

Sixth Sunday of  
Easter.  
Year A.  
14th May 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  
Saturday - 4.00pm  
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

## Parish Secretary:

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## Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 2.30pm  
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## Parish Youth and Young Adults:

**Coordinators:** Brandon D'Silva and  
Kali Yopp

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Gather Friday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm

## Parish Safeguarding:

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STOPline: Ph - 1300 304 550

STOPline: Em - [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

## Parish Website:

[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au)

## Parish Facebook Page:

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

## St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

## Readings for this week - 14th May 2023,

### Sixth Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles  
8: 5-8, 14-17

Psalm - Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20.

2nd Reading - St Peter 3: 15-18

Gospel - John 14: 15-21

## ***Come Holy Spirit, Come!***

Time and time again, I have said in my preaching that we are commissioned by Jesus to continue His mission in the world. Then I say, "but we cannot do this on our own, we need the Risen Jesus, God, to help us to be missionary disciples." This coming Sunday's First Reading and Gospel also makes it very clear that we cannot continue Jesus' mission in the world without the help of the Holy Spirit.

In the First Reading Peter and John go to Samaria and performs, what looks like, the Sacrament of Confirmation on all the Samaritans, who have been converted to Christianity. We hear, "they sent Peter and John to them,...and they prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit...Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit." (Acts 8:15-17). Like we hear earlier in the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit enables the Apostles in the upper room to go out to all the world and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ (Act 2:1-11), we too receive the Holy Spirit to enable us to spread the Good News of Jesus to the world today.

This Paraclete, the Holy Spirit, is mentioned by Jesus in this coming Sunday's Gospel, where He says, "I shall ask the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete to be with you for ever, the Spirit of truth...you know Him, because He is with you, He is in you. (John 14:15-17). John's Gospel makes it very clear that the Holy Spirit enables us to continue Jesus' mission in the world through using the following parallels:

The Father gives His only begotten Son (3:16). The Father gives the Paraclete (14:16).

Jesus bears witness (3:22, 8:13-18). The Paraclete bears witness (15:26).

Jesus abides with the disciples (14:25). The Paraclete will abide with the disciples (14:16).

Jesus is the Truth (14:6). The Paraclete is the Spirit of Truth (14:17).

Jesus teaches (7:14). The Paraclete teaches (14:26).

These are just a few of the examples of John paralleling Jesus and the Paraclete. Like I said above, he does this to emphasise that the Holy Spirit gives us the power to continue Jesus' mission in the world.

The world at Jesus' time was very different to the world of today. We are confronted with issues unimaginable in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Palestine, however, the Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth, will guide us as we seek the Truth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Jesus foresaw this when He said to His disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you in all Truth. He will take what is mine and reveal it to you." (John 16:12-13).

Come Holy Spirit, come!

## ***Novena to the Holy Spirit - Friday May 19 to May 27***

"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful. Kindle in them the fire of your love." Yes, we are once again, as a parish, going to pray a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the 9 days leading up to Pentecost. All parishioners are encouraged to pray this Novena asking the Holy Spirit for a **renewal of faith in the World.**

The Novena will be starting on Friday May 19 and concluding on Saturday May 27. Please join in praying the Novena via zoom each morning at 6:00am. These gatherings will be recorded, and the zoom link sent out later each day.

Please join us at 6am by clicking the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81062411654>

## ***Archbishop Mark's Seven Apostolic Priorities***

In today's first reading, Philip goes down to the city of Samaria to proclaim the Messiah to them. The result is "great joy in that city." If the Gospel is not good news, then the Gospel has not been preached. If the acceptance of the Gospel does not result in great joy, then the Gospel has not been received. Sadly, throughout history, the preaching of the Gospel has often been mixed up with political power. The good news that would set the captives free came with a new political power that would create a new kind of captivity. This tension can be recognised in Australian history and is addressed by Archbishop Mark's Fifth Apostolic Priority: engaging anew with First Nations Peoples.

## **Archbishop Mark writes:**

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 18th May

Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 19th May

**\*\* No 9am Mass \*\***

**6am** - Holy Spirit Novena to begin

**6.30pm** - St Benedict's Youth & Young Adults.

### Saturday 20th May

**4pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass

### Sunday 21st May

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sacramental Information Session—First Holy Communion

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## Save the Date...

### May...

**19-27th May** - Holy Spirit Novena runs.

**\*\* Eucharist Sacramental Program runs.**

**28th May** - Pentecost Sunday.

### June...

**24th June** - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal to begin

### July...

**9th July** - St Benedict's Feast Day, Archbishop Mark Coleridge to visit.

\* Confirmation Sacramental Program to start.

**30th July** - Bishop Tim Norton, Justice, Peace & Ecology Workshop at St Benedict's .

## Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

### Saturday 20th May, 4pm

**Commentator:** Oliver Morata

**Reader 1:** Jean-Paul Franzidis

**Reader 2:** Rosemary Franzidis

**Communion Minister:** Denise Rapkins

### Sunday 21st May, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Charles D'Rosario

**Reader 1:** Seema Masih

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

**Communion Minister:** Bobette Sindicic

### Sunday 21st May, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Mark D'Silva

**Reader 1:** Karen Manganti

**Reader 2:** Shiela Pereira

**Communion Minister:** Theresa Saad

**\*\* 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.**

## Counter Roster -

**Monday 15th May** - Peter Zimon and Joseph D'Souza

**Monday 22nd May** - Ken Butler and Ada Bernardo

engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.

