Dwyer and Janiene Wilson, to provide each of us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts.

Archbishop Mark strongly recommends this resource to us in his foreword writing, "I commend 'From Ashes to Hope' to you as a faithful companion on the journey together through Lent to Easter, the synodal path from death to life."

Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope.

The 2023 Resource is available at the Mass Centre for \$5.00 each.

Lenten Retreat

Lent is a time where we make a concerted effort to connect with God more in prayer, so that we can be blessed with a deeper understanding of the Paschal Mystery (the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus).

This year we have **Shane Dwyer**, co-author of "From Ashes to Hope", directing us in our **Lenten Retreat**. I encourage you all to join us on **Saturday March 11, from 9am to 2pm at St Mary's Parish Centre, Woodford**. As a parish, we will be car pooling. So, please book-in for this retreat using the following link: [Northern Rivers Deanery Retreat Booking Form](#) . Please let me know (roeb@bne.catholic.net.au) if you need a lift. It will great to see you there.

Parish Office Closed, and Next Newsletter

Our Parish Office will be closed over Christmas and throughout January. It will **reopen on Monday January 30, 2023**.

Have a great week everyone, immersed in the love of the Trinity,

Fr Bryan

NORTHERN DEANERY LENTEN RETREAT: "From Ashes to Hope"

Saturday March 11th 2023, 9am to 2pm.

St Mary's Parish Centre, 16 Peterson Road, Woodford

Parishioners and Friends are invited to attend the Northern Deanery Lenten Retreat, where you will receive friendship, a nice morning tea, fresh country air, spiritual satisfaction, food for thought, and a personal message to you of hope that Jesus will place in your heart. Shane Dwyer from Evangelisation Brisbane will be our Retreat facilitator and will speak on the topic of "From Ashes to Hope."

The day will begin at 9 am and will finish at 2pm after Mass.

This is a free Retreat, with morning tea provided, but please bring along your own lunch and water bottle.

Please come along, we would love to see you there. The Retreat will be ideal preparation for Easter.

For any enquiries please contact St Benedict's Parish Office on 34901768 or email admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au

To book, please complete the booking form via the link:- [Northern Rivers Deanery Retreat Booking Form](#)

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.



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Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

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.

If you wish to become a volunteer for St Benedict's the Welcome Portal is:- <http://archbne.org/welcome>

Please remember in your Prayers.

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Mick Lowcock, Margaret Cafferty.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: Mary Loveday



St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

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

email to sbparishprayerhub@gmail.com, or

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.



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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.

'From Ashes to Hope', A resource for Lent and the Easter Octave 2023

The team from Evangelisation Brisbane has again developed a wonderful new Lent and Easter Octave reflection resource for 2023:-

From Ashes to Hope.

This wonderful resource has been written by Shane Dwyer and Janiene Wilson, to provide each of us with the opportunity to spend a few minutes a day calling out to God from our hearts.

Based on the readings for each day of Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave, this prayer and reflection resource provides an opportunity for each of us to turn the eyes of our hearts to God as God leads us beyond ashes to hope.

The 2023 Resource will be available at the Mass Centre from Sunday 1st January 2023, for \$5.00 each.

Further details about the 2023 Lenten Prayer group gatherings will be published in coming weeks.

Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY



On Sunday 8th January 2023 we welcomed into the Catholic Family,

Fallyn, Freya and Jayce,

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

May Fallyn, Freya and Jayce, together with their family and their friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

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) 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.

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 Thursday 22/12/2022, reopening on Monday 30/01/2023 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 30/01/23.

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



Donations received with Thanks, from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference. SVDP received for week ending 08/01/23 - \$0.00



Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 8th January 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$235.00

Parish (Running) - \$995.90

Totals:-

Building (Church) = TBC

Parish (Running) = TBC

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - TBC

Parish (Running) - TBC

*'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