

Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year A.
30th July 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

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Parish Facebook Page:

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

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St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Readings for this week - 30th July 2023, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Kings 3: 5, 7-12.

Psalm - Ps 118: 57, 72, 76-77,
127-130.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 28-30.

Gospel - Matthew 13: 44-52.

Jesus' Love for Us is Beyond Measure

In this coming Sunday's Gospel Jesus uses two parables to try to explain how great life is when it is lived with faith in God. Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven, that is, God reigning in our hearts and minds, is like a hidden treasure that is worth more than anything else. Here, Jesus is telling us how wonderful our gift of faith is. Our faith in God, who loves us more than we can ever imagine, and is with us every second of everyday loving us and wanting the best for us. Calling us to live a life in Him where we love God and all others with all that we have.

Jesus then re-emphasises this point with the next parable. Here, a merchant finds the elusive pearl that he has been searching for all of his life, and when he finds it, he sells everything he has so that he can possess this priceless pearl. For the merchant, this pearl was more important than anything else. Jesus is therefore making it abundantly clear that our faith is priceless to us, not only worth more than anything else in our lives, but worth more than everything in our lives put together.

When we open our hearts and minds to God, living in loving union with God, we will experience a love so life-giving, that we will come to realise that it is this love, and only this love that matters. For living our lives in the love of God with God's love in us is so precious, it is priceless and beyond all measure.

Bishop Tim Norton – Mass and Talk on Sunday July 30 at 8:30am

How blessed are we? Recently, we hosted Archbishop Mark, and on Sunday 30 July we will have our Auxiliary Bishop, Bishop Tim Norton, joining us for another major event. This will start with a multi-cultural Mass at 8:30am to celebrate our Parish's diversity, and a short morning tea followed by a presentation by Bishop Tim on understanding and implementing practical measures to live the Christian life guided by Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si'" (On the care for our common home).

Please join us for Mass and morning tea with Bishop Tim, and then stay to hear Bishop Tim explain this new direction. The presentation should start at 10.15am and conclude at 11:30.

The Liturgy is the Source and Summit of the Christian Life (SC 10)

The above quote comes from a Second Vatican Council document Sacrosanctum Concilium, which is the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (to view this excellent document on the liturgy please click [Sacrosanctum Concilium \(vatican.va\)](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/documents/hf_pope66_sacrosanctum_concilium_chapter_1.html)).

We are blessed to have Elizabeth Harrington continuing to educate us this week, as we learn more about the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Central to the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Mass is the Eucharistic Prayer. The priest offers this prayer on our behalf, and we participate through the opening dialogue and the three acclamations, and by joining our personal praise and sacrifice to that of the Church.

The following elements are included in all thirteen Eucharistic Prayers in the Missal, though the order varies:

Thanksgiving - especially in the Preface which gives thanks for the whole work of salvation or for some special aspect of it;

Acclamation - the "Holy, holy" sung by the people and presider after the Preface. Here we join the singing of the angels and saints before God's throne;

Invocation - or *epiclesis*, the calling down of the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine;

Institution narrative - the retelling of the scriptural account of Christ's words and actions at the Last Supper;

Memorial prayer - or *anamnesis* ('lest we forget') which recalls the paschal mystery;

Offering - the entire Church and this assembly offer Christ and themselves to God in union with Christ;

Second invocation of the Spirit - this time on those gathered that they may become "one body, one spirit in Christ";

Intercessions for the Church and the world, for the living and the dead;

Final doxology - ("through him, with him, ..."), the prayer of praise in which the celebrant sums up and concludes the thanksgiving offered to God.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge Committed to an Indigenous Voice (from the Catholic Leader 15 February, 2023)

BRISBANE Archbishop Mark Coleridge has spoken out in support of creating an Indigenous Voice to parliament, ahead of an Australian referendum on the subject later this year.

"I'm strongly committed to the Voice. I've listened to important and convincing indigenous voices on this topic," Archbishop Coleridge said.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has confirmed that sometime between August and November the Australian people will go to a referendum for the first time since 1999.