To download Archbishop Mark's document entitled "Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 2023" please click the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/lampsablaze>

### *A Beautiful Welcoming Community*

One of the wonderful gifts we have as a parish are our beautiful welcoming communities. Starting next Sunday, the May 21, and continuing right through until the end of August, our Sacramental families will be joining us for celebration of Masses. Let's welcome them with great joy, as their children journey towards receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

### *Archbishop Mark Joining Us for Our Feast Day – 8:30am Mass on Sunday July 9*

Great news! Our Chief Shepherd for the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be joining us for the celebration of our Feast Day at the 8:30am Mass on Sunday July 9 (St Benedict's actual feast day is July 11). Please put this date in your diary as Archbishop Mark Benedict Coleridge we lead us in a beautiful Mass to celebrate St Benedict's Feast Day. The celebrations will continue after Mass with a morning tea/sausage sizzle.

### *Update on the Church*

As mentioned last week, significant members of the Archdiocese and I had a meeting to discuss our church. We have decided to move closer to having a church. I have another meeting on the 25th of May, after which I will give you a more concrete update. In the meantime, we will be organising a Parish Church Futures Group to assist in progressing towards building our church, and to develop a strategy looking at how our parish will fund it.

### *Planned Giving Envelopes - Available for Collection from the Mass Centre*

Thank you ever so much to our Parishioners that completed a Pledge Card indicating that that wish to contribute to the Parish Planned Giving Program via Planned Giving Envelopes.

The latest batch of envelopes are now available for collection from the Mass Centre. They will be on the Welcome table ready for you, if you could kindly find the box with your name labelled on the front and the top, thank you.

For those that may still wish to contribute via envelopes, we do have spare boxes available, please feel free to contact the Parish Office and we will arrange to have them sent to the Mass Centre for you to collect.

### *Happy Mother's Day!*

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the mothers in our parish a happy "Mother's Day!" It is great that we set aside a day each year to acknowledge our wonderful mothers, and to show our thanks and appreciation for all they have done for us. I pray God's blessing upon all mothers, so that like Mary, our heavenly Mother, they will continue to put God at the centre of their lives. For God will always help them know that they are fully loved and appreciated, and will fill them the life-giving love, which empowers them to be the best mothers imaginable.

Happy Mother's Day! Happy Easter!!

*Fr Bryan.*



### Communion Ministers—Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder for 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, Bernadeen Hodby, Cheryl Black, Sang Yeoul Choi, Genesis Neru.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**  
Peter Jones.

**Our Dear Recently Departed:** Kevin Rose.



### 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](mailto: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.

Should you wish you have a name placed in the prayer requests in the Parish Newsletter, please email the Parish Office on [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au).

### 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 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.

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. Thank you very much to those who Volunteer.



### 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.**

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.

### Sacramental Programs for Children 2023

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

**Enrolments for 2023 Eucharist are now closed.** Please keep all of the children and families preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in your prayers over coming weeks.

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

**Enrolments for Confirmation in 2023 are now being accepted.**

Sacramental Preparation, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, takes place throughout the months of July and August, with the Sacrament being received in August.

We welcome you to please contact the Parish Office on 34901768 or [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au) if you are wishing to have your child/children enrolled or seek information for Sacramental Programs for 2023, and you have not yet done so. Thank you.



### 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.



### The Lords Day

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church's requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).



*X Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane*

*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we gather for the St Benedict's Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*

**Parish Giving and Donations:- Week ending, Sunday 7th May 2023.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$647.90  
 Parish (Running) - \$1037.40

**Direct Deposits, Credit Cards & Tap N Go:-**

Building (Church) - \$655.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$1030.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1302.90  
 Parish (Running) = \$2067.40

*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.*

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

**If you or anyone you know is struggling and needs a 'hand up', please contact St Vinnies on 1800Vinnie.**



**Help us keep you up to date.**

Please feel free to contact 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 great way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

**Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish**

To everyone who actively contributes financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish. Thank you! Without you we would not be able to operate as a parish.

We know that the only stable and recurring income that our parish receives is from the **support of our Planned Giving Program**. At present, we are not receiving enough income from our Planned Giving to meet the financial cost of running the parish.

**There is a need to increase our collections by \$2000 a week** in-order-to plug the gap when we are no longer eligible to receive the current level of subsidies from the Archdiocese, which will cease in 2024. Also, as I have said, after a church is built there will be additional operating costs such as insurance, maintenance, utility bills etc.

Please, I am asking every parishioner to commit some of your **TREASURE** and help make our dream become a reality. Our Parish Pledge Card is available at the Mass centre; asking everyone to **commit to the Planned Giving Program**. If you are already in the Planned Giving Program, we are asking you to at least continue and if possible increase your financial support. 500 people on average attend Mass each week and we have 83 families that contribute to the Parish through the Parish Planned Giving Program.

If you are not yet part of our Planned Giving Program, then please join and make a commitment to our Parish. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

1. **Direct Debit or**
2. **Credit Card or**
3. **Giving Envelopes**

On this Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support both:

- \* **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- \* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/building of assets, which include our future church, offices, and an adult faith formation/gathering space.

If we want the Archdiocese to contribute significantly to the building of our church, then we need to show that we are financially viable as a parish. So please join our Planned Giving program to help secure our financial future and to give us funds to answer God's call for us to spread the Good News of Jesus through our words, our deeds, and by being vessels of God's hope, love, and peace.

**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.

**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.**



**Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane**

**Priority Five: Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples**

The injustice done to First Nations peoples in this country is a running sore at the heart of the nation. It is contemporary Australia's original sin... We need a genuinely new engagement of the Church with the First Nations peoples, especially in an Archdiocese like this where the Indigenous presence is strong. A new engagement will mean, first of all, listening to Indigenous voices, and believing that we can learn if we really listen. In the past, non-Indigenous Australia has struggled to believe that we could learn anything from First Nations peoples. They could learn from us, but not we from them. That has to change, both in the Church and in Australia more generally. Then the listening and learning need to lead to action.



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**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