

The Most Holy  
Trinity.  
Year A.  
4th 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  
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.

## Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am  
Saturday - 4.00pm  
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

## Parish Secretary:

Renaë Smyth-Scott  
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## Parish Office:

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North Lakes, Qld 4509

**Phone:** 34901768 or 0401550638  
admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au

## Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 2.30pm  
Friday Closed.

## Parish Youth and Young Adults:

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

Phone: 0423503546

Email: [sbparishyouth@outlook.com](mailto:sbparishyouth@outlook.com)

Email: [youth.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

Instagram: @regiumyouth

Gather Friday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm

## Parish Safeguarding:

Email: [northlakes.slr@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:northlakes.slr@bne.catholic.net.au)

STOPline: Ph - 1300 304 550

STOPline: Em - [A0B@stopline.com.au](mailto:A0B@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 - 4th June 2023,

### The Most Holy Trinity.

1st Reading - Exodus 34: 4-6, 8-9.

Psalm - Daniel 3: 52-56.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians  
13: 11-13.

Gospel - John 3: 16-18.

## **Grasping the Trinity**

I have been receiving Spiritual Direction for over twenty-five years. This is a process where I sit face-to-face with a Spiritual Director, who gets me talking about my relationship with God. Now, I am not sure about other people who receive Spiritual Direction, but I seem to be very good at putting my Spiritual Directors to sleep. Throughout my years of Spiritual Direction, I've had seven Spiritual Directors, and all seven, I have put to sleep.

Six of my Spiritual Directors were relatively young priests, so to put them to sleep is a good effort. My other Spiritual Director was a priest in his eighties, and he didn't just fall to sleep while I was speaking, he would actually fall to sleep while he was speaking too. He would say, "Well Bryan, I want you to reflect on the parable in Luke's Gospel where..." And he would give this big pause, and I would be looking at him, thinking, is he trying to find words, then, after a while I'd realise that he had actually fallen asleep. I wasn't sure what to do!

This elderly Spiritual Director was a marvellous man, and he gave me a pearl of wisdom that I will never forget. He often said to me, "Bryan, we will never be able to get to know and understand God fully. For to be able to get to know and understand God fully, we would need to be God. And God help us if we were God."

So, if you struggle in understanding the Trinity, then join the club. For to fully understand the Trinity, is to fully understand God. And we need to be God to be able to do that.

We can only seek to get to know and understand our Trinitarian God more and more. We do this by living our lives in the grace of God, as our constant companion on the journey of life, who always leads us to true life. In other words, we don't try to grasp God, we allow God to grasp us. And it is by living our lives intentionally in the great presence of God, we will be able to know and love God more and more, and come to realise that God fully knows and loves us infinitely.

## **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!

## **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."

Thank you to everyone who made our Novena to the Holy Spirit a wonderful part of our prayer life. Thank you to Jeanette from our Prayer Network, who organised the roster and the content. Thank you to all the parishioners who joined us a 6am each morning to participate and lead the Novena. Thank you to all parishioners who prayed the Novena through the recorded version sent out each day. And a big "thank you" to Renae for sending it out so promptly each day. I ask the Holy Spirit to immerse you all in God's incredible loving presence both now and forever!!

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

Recapping Archbishop Mark's Seven Apostolic priorities for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which we have been communicating over the weeks of the Easter season.

- Teaching Prayer.
- Reshaping Parish Communities.
- Bringing Cultural Communities to the Centre.
- Responding to Abuse and the Abused.
- Engaging Anew with First Nations Peoples.
- Implementing Integral Ecology.
- Embedding Synodal Governance.

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. We are well and truly in the midst of our journey with our Sacramental families. This Sunday the children making their First Holy Communion will be joining their parents and our Sacramental team for morning tea and a mini retreat after our 8:30am Mass. Then the following two Sundays, the children will be making their First Holy Communion.

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

### **Thursday 8th June**

Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 9th June**

**9am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

### **Saturday 10th June**

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

### **Sunday 11th June**

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass  
Incl. Sacramental children First Holy  
Communion (grp1)

**11am** - St Benedict's Parish, Baptism  
Celebration and Preparation Morning

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass  
Incl. Sacramental children First Holy  
Communion (grp2)

## **Save the Date...**

### **June...**

\*\* Eucharist Sacramental Program runs.

**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 10th June, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Rochie Martin

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Neville Williams

### **Sunday 11th June, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Brandon D'Silva

**Reader 2:** Aaron D'Silva

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna &  
Juvenal Ndayishimye

### **Sunday 11th June, 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 5th June** - Brian Ziebarth and  
Raymundo Rivera

**Monday 12th June** - Ken Butler and  
Gary Smyth

Let's keep supporting these children and their families with great joy as they prepare to receive the beautiful gift of Jesus in Holy Communion.

### ***Archbishop's Dinner for Women***

We have many wonderful faith-filled young ladies in our Youth/Young Adults group. I would very much like these young ladies to consider accepting Archbishop Mark's invitation for them to join him for dinner with many other faith-filled young ladies from the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

The Archbishop's Dinner for Women is an evening event that provides a space for women who are discerning their vocation to gather and connect with each other. Archbishop Mark Coleridge (Archbishop of Brisbane) will share his personal journey of vocation to help you gain insight and wisdom into your own discernment and the questions you're currently facing. This event is a great opportunity for women to be inspired, ask questions, and continue your discernment journey.

**When:** Thursday 1 June 2023, 6.00pm

**Where:** Archbishop's Residence, New Farm.

If you would like to attend this dinner, please email me on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au

### ***The Christian Calling to Care for our Beautiful World***

Archbishop Mark's "Apostolic Priorities", (With Lamps Ablaze), points out the Pope's message of interconnectedness of all things in the world, both natural and human. Therefore, "What can we do when things go wrong?" Right now, things in our community are going wrong. The 68 hectares of the largest open space between Pine River and Narangba, (old North Lakes golf course) was legally zoned in 1998 as "Open Space – Residential Uses Prohibited". It is a critical wildlife habitat and corridor, and a vital recreational area. It is now under grave threat to be redeveloped into high density residences. Please stop this by objecting now.

<https://savenorthlakes.com.au/objection-to-da/>

### ***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 still have a 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, allowing ourselves to be grasped by the eternal love of the Trinity,

*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, Genesis Neru, Sang Yeoul Choi.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Our Dear Recently Departed:** Maricris David



### **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.



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.

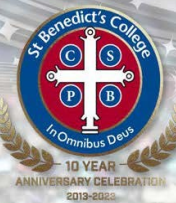
We welcome you to please contact the Parish Office on 34901768 or [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au) if you are wishing to have your child/children enrolled or seek information for Sacramental Programs for 2023, and you have not yet done so. Thank you.



### **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 28th May 2023.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$535.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$828.90

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

Building (Church) - \$328.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$897.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$863.00  
 Parish (Running) = \$1725.90

*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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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