

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Year A.

19th February 2023.



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 (from 10th Feb 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)

Loving our Enemies.

In my homily last Sunday, I spoke about St Paul, in his letter to the Romans, saying that God's law is great and holy and good, but we are not! Therefore, we need to embrace Jesus in our lives to be able to live according to God's teachings (Romans 7-8).

This is particularly the case if we are to: 1. Turn the other cheek if one wrongs us, and 2. Love our enemies, as Jesus is asking us to do in this Sunday's Gospel. These are two very difficult things for us to do. This is why we need to strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus, who gives us the strength, discipline, and love needed to be able to live according to His teachings.

The Building of our Church.

Plans are going ahead for the building of a 300-seat church for us, that will eventually have a 2000-seat auditorium adjoined to it. We are responsible for the building of the church, while St Benedict's College will be building the auditorium.

The location of our church will be on the block of land immediately next to the St Benedict's Primary School oval (on the Rothwell-side). By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have had a meeting with the Director of Building and Property for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Patrick Lane-Mullins, on Thursday February 16. We will update you on the progress of this project after this meeting. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

LENT - Coming Back to God with all Our Heart.

In the First Reading on Ash Wednesday from the Book of the Prophet Joel, God says to us, "Come back to me with all your heart." This is a very appropriate quote, for it describes the primary focus of our Lenten journey, that is, strengthening our friendship with Jesus.

We strengthen our friendship with Jesus every Lent through fasting, acts of charity, and increased prayer. All these gifts work together in strengthening our personal relationship with Jesus.

We fast, that is, we make sacrifices, because in doing so we are imitating our Saviour who made the ultimate sacrifice of his whole self, given to us on the Cross. The Cross shows us that Jesus, who is God, would do absolutely anything for us, even die for us.

Every sacrifice we make on earth, including the deliberate sacrifice we make in fasting, imitates the One who offers His whole self to each and every one of us.

The second way we strengthen our relationship with Jesus is by performing acts of charity. Jesus always calls us to love and care for others. So, when we increase charity in our lives, we are strengthening our relationship with Jesus, who is charity personified. In our community we have the opportunity to become more charitable this Lent, as we do every Lent, through Project Compassion.

Last, but not least, the more we pray this Lent, the stronger our relationship becomes with Jesus. Jesus, who is the source of all our good works. Jesus who gives us the strength to fast and make other sacrifices, such as sacrificing our time and money to help people, especially those who need our help the most. Jesus, the one who always reconciles us with God and thus gives us salvation. And we make our Lenten sacrifices with great joy giving ourselves totally to God, because as St Paul says, "now is the favourable time, this is the day of our salvation!"

Ash Wednesday Masses, 22nd February 2023.

Our St Benedict's Parish Masses for Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, will be celebrated at **7am and 7pm**, in our worship space. All are Welcome.

Days of Abstinence and Fasting During Lent.

There are two days of abstinence, where we abstain from eating meat, during Lent. These are: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. The church also encourages us to fast (limit our food intake) each Friday throughout Lent.

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**.

This Sunday's Readings, 19th February 2023

1st Reading - Leviticus
19: 1-2, 17-18

Psalms - Psalm 102: 1-4, 8, 10,
12-13

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Corinthians 3: 16-23

Gospel - Matthew 5: 38-48

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 22nd February

7am - St Benedict's Parish, Ash Wednesday Mass.

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Thursday 23rd February

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 24th February

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

6pm - St Benedict's Parish, Stations of the Cross

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group .

Saturday 25th February

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 26th February

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass., to include Rite of Election for RCIA participants.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

As a parish, we will be car-pooling (meeting in the St Benedict's car park at 7:30am). So, please book-in for this retreat using the following link: [Northern Rivers Deanery Retreat Booking Form](#) .

Please also let us know (admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au) if you need a lift. It will be great to see you there.

Our Lenten Group.

On Wednesdays, starting on **March 1, at 7pm** all are welcome to join **our St Benedict's Parish Lenten Group**. We will be using our Lenten resource "From Ashes to Hope" focusing on the coming Sunday's Gospel. These sessions will be on zoom, and the link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85183920838>

These sessions will be for 30 minutes, and it would be great if we could get lots of parishioners to come along as we journey together with Jesus towards Easter.

Project Compassion.

Lent is a time where we reach out to the poor in love, becoming more and more like Jesus and preparing ourselves to get the most out of our Easter celebrations. Every year Caritas Australia helps us to do this by encouraging us to donate to the wonderful project initiatives known as Project Compassion.

Starting this coming weekend, our Justice and Peace team will be encouraging us to contribute to the projects of Project Compassion this Lent. We will be playing videos giving us information on the respective projects immediately before all Masses each week.

If you can, please support these very important initiatives.

Friday Masses for 2023.

In planning dates for 2023, I thought I would share with you our Friday Masses for this year. These dates are of course subject to change, but at this stage the schedule for Friday Masses will be:

Friday February 17: **No Mass. (College Mass Offsite)**

Friday February 24: 9am Mass.

Fridays March 3 and 10: **No Mass.**

Fridays March 17 to September 1: 9am Mass.

Fridays September 8, 15, 22, and 29: **No Masses.**

Fridays October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3: 9am Mass.