A question will be put whether we support changing the Constitution to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by setting up a representative Voice to inform government and parliamentary decisions.

In September 2021, Archbishop Coleridge publicly endorsed the Uluru Statement From the Heart and made an historic commitment on behalf of the Catholic Church to back indigenous leaders demanding a constitutional voice.

His endorsement was founded on Scripture and a history of dispossession of First Nation peoples.

"God is going to take out of us that heart of stone and give us a heart of flesh – the heart of Jesus... that recognises the other as a human being," Archbishop Coleridge said, standing on

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 3rd August

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 4th August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with the Year 1 and Year 5 Students.

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

Saturday 5th August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sunday 6th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Retreat morning 8.30am - 11.30am for Preparation of Children making their Confirmation.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

August...

6th August - Sacramental Retreat for 2023 Confirmation children.

13th, 20th & 27th August - Sacramental Mass, Children to receive Confirmation.

13th August - St Benedict's Parish *Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning*

15th August - St Benedict's Parish Masses for The Assumption, 9am and 7pm.

20th August - Catholic Campaign Weekend.

27th August - ALPHA Series to begin, 10am

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 5th August, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 6th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian & Shaji George

Sunday 6th August, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony

Reader 1: Claire Goss

Reader 2: Erwin Perez

Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

** 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 -

Sunday 30th July - Raymundo Rivera and Joseph D'souza.

Sunday 6th August - Peter Zimon and Gary Smyth

Quandamooka country at the Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre in Ormiston, east of Brisbane.

"What has been done to the indigenous peoples of this land could only have been done by denying that they were in fact human – they were at best perhaps subhuman.

"A heart of flesh says no to that, absolutely no."

Australia's first Catholic mission was established in 1843 on Stradbroke Island, not far away, and on Quandamooka Country.

Sharing and Endorsing the Uluru Statement from the Heart

The leaders of our Church in Australia has asked us to share and endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart. It is an excellent statement. Also, here is a video link of Archbishop Mark sharing his views on this statement ([\(6\) NAIDOC Week Message - Archbishop Mark Coleridge - YouTube](#))

ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered here at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country, and we invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

Catholic Education Week

During this year's Catholic Education Week, I take this opportunity on behalf of the parish to thank the staff at both schools for doing such a great job in providing such high-quality Catholic education for our students at St Benedict's Primary School and St Benedict's College.

It is wonderful that Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

It is very clear that each member of the staff of our Primary School and College goes above and beyond their call to duty. They genuinely care for the students and their families, which fosters a beautiful sense of community in all areas of our St Benedict's Parish.

So to the staff at both the Primary School and College, have a great week and thank you for your service to the Catholic Church, to the wider community, and to the world.

Welcoming our Sacramental Families

Once again we are reminded of one of the many wonderful gifts we have as a parish, is our beautiful welcoming community. Continuing right through until the end of August, our Sacramental families will be joining us for the celebration of Masses. Let's welcome them with great joy, as their children journey towards receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation. May we keep all of the children and their families in our prayers, and wish them well.

Receiving from the Chalice.

We are now allowed to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice at our Masses. However, we need volunteers to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Chalice specifically. This role will involve:

- * distributing the Chalice at our Masses,
- * consuming the Blood of Christ remaining, and
- * purifying the vessels.

We have volunteers at our 4pm Mass, but we are still waiting for volunteers at both of our Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion of the Chalice, please contact our parish office.

Have a great week everyone, treasuring our relationship with Jesus,

Fr Bryan

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Sang Yeoul Choi, John Maynard, Neville Williams, Chris Beck.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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 by email.

Alpha is a journey of discovery into the Christian faith. Through videos and thought provoking discussions, over a morning tea and a cuppa, come to know the unfathomable love of God in your life and why Jesus died for YOU. It's deep, serious, energising and heaps of fun as friendships are developed along with a renewal or new relationship with Jesus. No question is off-limits.

