

The Most Holy
Body and Blood of
Christ.
Year A.
11th June 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
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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Kali Yopp

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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)

Readings for this week - 11th June 2023,

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ.

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16.

Psalm - Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
10: 16-17.

Gospel - John 6: 51-58.

Vale Marj Williams!

We sadly bid farewell to a very cherished, and much-loved parishioner, Marj Williams. Marj was a foundational member of our St Benedict's community and contributed significantly to the life of the parish.

Working closely with Sr Bernie Sontrop, and the other foundational members of our St Benedict's community, Marj, together with her husband Nev, has always provided great hospitality for our community. Making her a very large contributor to the beautiful welcoming community of St Benedict's Parish.

Marj, being a very talented seamstress, and having a lovely artistic flare about her, has contributed significantly to the dignity of our sacred space in which we worship. Also, as I said at all our Masses last Sunday, Marj made and maintained the priests' vestments, with the most noticeable one being the rose (not pink) coloured vestments that the priest wears twice a year. Marj was also a very resourceful person, sourcing the tabernacle for our Blessed Sacrament Chapel, as well as crucifixes and many other religious items.

Marj was a beautiful, kind, thoughtful, and caring person, who always put others before herself. Thus, living the Christian life beautifully. Being a very faithful servant of God through her service of us.

So Marj, may God's perpetual light shine upon you, and may you rest in peace. Amen!

The Body of Christ

St. Paul, in this coming Sunday's second reading, says "the bread that we break is a communion with the Body of Christ" (1 Cor 10:16). For St. Paul, all the baptised are members of the Body of Christ, who through coming together and receiving Holy Communion, the Body of Christ, join the Risen Jesus in the most profound and intimate way possible. Here the Saviour of the World, the King of all the ages, the Prince of Peace, dwells in us, and we dwell in His glorified body. What a union! What a communion! What a Holy Communion!

As people of faith being able to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion is the most precious gift imaginable. This is why we call it the Eucharist, a Greek word meaning thanksgiving, for being able to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus is the ultimate gift we could ever be thankful for. For in this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "anyone who eats my flesh or drinks my blood has eternal life, and I raise them up on the last day" (John 6:54). Then again at the end of the Gospel, "anyone who eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51 and 58). And this is exactly what we all want more than anything, eternal life in God.

Now, as I emphasise time and time again, our calling as the Body of Christ is to continue Jesus' mission of saving the world. We do this with the Risen Jesus, imitating Jesus as a person, who is God-centred, praying constantly, and doing all we can to help others. Drawing as many people as possible into relationship with God, nourishing ourselves constantly in Communion with God's word, and the Bread of Life, having eternal life forever.

Congratulations to the Children making their First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our children who are making their First Holy Communion over the next two Sundays. Together with all other parishioners fully initiated into the Body of Christ, you now get to receive our greatest gift imaginable, Jesus! Jesus is God, the second person of the Trinity, who at the Last Supper said to His disciples, "Take this and eat!" "Take this and drink!" So, by answering Jesus' call to receive Him in Holy Communion, we are receiving our greatest gift imaginable.

Jesus has given us the Sacrament of His Body and Blood so that He can live in us and we can continue and fulfill His mission of love in the world. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we do so as a very important member of God's family, joining the rest of our family in receiving the most beautiful Spiritual nourishment imaginable. When we receive Jesus in Holy Communion we build up our friendship with Jesus, getting to know Jesus more and more. The more we get to know Jesus, the more we will grasp the immeasurable love that Jesus has for us, and the more we will understand the immeasurable love that we have to offer in being vessels of God's love to others. This is the whole reason why Jesus has come into the world, that is, to save the world from sin and death. Jesus gives us Himself in Holy Communion so that we can continue Jesus' mission of saving the world through us with Jesus' incredible life-giving love.

So once again, congratulations to all the terrific children receiving Holy Communion with Jesus for the very first time today. May you come to know the infinite love that Jesus has for you, so that Jesus' love can flow through you to all others, and as such, make the world a much, much better place for all. May God bless you all abundantly.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 15th June

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 16th June

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Grade 6W from the Primary School.

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

Saturday 17th June

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sunday 18th June

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass
Incl. Sacramental children First Holy Communion (grp3)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass
Incl. Sacramental children First Holy Communion (grp4)

Save the Date...

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.

August...

* Sacrament of Confirmation continues.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 17th June, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis
Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis
Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 18th June, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic and Michael Campbell

Sunday 18th June, 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 12th June - Ken Butler and Gary Smyth

Monday 19th June - Raymundo Rivera and Ada Bernardo

A BIG THANK YOU, to our Hospitality Volunteers last Sunday.

Thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who provided and assisted with the Morning Tea for our Sacramental Retreat families last Sunday. It truly was a display of the wonderful people we have in our Community coming together to do great things, and we thank you very much for time and efforts.

