

Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year A.
9th July 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

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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 - 9th July 2023,
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Zechariah 9: 9-10.

Psalm - Ps 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14.

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 9, 11-13.**

Gospel - Matthew 11: 25-30.

Our Call to be Merciful to Others.

Many scholars see the Gospel for this Sunday as being the central passage of Matthew's Gospel. In this Gospel Jesus gently and graciously invites us to always come to Him, but especially during tough times in our lives. For a key theme in Matthew's Gospel is that God is a God of mercy, a God who saves.

Matthew presents Jesus focussing primarily on the weightier matters of the Old Testament, that is, on justice, mercy and peace. Twice in the Gospel, Jesus says, "What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice" (Matthew 9:13, and 12:7).

Each week we come together to celebrate the sacrifice of the Mass. Joining Jesus on the Altar in offering ourselves up in sacrifice totally to the Father and to others. But we do this in vain, according to Jesus, if we do not follow it up by being people of justice, mercy, and peace as we live our lives. For Jesus says, "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

Our Feast Day Mass, presided by Archbishop Mark - This Sunday, July 9th at 8.30am - Please bring a plate.

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!

No Sunday 5.30pm Mass - This Sunday July 9th.

Please note that there will be no 5:30pm Mass on Sunday July 9. This is to enable all parishioners to participate in our feast day Mass lead by Archbishop Mark.

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_apost_19631204_sacrosanctum_concilium_en.html)).

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

Prayer of the Faithful.

The Liturgy of the Word ends with the Prayer of the Faithful or Universal Prayer.

The Prayer of the Faithful is actually not a prayer addressed to God at all but a series of intentions that worshippers are invited to pray for. The pattern of the Prayer of the Faithful is:

- * The presider begins by addressing the faithful and inviting them to pray.
- * The intentions are read out, using a form of words such as "Let us pray for/We pray that...".

The faithful pray about the announced intentions in the pause that follows each one. The petitions only become the 'Prayer of the Faithful' when we, the faithful, respond to the invitation, formulate a prayer in our hearts and bring them together in the "Lord, hear our prayer".

For example, if the reader says: "We pray for those experiencing violence or hunger or homelessness", each of us prays in silence for those we are aware of in those situations – perhaps for the people of Ukraine, or in Yemen where there is famine, or for the homeless in our own city.

- * After a cue (e.g. "Lord, hear us"), the community responds together (e.g. "Lord, hear our prayer").
- * The presider concludes with a collect that sums up the prayer of the assembly.

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.

If you would like to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion of the Chalice,

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 13th July

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 14th July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

Saturday 15th July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sunday 16th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Preparation and Information Session for Confirmation.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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Save the Date...

July...

9th July - St Benedict's Feast Day, Archbishop Mark Coleridge to visit.

16th July - St Benedict's Sacramental Program Preparation & Information Sessions 8.30am and 5.30pm for Confirmation.

23 & 30 July - Sacramental Preparation Mass.

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

August...

6th August - Sacramental Retreat for 2023 Confirmation children.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 15th July, 4pm

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

Sunday 16th July, 8.30am

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

Sunday 16th July, 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 10th July - Jim Kearney and Gary Smyth.

Monday 17th July - Ken Butler and Joseph D'Souza.

or require further information, please contact our parish office.

Anointing Mass - 9am Friday the 7th of July.

We will be having an Anointing Mass on Friday the 7th of July at 9am. All are welcome.

Thank you from our St Vinnies Conference.

As members of St Vincent de Paul, we sincerely thank you for your contributions of nearly \$1800 towards our annual Winter Appeal.

We were in desperate need of financial support due to an increase in demands from our struggling families, and this increase into our purses has come at the right time.

God bless each of you for helping us to provide a much needed 'Hand Up'.

May you continue to be blest.

Thank you for your contributions towards the Peter's Pence Collection.

Thank you to all those who were able to contribute towards the Peter's Pence collection last weekend. Our Parish was able to pass on a donation of \$136.05.

The funds raised by the Peter's Pence Collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, through selected charities, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Thank you.

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 you are welcome to contact reception at the St Benedict's College.

Have a great week everyone, rejoicing in the peace and love of God,

Fr Bryan.

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 Centre, 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



ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE NAIDOC SUNDAY 2023 MESSAGE

Ahead of NAIDOC Week (July 2-9), and especially on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. As we approach the Indigenous Voice to Parliament, it has never been more important for Catholics to come together and listen to Australia's First Peoples. Archbishop Mark has pre-recorded a message in which he once again states his endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. "My prayer is that we can journey together in a respectful and peaceful spirit, so that the whole nation can become stronger as a result of this process of reconciliation." Watch the message in full context by scanning the QR Code within.



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 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.



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.

Enrolments for 2023 Eucharist are now closed. Please keep all of the children and families who have participated in the Sacramental Program for the Eucharist over the past two month in your prayers, and offer them our best wishes.

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

Enrolments for Confirmation in 2023 will close Monday 3rd July.

Sacramental Preparation, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, takes place throughout the months of July and August, with the Sacrament being received on a Sunday 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.



Petrie Catholic Parish invites you to the

PORTOFINO FASHION PARADE,

Fashion, Accessories, Shoes and Jewelry.

2pm Saturday 22nd July 2023, in the School Hall, 38 Armstrong Street Petrie. **Cost \$20.00**, which includes afternoon tea and a lucky door prize or \$50 voucher.

Raffles will be held on the day.

To register please contact the parish office 3285 6759 or email petrie@bne.catholic.net.au **Book a table/ Bring a friend!**



Congratulations to our Lucky Number winners...

F Koolstra and J Heath.



We thank all those who purchased lucky numbers in support of the St Benedict's Parish as we raise money to go towards the building of our Church.

Keep an eye out for the next Lucky Number Raffle to start soon.

Good Luck!

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.

St Benedict's College
In Omnibus Deus
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
2013-2023

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 2nd July 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$313.65
 Parish (Running) - \$900.15

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

Building (Church) - \$640.00
 Parish (Running) - \$950.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$953.65
 Parish (Running) = \$1850.15

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