

Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year A.
13th August 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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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 - 13th August 2023, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Kings 19:9, 11-13.
Psalm - Ps 84: 9-14.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans 9: 1-5.
Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-33.

Counter Roster -

Sunday 13th August - Jim and Gary.
Sunday 20th August - Ken and TBC.

Jesus Walks on the Stormy Waters after Praying

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus walks on stormy waters after praying. I will just say two important things about this Gospel.

Firstly, Jesus fed the five thousand and then went to a lonely place to pray. Jesus was clearly a person of prayer in all four Gospels. This was particularly the case before He had an important decision to make or action to perform. May we be people of prayer too. Putting God at the centre of our lives by praying constantly, so that we can make good decisions or perform powerful acts.

Secondly, the waters of the sea were seen in the Ancient World as a symbol of chaos and evil forces. Particularly, when these seas are rough and stormy. By Jesus walking on the stormy seas, He is showing that He has dominion over chaos and evil. Jesus is saying that He is God. So, if we are living chaotic lives, turning to Jesus in prayer will give our lives much needed order and peace, so that we too can perform magnificent acts as people of love and peace in Christ.

Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary – Tuesday August 15 (Masses 9am and 7pm)

The Catholic Church teaches us that Mary, the mother of Jesus, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven.

What do we mean by the term "heaven?" When we speak of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother's Body, we are not envisioning a journey through space, as though Mary has moved up into the sky. The "heavens" in the Bible symbolises the transcendent – a manner of existence that lies beyond our familiar dimensions of space and time. So, the Assumption of Mary means that our Blessed Mother has now moved totally from this dimensional system to a higher one for which we use the word "heaven." Mary, who exists now in this other way, is not so much somewhere else as somehow else. This helps to explain why we can speak of her, especially in her heavenly state, interceding for us, helping us, and praying for us.

Along with the 52 Sundays of the year, the Catholic Church in Australia has named The Assumption (August 15) and Christmas (December 25) as our holy days of obligation. Since this is the case, we are having two Masses for the Assumption of Our Lady at 9am and 7pm on Tuesday the 15th of August. All are welcome.

The Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – 8th of August

It was remiss of me last week not to write something about Australia's first saint, Australia's Patron Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. On Tuesday August 8, Australia celebrates the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. St. Mary embraced Jesus in living her life to the full. St Mary saw a need for education for the rural poor in South Australia, so started up an order of nuns known as the Sisters of St Joseph to educate these children who had no access to education at that time. This order grew, and eventually served most parts of Australia. May we follow in St Mary's footsteps by embracing Jesus in our lives and "never seeing a need without doing something about it."

Friday Mass changes in coming weeks—August/September.

In the coming weeks there will be some changes to our usually Friday morning gathering for Mass. Please note we will not be celebrating Friday 9am Mass on the 25th August, along with the Fridays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September.

Friday 9am Masses will begin again on the 6th October.

Annual Catholic Campaign 2023 - 19 & 20 August

On the weekend of 19th & 20th August our Parish will take part in the Annual Catholic Campaign. Envelopes and brochures for the campaign will be available to collect from this weekend at the Mass Centre, please take an envelope and give if you are able.

Funds raised from the Catholic Campaign, support initiatives such as, training our future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, assisting families in need with Catholic Education, and assisting those suffering mentally and physically in our community. Envelopes are to be returned to the Mass Centre on the weekend of the 26th/27th August.

For more information on this wonderful initiative please follow the link— [Annual Catholic Campaign - Catholic Foundation](#) . Thank you for your support.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

As you know, we have been journeying with 70 wonderful children, and their families. Over the last month or so. Now, over the next three Sundays at our 8:30am Masses (and the 5:30pm Mass on August 27), these children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These will be Confirmation Masses, with Confirmation readings. Please pray for these children as they take their next step towards being fully initiated into the Catholic Church, being strengthened by the Holy Spirit so that they Transform the world with God's love.

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

I do hope everyone is reading this each week. It will unequivocally enhance your understanding of the Mass.

This week Elizabeth Harrington is explaining and enhancing our experience in receiving Holy Communion.

The Week Ahead...

Tuesday 15th August

9am - St Benedict's Mass -The Assumption

7pm - St Benedict's Mass -The Assumption

Thursday 17th August

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 18th August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with the Year 10 Students.

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

Saturday 19th August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Catholic Campaign Weekend

Sunday 20th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, will include children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Catholic Campaign Weekend

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Catholic Campaign Weekend

RECEIVING COMMUNION

Receiving Communion involves all of the following actions:

Processing – We walk together to the Lord's Table to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Singing - The communion song begins while the priest is receiving the Sacrament. Communion is not a private moment with Jesus but a communal action. The communion song continues for as long as the Sacrament is being administered.

Bowing - "When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive." (*General Instruction* 160)

Responding - When the minister presents the host, he or she says "The body of Christ", which expresses faith in the Real Presence and the belief that by sharing Communion the Church becomes the body of Christ. The communicant responds with "Amen".

Receiving - Communicants never take the host but are given it in the hand or on the tongue according to their own preference. As Bishop Cyril explained in the fourth century: "with you left hand make a throne for the right hand, which will receive the King".

Eating – The communicant immediately consumes the host entirely.

Drinking - Christ's call is clear: "Take this, all of you, and drink from it".

Praying – The period of silence after Communion is when we offer thanks to God and ask for the strength to be Christ to others in the days ahead.

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.

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 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, [Uluru Statement from the Heart link](#)

Receiving from the Chalice.

We are able to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice at our Masses. However, we need volunteers to be Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion of the Chalice. 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.

Retreat Opportunity - Fr Roni George VC.

Father Roni is a Director of Divine Retreat Centre Somersby. Fr Roni will be directing a Retreat on August 26 in the Southern Cross College School Hall, 110 Nottingham St next to the Holy Cross Church from 9:30am to 4pm. Admission is Free, please bring along your own lunch. Enquires can be made by contacting Gabrielle or Steve on 0432833439 or 0435590630.

Have a great week everyone, being merciful as our Heavenly Father is merciful,

Fr Bryan.

Save the Date...

August...

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

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

September...

** No Friday Masses in September.

** Fr Joe Duffy to join us for Weekend Masses in September.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 19th August, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis

Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 20th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: Seema Masih

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindic and Michael Campbell

Sunday 20th August, 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.



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 13th August 2023,
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Ivy

as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism,
with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we pray that, Ivy, together with her family and friends,
experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Sang Yeoul Choi, John Maynard, Stephen Graham, Chris Beck, Scholastica Koriho, Margaret Kennelley.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: Neville Williams



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 gobbedygook 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 6th August 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$265.35
 Parish (Running) - \$1035.30

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

Building (Church) - \$900.00
 Parish (Running) - \$1130.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1165.35
 Parish (Running) = \$2165.30

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.

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.



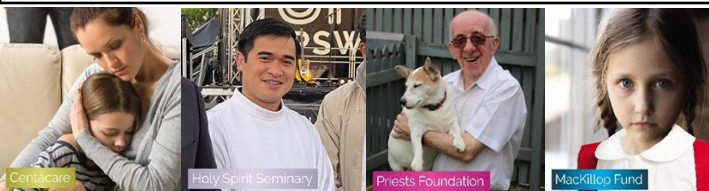
Leaving a Legacy

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.

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



Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



2023 Catholic Campaign will be held on the week-end of the 19 & 20 August.

Envelopes and Brochures are available to collect from the St Benedict's Mass Centre this weekend.

Thank you for your support.

catholiccampaign.com.au