

Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
Year A.  
20th August 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:

Renae Smyth-Scott  
[admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Parish Office:

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[admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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)  
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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 - 20th August 2023, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7.

Psalm - Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans  
11: 13-15, 29-32.

Gospel - Matthew 15: 21-28.

## **Counter Roster -**

**Sunday 20th August** - Ken and TBC.

**Sunday 27th August** - Gary and Ada.

## ***If at First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again!***

In my homily at my Dad's funeral, I said that my Dad was a man of sayings. While Dad was having his final days in the Palliative Care Unit at Redcliffe Hospital, my Mum, my siblings, and myself were writing down all of Dad's saying. We accumulated over 100 sayings. Then in my homily at my Dad's Funeral Mass, I focussed mainly on the biblical saying that he would often quote.

As I read this coming Sunday's Gospel, one of Dad's favourite sayings kept popping up in my head. That is, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again!" This is certainly what the Canaanite Woman did in persistently asking Jesus to heal her daughter who was tormented by a devil. There is an absolutely beautiful scene in this Gospel, where after shouting her request many times and being ignored by Jesus, "the women had come up and was kneeling at Jesus' feet. "Lord" she said, "help me" (Matthew 15:25). Jesus rejects her again, but she persists. Jesus is blown away by the love that the Canaanite woman has for her daughter, and of her faith in Jesus. "Jesus answered her, "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again" (Matthew 15:28).

So, inspired by the Canaanite Woman's faith, if at first we don't succeed, try, try again!

## ***The Sacrament of Confirmation***

At our 8:30am Mass last Sunday we had our first group of children receive that Sacrament of Confirmation. Congratulations to these children! Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Over the next two Sundays at our 8:30am Masses (and the 5:30pm Mass on August 27), the rest of our children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As I said last week, 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 Annual Catholic Campaign this Weekend - 19 & 20 August***

We are called to be the face, hands, and heart of Christ in our communities. Every day, God showers us with blessings so that we will have gifts to share.

Through your kindness and generosity, we unite as a Catholic community to reach out to serve others - the homeless, the marginalised, the elderly, our future priests in formation, and families in dire circumstances.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is a vibrant and dynamic Church - nowhere is this more visible than in the cooperative effort of the **Annual Catholic Campaign**. The Campaign supports vital ministries around South-East Queensland and relies on the generosity of our parishioners.

Envelopes and brochures for the campaign will be available to collect this weekend at the Mass Centre, please take an envelope and give if you are able.

On behalf of the ACC team, thank you for your generous support - your gift is precious, and we truly appreciate all you do to grow our community through the Annual Catholic Campaign.

For the next two weekends we will be asking you to support the Catholic Campaign for 2023, we ask that envelopes for the ACC please be returned to the Mass Centre by the weekend of the 26th/27th August, thank you.

***It would be great if you could do this through the parish, so that the Archdiocese could know how generous we are in supporting these vital ministries.***

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

## ***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 \(vatican.va\)](#)).

This week Elizabeth Harrington is explaining the significance of having collections at Mass.

## **THE COLLECTION**

In the early years of Christianity, the faithful brought bread and wine with them to church to be used in the celebration of the Eucharist. What wasn't used at the Mass was given to the poor and needy. Later, people started bringing other gifts of food or money which were offered for the work of the Church.

In most parishes a collection of money is taken up during the Preparation of Gifts. This action is an integral part of the liturgy because our offering links us to the sacrifice of the cross and

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 24th August

Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 25th August

**\*\* No Friday 9.00am Mass \*\***

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

### Saturday 26th August

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

*Catholic Campaign concludes.*

### Sunday 27th August

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

*Catholic Campaign concludes*

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass, will include children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Catholic Campaign concludes*

## Save the Date...

### August...

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

**20th August** - Catholic Campaign Weekend.

**27th August** - Catholic Campaign concludes.

**27th August** - ALPHA Series to begin, 10am

### September...

**\*\* No Friday Masses in September.**

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

### October...

**1st October** - Baptism Sunday, Preparation and Celebration.

**21st/22nd October** - World Mission Sunday.

## Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.