Friday November 10: **No Mass.**

Fridays November 17 to December 15: 9am Mass.

Friday December 22: **No Mass.**

Have a great week everyone, embracing our kind and merciful Lord, *Fr Bryan*.

Save the Date...

March...

11th March, 9am - 3pm Deanery Retreat for Parishioners and Friends, please find the ad on the bottom of this page (2).

12th—31st March, Stewardship Program. Time, Talent, Treasure.

April...

2nd April, Palm Sunday.

6th April, Holy Thursday.

7th April, Good Friday.

8th April, Easter Saturday.

9th April, Easter Sunday.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 25th February, 4pm

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

Sunday 26th February, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Michael Campbell & Bobette Sindicic

Sunday 27th February, 5.30pm

Commentator: Ministers to be confirmed at Mass.
Reader 1:
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.

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 Lenten Retreat - 9am-2pm Saturday 11th March 2023. \[google.com\]](#)

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.



St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane 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>
 If you are required to hold a Blue Card, we ask that you please take part in the Level 1 Training for Safeguarding, this is online:- [Level One Induction Video for Safeguarding](#) and submit the form on completion. Please contact the Parish Office should you require any help.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Mick Lowcock, Margaret Cafferty, Bernadeen Hodby, Cheryl Black.

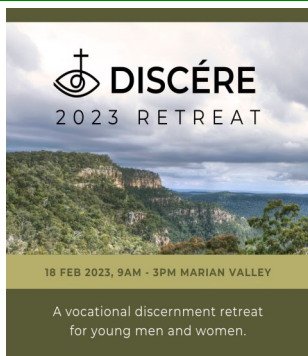
Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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 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.

Discere 2023 Retreat, is a one-day Catholic discernment retreat for young men and women between the age of 18-35, brought to you by Vocation Brisbane. Participants will have the opportunity to deepen their faith, reflect on their purpose, and gain clarity through prayer, reflection, and group discussions.
 Join Vocation Brisbane for a peaceful day of prayerful vocational discernment.




Time: 9am-3pm
Date: Saturday 18 February
Location: Marian Valley
Cost: FREE

If you're trying to figure out where God is calling you, register Now at:- tickets.org.au - [Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations](#)

Help us keep you up to date.
 Please feel free to reach out to the Parish Office if you would like to update or check any contact details we may have on file for you and/or your family.
 Receiving our weekly Newsletter by email is a wonderful way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

The first "**A Morning's Prayer**" for 2023, held by the Archdiocese Adult Formation Team, will take place at the breathtaking Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston. The topic for the event will be "Being a Fool for Christ."
 Participants will delve into what it means to live in response to a wisdom that does not conform to the world's expectations, through input, personal prayer, and fellowship in a space designed to facilitate an encounter with God.
Date: Saturday 1 April, from 9am-12pm
Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston)
Cost: \$20
 Both parish groups and individuals are welcome to attend.
 Register :- <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer1>



Men's Shelter South Brisbane
 The St Benedict's Parish and greater community have been proud to support the Men's Shelter in South Brisbane for many years by donating shirts and socks for those in need.
 In January this year, Mitchell (from the shelter) stated that their need is greater now than ever before.
 Mitchell is seeking assistance once again, in the way of donating white shirts/executive shirts suitable for job interviews, socks and good quality warm clothing.
 Almsgiving is one of the three pillars of Lent. Are you able to help in this worthy cause?
 From Saturday, March 4th, the St Benedict's Justice and Peace group will be collecting donated items at all Masses in our worship centre. There will be a washing basket available for all donated goods.
 It is with the greatest of hope that we can improve on last year's donations of 12 pieces of clothing.
 The donated goods will be presented at the preparation of gifts during Holy Thursday Mass, 6th April.
 The donated clothing items will be then given to the Men's Shelter after Easter.
 Thank you for your support of this important initiative.

Readings for Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023.

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| 1st Reading: | Joel 2: 12-18 |
| 2nd Reading: | St Paul to the Corinthians 5: 20 - 6: 2 |
| Gospel: | Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18 |

Covid-19 Awareness
PLEASE may we refrain from coming to Mass if we have any cold or flu symptoms, this will help greatly to 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.**

*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.



Donations received with Thanks, from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference. SVDP received for week ending 12/02/23 - \$20.00

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS 2023



First Holy Communion and Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Families that participated in the Sacramental Program for Confirmation in 2022 will be contacted directly by the Parish in coming weeks.

Enrolments will open in early March, Sacramental Preparation will take place throughout the months of May and June, with Sacraments being received in June.

Confirmation - children in Grade 3 and above having received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible.

Enrolments will open late April, Sacramental Preparation to take place throughout the months of July and August, with the Sacrament being received in August.

We welcome you to please contact the Parish Office—34901768 or admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au if you are wishing to have your child/children enrolled in the Sacramental Programs for 2023, and you have not yet done so.



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.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Respect & Protect.



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Zero tolerance. No excuse for abuse.

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 12th February 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$340.40
Parish (Running) - \$583.90

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$515.00
Parish (Running) - \$540.00

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

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$855.40
Parish (Running) = \$1123.90

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