

Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
Year A.  
18th June 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  
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## 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  
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## Parish Safeguarding:

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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)

## ***The Harvest is Rich, but the Labourers are Few (Matthew 9:37)***

In his book, *Patience with God: The Story of Zacchaeus Continuing in Us*, Father Tomas Halik believes that there are a great number of "seekers" in the world today. These "seekers", who like Zacchaeus (in Luke 19:1-10), yearn for fulfillment and meaning, but are not sure where to find it. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we know that Jesus gives us fulfillment and meaning, and in this coming Sunday's Gospel we are encouraged by Jesus to step-up and share the Good News of Jesus with others.

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus appoints the twelve apostles, and sends them out to "proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand" (Matthew 10:7). As members of the Body of Christ, we are called to be apostles too. Our primary call is to "proclaim that the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand." Jesus is the Kingdom of Heaven, who is indeed very close to us. All we need to do in order to receive Jesus more and more deeply into our lives is to open our hearts and minds to Him. When we do this, through the grace of God, we find complete fulfillment and meaning in our lives. Then we do all we can to share this Good News of Jesus with others. So that the great multitude of "seekers", which Father Halik refers to, opens their hearts and minds to Jesus too, for Jesus will always satisfy our deepest yearning, and gives us life in abundance.

## ***Marj Williams' Requiem Mass – Tuesday June 20 at 10am***

We will be celebrating Marj Williams' Requiem Mass at 10am on Tuesday June 20 at St Dymphna's church Aspley. All are welcome! But please carpool, for parking spaces will be limited. And please bring a plate, for we will be continuing to fondly remember Marj after Mass in St Dymphna's school hall for morning tea/lunch after Mass.

Please keep Marj, Nev and their family in your prayers.

## ***Three Priestly Ordinations***

In quoting Jesus above, "the harvest is rich and the labourers are few" (Matthew 9:37). I have some great news! God has sent us (the Archdiocese of Brisbane) three very impressive young adults to be labourers in the vineyard of the Lord. Deacons Gerard, Minje, and Isaac, pictured below, will be ordained as priests on the Feast of Sts Peter and Paul (June 29) this year. These are terrific young men, live the joy of the Gospel, and absolutely love Jesus! So, they will indeed be great priests. Please keep them in your prayers.



## ***Congratulations to Our First Holy Communion Children***

Congratulations to all our children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. You did an awesome job receiving Jesus, who will always help you to become saints.

This coming Sunday our remaining children will be receiving their First Holy Communion too. So that, together with all other parishioners, you will be 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

## Readings for this week - 18th June 2023,

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Exodus 19: 2-6.

Psalms - Ps 99: 2-3, 5.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans  
5: 6-11.

Gospel - Matthew 9:36 - 10:8.

## **The Week Ahead...**

### **Tuesday 20th June**

**10am** - Funeral Mass for Marj Williams, held at St Dymphna's Aspley.

### **Thursday 22nd June**

Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 23rd June**

**9am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Grade 7 from the College.

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

*School Holidays to begin.*

### **Saturday 24th June**

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

### **Sunday 25th June**

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

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass

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 who have received and will receive Holy Communion with Jesus for the very first time. 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.

### ***A BIG THANK YOU, to our Hospitality Volunteers.***

Thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who provided and assisted with the Morning Tea for our Sacramental Retreat families. 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 your 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***

Each week, St Vincent de Paul volunteers are visiting people on the verge of eviction, and the little help they are able to offer, may not prevent this.

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, crying out with joy to the Lord,

*Fr Bryan*

## **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.

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

*July/August...*

\* Sacramental Program for Confirmation .

## **Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.**

### **Saturday 24th June, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Hugh Shannon  
**Reader 1:** Andreena Shannon  
**Reader 2:** Evie Shannon  
**Communion Minister:** Oliver Morata

### **Sunday 25th June, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Werner Mascarenhas  
**Reader 1:** Andre Mascarenhas  
**Reader 2:** Erika Mascarenhas  
**Communion Minister:** Joseph and Nancy D'Souza

### **Sunday 25th June, 5.30pm**

**Commentator:** Chris Molina  
**Reader 1:** Theresa Saad  
**Reader 2:** Ashley Oliver  
**Communion Minister:** Christopher Beck

\*\* 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 19th June** - Raymundo Rivera and Ada Bernardo

**Monday 26th June** - Jim Kearney and Peter Zimon

### 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 Jakob.



### **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 [sparishprayerhub@gmail.com](mailto:sparishprayerhub@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.

### **150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen**

The Archbishop has launched a year of celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Opening and Blessing of the Cathedral of St. Stephen. There will be a number of celebrations throughout the next twelve months.

This month we will be celebrating the story of Ordinations in the Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to attend **10am Mass on Wed. 28/06**, at the Cathedral as we celebrate and acknowledge all those who have been ordained in the Cathedral throughout its history. Archbishop Coleridge will preside and refreshments will be provided afterwards. Come along and give thanks for the gift of service of the ordained ministers of our local church.

### **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.



# 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 11th June 2023.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$555.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$981.05

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

Building (Church) - \$525.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$560.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1080.00  
 Parish (Running) = \$1541.05

*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.

**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.**

**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.



**VINNIE'S WINTER APPEAL 24/25 JUNE**

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God bless you all.



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