### Saturday 26th August, 4pm

**Commentator:** Hugh Shannon

**Reader 1:** Andreena Shannon

**Reader 2:** Evie Shannon

**Communion Minister:** Oliver Morata

### Sunday 27th August, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Werner Mascarenhas

**Reader 1:** Andre Mascarenhas

**Reader 2:** Erika Mascarenhas

**Communion Minister:** Joseph and Nancy D'Souza

### Sunday 27th August, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Chris Molina

**Reader 1:** Theresa Saad

**Reader 2:** Ashley Oliver

**Communion Minister:** Christopher Beck

**\*\* Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap or please arrange to swap weeks with another Minister. Thank you.**

the money will be used in the mission of the Church.

Visitors to a Catholic Church are often surprised (and sometimes embarrassed!) when the collection plate comes around a second time at Mass, usually after Communion. Having two collections is a way of separating donations for the support of the clergy from contributions to the cost of the parish services and operations.

### **Alpha - Building Friendships and Faith - Sunday August 27th.**

Our Alpha team are set to lead another Alpha series starting on Sunday August 27. Alpha both builds friendships and helps participants explore life, faith, and God in a very supportive environment. If you would like to join this year's Alpha journey, please register through the advertisement in this newsletter (look for the big red tilting question mark for more details).

### **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 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September.

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

### **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, praising our wonderful God in all things, **Fr Bryan.**




**150**  
YEARS  
OF  
CATHOLICITY

*In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen  
Archbishop Mark Coleridge  
invites couples together with family and friends*

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
*Saturday, 30th September 2023*  
**Mass at 11:30am**  
*followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.*

**Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel,  
are also invited to attend with family and friends  
to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.**



**To register to attend the Mass  
and for catering purposes please  
RSVP - Friday 22nd September 2023  
cathedral@bnc.catholic.net.au  
3324 3030**

**If you have photos or stories to share  
of your wedding at the Cathedral,  
please contact David Todd,  
email: toddd@bnc.catholic.net.au  
telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023**

## 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](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.



### Sacramental Programs for Children 2023/2024

We wish to Congratulate all of the children who have taken part in the Sacramental Programs for 2023 through St Benedict's Parish. Please keep all of the children who have participated, along with their families, in your prayers as we offer them our best wishes.

We welcome families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or seeking to obtain information about our 2024 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office at [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)


To receive the Sacraments of:-

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

Then followed by,

**First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation** - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible.



 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them. ... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.' Pope Francis - *Evangelii Gaudium* #3

**DATE: 27 August 2023**

**TIME: 10.00am – 11.30am (includes Morning Tea)**

**VENUE: St Benedict's College Staff Room**

**ENQUIRIES: [sbparishalpha@gmail.com](mailto:sbparishalpha@gmail.com)**

**REGISTRATION: [Alpha Registration Form 2023](#) or QR**



### 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](mailto:wowqld@gmail.com)



### 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.



### 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 re-new 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 and assist our Parish.

### 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 gobbedygoock email address (e.g. [churchcare0147@gmail.com](mailto: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 & Donations:- Week ending, Sunday 13th August 2023.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$350.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$806.85

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

Building (Church) - \$505.00  
 Parish (Running) - \$520.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$855.00  
 Parish (Running) = \$1326.85

*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.



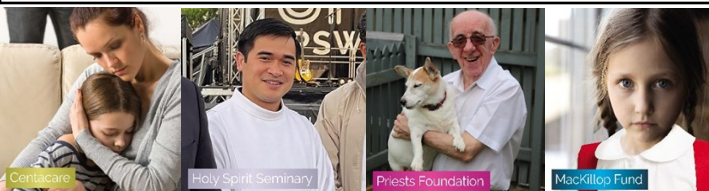
**Leaving a Legacy**

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](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)