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 will lead us in a beautiful Mass to celebrate St Benedict's Feast Day. The celebrations will continue after Mass with morning tea. All are Welcome!

Update on the Church

As mentioned in previous weeks, significant members of the Archdiocese, BCE and I are regularly meeting to discuss our church. We have decided to move closer to having a church. We joined together again last Thursday (25/05), to discuss and plan for the next steps to be taken.

The next steps that are to be taken will be to have a new Master Plan drawn up for the future of the St Benedict's Primary, College and Parish and the use and development of the block of land across from the Primary School hall. Along with this Master Plan will be a feasibility exercise as to whether a New Build, a Pre-Fabricated or Re-establishing/relocating an existing church building onto the land would be accessible and most affordable.

In the meantime, I am 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.

Vinnies Winter Appeal, 24th and 25th June

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Volunteers do their very best to leave some encouragement and hope with the families they visit, but it pulls at the heart strings, as unfortunately Vinnies too struggle with limited budgets and resources.

St Vincent de Paul are sending online food vouchers to those who are homeless and living in their cars, and those who wait for this voucher to get their next meal.

Please, if you are able, give what you can to the Vinnies Winter Appeal over the weekend of 24/25 June, either cash or Eftpos donations are accepted and appreciated, and know that you will be blessed as you too give hope, and help SVdP to 'feed the poor'.

Planned Giving Envelopes - Available for Collection from the Mass Centre

We are down to the last few boxes of Planned Giving envelopes in the Mass Centre waiting for Parishioners to collect. They are on the Welcome table ready for you, if you could kindly find the box with your name labelled on the front and the top.

For those that may still wish to contribute to Parish Planned Giving 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.

St Benedict's College 10 year Celebration Dinner

St Benedict's College is holding a celebration dinner for the 10 year anniversary of the establishment of their school. Should you wish to know more about this event, please see the advertisement on page 3, or contact reception at the St Benedict's College.

Have a great week my sisters and brothers, praising the Lord for God abundant blessings,

Fr Bryan



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday 11th June 2023, we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Kelsa, Koleen, Alessia, Phoenix, Bodhi and Luca,
as they received the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we pray that, Kelsa, Koleen, Alessia, Phoenix, Bodhi and Luca, 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, Genesis Neru, Sang Yeoul Choi, Remi Peralta.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: Marj Williams, Maricris David, Rudolph Jakab.



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.

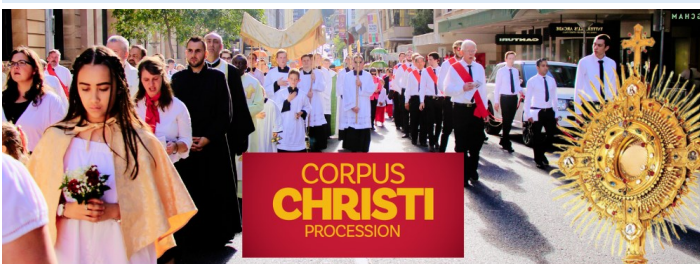
The Archdiocese of Brisbane has reviewed the requirements for Parish Volunteers who are required to hold a Blue Card and/or a Police Check:-

* 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.



SUNDAY 11 JUNE | 2PM | CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

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.

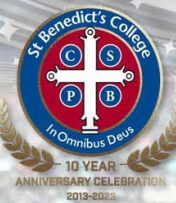
We welcome you to please contact the Parish Office on 34901768 or admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au if you are wishing to have your child/children enrolled or seek information for Sacramental Programs for 2023, and you have not yet done so. Thank you.



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.



10 YEARS Celebration DINNER

The Foundation Principal, Claire McLaren cordially invites you to our College's 10 Years Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Saturday, 29 July 2023

Arrive 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

Norths Leagues & Services Club
1347 ANZAC Avenue, Kallangur

\$100 per ticket
<https://www.trybooking.com/CHEDE>
Bookings Close 10 July 2023

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 4th June 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$361.50
 Parish (Running) - \$1083.75

Direct Deposits, Credit Cards & Tap N Go:-

Building (Church) - \$820.00
 Parish (Running) - \$995.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1181.50
 Parish (Running) = \$2078.75

*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.

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.



VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL 24/25 JUNE

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The Cathedral Guides and Welcomers will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on 27 August this year and all current and former Guides and Welcomers are invited to join the festivities.

We will mark the occasion on Sunday, 27 August with Mass in the Cathedral at 10am, followed by a function in The Hanly Room, in the Francis Rush Centre.

If you would like to celebrate with us on 27 August, and rekindle old friendships and memories with former Guide and Welcomers, please let us know via email to:- cathedralguidesandwelcomers@gmail.com

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