

Fifth Sunday of
Easter.
Year A.
7th 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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Parish Youth and Young Adults:

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Instagram: [@regiumyouth](https://www.instagram.com/regiumyouth)

Gather Friday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm

Parish Safeguarding:

Email: northlakes.slr@bne.catholic.net.au

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STOPline: Em - AOB@stopline.com.au

Parish Website:

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)

The Household of God!!

The words of this coming Sunday's Gospel (John 14:1-12) are very familiar since this is the text frequently chosen at Christian funerals. But to limit this text to life after death would be a mistake.

In John's Gospel, Jesus makes it very clear that eternal life starts now. That is, on earth! Jesus said, "I have come so that you can have life (Zoe) and have it in abundance (John 10:10. And 'Zoe' is the Greek word meaning eternal life with God).

Sunday's Gospel comes from Jesus' last supper with the disciples. Here, Jesus is assuring us that in the absence of the physical Jesus we will discover God's presence still with us. And Jesus refers to us as the "Household of God."

Chapter 14 of John's Gospel is all about God coming to dwell within us, God's Household. Inferring that we are the New Temple in which God dwells. When Jesus says, 'I go to prepare a place for you,' Jesus is referring to a place for the New Temple and the Ark of the Covenant. So, it is not that Jesus is preparing a heavenly place for us to live in at a future time, but that right now, Jesus is preparing us to be the living Temple in whom God lives. This chapter of John's Gospel, and the following chapter which continues to use the word 'dwell' as it speaks of disciples dwelling in a vine, provides a rich spiritual concept of the mutual indwelling presence of God and believer.

You and I now make up the community that is the Household of God, where Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit dwell. We don't have to wait until death to dwell in God's household, we are that household now. Jesus says, 'I am the way.' So, in and through Jesus we have become God's children, and members of God's household.

Now, being members of God's Household gives us great responsibility. Jesus said, 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father.' So today, if people want to know what God is like, where can they look? You and I as children of God's household are the bearers of God's image for our world. If the world asks like Philip, 'Let us see the Father,' we need to be able to answer, 'Look at me!' This huge responsibility that can only be achieved through the grace of opening our hearts, minds, and whole being to God.

Update on the Church

Last Thursday 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.

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

Have you ever had an experience where you've been ignored or neglected? Have you ever felt invisible as you struggled with something, obviously needing help, and those nearby simply stood by and watched without coming to help. Sadly, these situations are becoming all the more common as the cultural reflex leans toward taking videos of someone in crisis, rather than actually getting involved and helping! It is the widows in this coming Sunday's first reading that are having this kind of experience, and it's the Greeks that bring it to the attention of the community so that the Apostles respond. In recent decades, there have been vulnerable people in our communities who were not only neglected but were abused. This horror was brought into the light by the Government's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It is this great tragedy that is recognised in Archbishop Mark's next Apostolic Priority: Responding to abuse, and the abused.

Readings for this week - 7th May 2023,

Fifth Sunday of Easter.

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
6: 1-7**

Psalm - Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19

2nd Reading - St Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel - John 14: 1-12

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 11th May

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 12th May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Grade 8

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

Saturday 13th May

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sunday 14th May

May all of our Mothers and the Mother figures in our lives be blessed today and on every day... Happy Mother's Day!

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Archbishop Mark writes:

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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 on Sunday 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 travel 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 9th (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 sausage sizzle.

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, 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.

Receipts for Caritas—Available at the Mass Centre.

For our Parishioners who requested a receipt for their Caritas Contribution; your receipt is available for collection from the Mass Centre. If you could kindly see your Mass Sacristan and they will be able to assist you.

Thank you once again to all those who were able to contribute to Caritas' Project Compassion in 2023.

Happy Easter my friends, living our lives in the Risen Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life,

Fr Bryan.

Save the Date...

May...

* First Holy Communion Sacramental Program to start.

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 2.

Saturday 13th May, 4pm

Commentator: Rochie Martin

Reader 1: Joy Darby

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 14th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Brandon D'Silva

Reader 2: Aaron D'Silva

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna & Juvenal Ndayishimye

Sunday 14th May, 5.30pm

Commentator: Tim Campbell

Reader 1: Xanthe Campbell

Reader 2: Geni Campbell

Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse

** 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 8th May - Brian Ziebarth and Ada Bernardo

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



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday 7th May 2023,
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Aaliyah, Ashley, Lucille and Marco,

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

May we pray that, Aaliyah, Ashley, Lucille and Marco,
together with their family and their friends, experience
God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

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, 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.



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 2023

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



Enrolments are open for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2023, Sacramental Preparation will take place throughout the months of May and June, with Sacraments being received in June. Families that participated in the 2022 Sacramental Program for Confirmation have been contacted via email by the Parish, should families not have received an email please feel free to call the Parish Office. Registration for Eucharist will close Monday May 8

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 on 34901768 or 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.

Lamps Ablaze: Apostolic Priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Priority Four: Responding to Abuse and the Abused

"In responding to abuse and the abused, we need to move beyond considerations of law and finance... Of course we need to attend to legal and financial matters, but the paramount concern needs to be the good of those abused. Not all victims and survivors look to the Church for spiritual and pastoral accompaniment and care, but some do and others may in time, if ever trust can be established. We can learn from experience elsewhere in seeking to respond more effectively to abuse and the abused. Unless we do, this will remain a gaping wound - certainly for victims and survivors but for the whole Church as well - which makes it hard for us to move in the future."

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Download the whole document at tinyurl.com/lampsablaze

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 30th April 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$287.70
 Parish (Running) - \$969.90

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$652.40
 Parish (Running) = \$1249.90

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

Direct Deposits, Credit Cards & Tap N Go:-

Building (Church) - \$365.00
 Parish (Running) - \$280.00

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.

Donations received with Thanks, from St Vincent De Paul North Lakes Conference.

SVDP received for week ending 30/04/23 - \$0.00



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.

ST FRANCIS SOCIAL
In June 2023

7:00pm Saturday 10 June 2023

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Hall, West End

The St Francis Social is a good ol' fashion dance for Catholic young adults aged 18 - 39, with a bit of fundraising for local charities thrown in for good measure!

All profits from this event (including ticket sales, drink purchases and raffle tickets) will be donated to Emmanuel City Mission to help fund the amazing work they do to support the homeless and vulnerable in Brisbane.

GOOD TUNES + GOOD DANCING + GOOD CROWD + FOR A GOOD CAUSE = A GOOD NIGHT OUT

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS - ONLY \$20 (+BF) EACH INCLUDING DRINK ON ARRIVAL!

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RCIA FORMATION DAY

Be equipped to walk alongside others during the Mystagogy stage.

INPUT | DISCUSSION | NETWORKING

DETAILS

Sunday 7 May 2023
 1pm to 4pm
 Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo
 RSVP by 4 May
 at <https://tinyurl.com/RCIAfd23>

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