

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Year A.

5th February 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
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)

Salt of the Earth! Light of the World!

The Gospel for this coming Sunday is from the beginning of Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus encourages us to be Salt of the Earth, and Light of the World. Then in the rest of the Sermon Jesus goes on to tell us how to be Salt of the Earth, Light of the world. That is, by being forgiving, being merciful, being compassionate, being kind, loving your enemies, trusting in God's providence, not big noting yourself when you do a good deed... the list goes on and on – Jesus' great Sermon covers three chapters in Matthew's Gospel (Mt 5-7) and it is all good!!

Mahatma Gandhi, although he was Hindi, lived his life according to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Did his light shine for the glory of God? It certainly did! Mahatma Gandhi goes down in history as one of the greatest leaders of all time. Gandhi used nonviolent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India's independence from British rule and in turn inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the whole world. Gandhi was a man who transformed the world by freeing the poor and the marginalised from oppression.

May we all be inspired to live our lives according to Jesus' great Sermon on the Mount, so that we too can shine and transform the world with Jesus' perfect love, for the glory of God.

Ash Wednesday Masses.

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.

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 10: 9am Mass (Primary Opening School Mass).

Friday February 17: **No Mass.**

Friday February 24: 9am Mass.

Friday March 3: **No Mass.**

Friday March 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.**

Lenten Resource – 8 Copies Left

If you are wanting to purchase our Lenten prayer resource (From Ashes to Hope) for this year, you better hurry, for we only have eight (8) left. I am looking forward to praying this resource with you this Lent and Easter Octave, so that we can get to know Jesus, our Saviour, more deeply.

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, 5th February 2023

1st Reading - Isaiah 58: 7-10

Psalms - Psalm 111: 4-9

2nd Reading - St Paul to the
Corinthians 2: 1-5

Gospel - Matthew 5: 13-16

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 9th February

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 10th February

9am - St Benedict's Primary School Opening Year Mass.

6.30pm - St Benedict's Youth Group .

Saturday 11th February

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 12th February

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.



Save the Date...

February...

22nd February, 7am and 7pm - St Benedict's Parish Ash Wednesday Mass.

24th February, 6pm - Stations of the Cross begin, Friday evenings in Lent.

26th February, Rite of Election for RCIA participants, St Stephen's Cathedral.

March...

11th March, 9am - 3pm Deanery Retreat for Parishioners and Friends, please find advertisement on page two (2).

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 11th February, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon

Reader 1: Joy Darby

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Nancy D'Souza

Sunday 12th February, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronald Vaipuna

Reader 1: Brandon D'Silva

Reader 2: Aaron D'Silva

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna

Sunday 12th February, 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.

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.

In you can, please support these very important initiatives.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the Parishioners who helped out with the morning tea last Sunday as we welcomed and blessed the leaders, teachers and staff from both our Catholic schools in our 8.30am Mass. It was a very joyous and wonderful occasion.

Have a great week everyone, being the Salt and Light of the world in Christ,

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

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:



St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

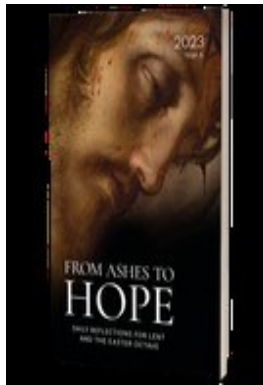
Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details using one of the following methods:

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.



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.

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

Limited copies available, \$5.00 each.

Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday 5th February 2023, we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Ethan, Knox and Loahna,

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

May Ethan, Knox and Loahna, together with their family and their friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



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.

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.

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.



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.



In the coming weeks our Parish Justice and Peace Group will be encouraging those who are able to take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to help support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable

people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your assistance, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.



Donations received with Thanks, from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference. SVDP received for week ending 29/01/23 - \$0.00

Giving and Donations:- Week ending - Sunday 29th January 2023.

Loose & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$ 805.00
Parish (Running) - \$1204.85

Direct Deposits & Credit Card:-

Building (Church) - \$448.00
Parish (Running) - \$522.00

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

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1253.00
Parish (Running) = \$1726.85

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