Journey with us, **starting at 10am, Sunday 27 August** and see the plans Jesus has for you.

For more information feel free to contact Parish Office, the Alpha team via email at sbparishalpha@gmail.com or register via the link- [Alpha Registration Form 2023](#)

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.**

Covid-19 Awareness—Thank you for your commitment.

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. Where we are unable to socially distance Masks are recommended to be worn.
- ** Maintain good hand hygiene, sanitizer is provided.

Have you purchased a Lucky Number?

Numbers are available at our Sunday Masses for \$5.00 each.
All funds raised will go towards the Building of our Church.



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.

Sacramental Programs for Children 2023/2024

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. **2023 First Holy Communion Program has now been completed.**

Families wishing to obtain information about our 2024 program, are asked to please contact the Parish Office.

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

Enrolments for Confirmation in 2023 are now closed.

Please keep all of the children and families who are participating in the Sacramental Program for the Confirmation over the next two month in your prayers , and offer them our best wishes.

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 2024, 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.



Women of The Way Retreat 2023. 13-15th October

Ladies would you like to take time out to Reflect and Recharge?

Treat yourself to some quality time with God.
BOOK NOW for The Women of The Way Retreat.

Theme: Open the eyes of My Heart, Lord

Retreat Facilitators: Sr Therese Mills, Leader of The Missionaries of Gods Love Sisters and Sr Judy Bowe, are inspirational speakers, with a passion for sharing Gods love.

Where: Watson Park Convention Ctr, 337 Old Gympie Rd, Dakabin.
Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

For brochure or info phone Rosa Montegrando - 0400755516 or email wowqld@gmail.com



Please be aware, not alarmed—Spamming Continues!

Archdiocesan priests are the flavour of the month lately for spammers. Northside and Southside clergy have all been picked upon. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedlygook email address (e.g. churchcare0147@gmail.com , bigpond, yahoo etc), but always spouting a similar urgent message:

" Dear XXXX

Can you set aside a minute? I'm trapped in a meeting and need you to perform a task for me. Cannot speak, need to meet now, so just write back here.

Sincerely,

Fr XXXX XXXX Parish Priest

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of iTunes or Amazon cards or similar.

Please be assured that the Archbishop or any clergy operating within the Archdiocese of Brisbane would never have need to approach you in this way or be seeking monetary help via the purchase of gift or store retail cards.

Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists. Should you be concerned, or should you receive this type of message, please contact your Parish Office.



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 23rd July 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$365.00
 Parish (Running) - \$951.15

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

Building (Church) - \$1332.00
 Parish (Running) - \$1630.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1697.00
 Parish (Running) = \$2581.15

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.



Call for Catholic Mission Ambassador

Join us as a Catholic Mission Ambassador, and you will be our voice and presence during World Mission Month this October 2023 for our annual appeal in a Brisbane parish.

You will be:

- Engaging in mission through prayer, advocacy and fundraising.
- Raising awareness of the work of Catholic Mission in 160 countries around the world, including Australia.
- Raising funds for mission projects supporting children, communities and church leaders.

Email us on brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au for more information.



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



COME JOIN US

WITH BISHOP TIM NORTON & FATHER BRYAN ROE CONCELEBRATE OUR

MULTICULTURAL MASS

AND BISHOP TIM TALKS ABOUT THE IMPACT ON US OF

POPE'S LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLAN



Lets embrace the diversity and rich cultures we have in our Parish. Come be the witness, listen to the word of God, enjoy morning tea and listen to Bishop Tim re-echo the launching of an encyclical letter from the Holy Father, Francis, "Laudato Si", on care for our common home, our planet Earth, that undeniably affects each and every one of us.

CELEBRATE
MASS

MORNING
TEA

PRESENTATION
BY
AUXILLARY BISHOP
TIM NORTON



JULY | 30th | 2023

St Benedict's Catholic Parish.

Time: 8:30am

Bring a plate to share, feel free to come dressed in your attire

