

Twenty Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year A.
3rd September 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
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Mass Times:

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

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Gather Friday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm

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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 - 3rd September, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Jeremiah 20: 7-9.

Psalm - Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
12: 1-2.

Gospel - Matthew 16: 21-27.

Counter Roster -

Sunday 3rd September - Jim and Jeanette.

Sunday 10th September - Peter and Joseph.

St Peter Goes from Hero to Zero!

This coming Sunday's Gospel follows on from last week's Gospel. Last week Jesus praised Peter for identifying Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). This week Jesus rebukes Peter saying, "get behind me Satan" (Matthew 16:23). Therefore, Peter goes from being hero to zero is a matter of seconds.

Why the fall from grace for Peter? It is because Peter, like many of his temporaries, misunderstood the role of the Christ. As I wrote last week, the Jewish people of Jesus' time expected the Christ to come and save the Jewish people from foreign occupation. It turns out that Jesus was much more than the people expected. Rather than freeing the Jewish people from Roman occupation, Jesus, the Son of the living God, frees all people, not just the Jewish people, from something much greater. Jesus frees us from sin and death!

How does Jesus free us from sin and death? The Paschal Mystery! That is, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Immediately before Jesus rebukes Peter, "Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day" (Matthew 16:21-22). Peter responds to Jesus by saying, "Heaven preserve you, Lord, This must not happen to you!" (Matthew 16:23) Then Peter gets firmly rebuked.

Why does Peter get rebuked by Jesus so firmly? Firstly, Peter goes against what Jesus says (not a good idea). Secondly, Peter fails to understand the Paschal Mystery. Jesus then reaffirms the vital importance of the Paschal Mystery by saying, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25) By surrendering ourselves completely to Jesus, as Jesus did to the Father, Jesus frees us from sin (helps us to conquer sin) and gives us eternal life.

Anointing Mass – Friday September 1, 2023

Tomorrow, Friday September 1st we will be having an Anointing Mass at 9am. All are Welcome!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation over the last three Sundays. These were very joyous celebrations. The children were terrific! Thank you to the children (and their parents) for preparing so well for these celebrations. A big "thankyou" to our sacramental team for helping to prepare and organise the children and families. Thank you to our Parish Secretary, Renae, who did an amazing job with excellent communication and administrative work (and patience). Thank you also to the Ministers at the Masses, and all parishioners for being such great witnesses to the faith. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they journey towards becoming fully initiated next year when they receive their First Holy Communion.

Happy Father's Day!

This coming Sunday is Father's Day. It is an opportunity to recall and affirm the particular gifts that fathers bring to families. This includes our own fathers, grandfathers, single parent fathers, or anyone who is taking the part of a father in our lives. These people mean a lot to us. We ask God to bless them abundantly.



We welcome Fr Joe Duffy, who will be presiding at our parish Masses over the next three weekends. Thank you, Father Joe!

The Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4)

The Season of Creation from 1st September to 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, calls the planet's 2.2 billion Christians to pray and care for God's creation. It's a time to reflect on our relationship with the environment and how our lifestyles and decisions as a society can endanger both the natural world and those inhabiting it, both human and other creatures.

According to Pope Francis, "The Season of Creation offers individual believers and the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in the care of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvelous works he has entrusted to our care, invoking God's help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis called the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. The title of the encyclical comes from its opening words, "Laudato si', mi Signora" or "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. While *Laudato Si'* is the first encyclical to focus on the environment and its destruction in such a comprehensive way, its foundation rests in a long history of Catholic Church teaching on creation.

Season of Creation Vigil Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral on September 9 at 6pm

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be leading the Season of Creation Vigil Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral at 6pm on Saturday the 9th of September. Members of our Justice and Peace team will be participating in this Mass. If you would like to participate in this Mass, the members of the Justice and Peace Team will be offering lifts and leaving the St Benedict's carpark at 4:45pm. For more information on this Mass please read the following Catholic Leader article: <https://catholicleader.com.au/news/season-of-creation-a-time-to-respond-to-the-call-of-laudato-si/>.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 7th September

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 8th September

**** No Friday Mass ****

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

Saturday 9th September

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass, celebrated with Fr Joe Duffy

Sunday 10th September

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, celebrated with Fr Joe Duffy.

10am - ALPHA, in the College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass, celebrated with Fr Joe Duffy.

Save the Date...

August to November - ALPHA Series to run, 10am Sundays from 27th August.

In September...

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

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

3rd - Father's Day.

12th - Parish Office Closed - Archdiocese Training.

24th - Baptism Sunday Celebration.

27-29th - Parish Office Closed.

In October...

1st - Baptism Sunday, Preparation and Celebration.

21st/22nd - World Mission Sunday.

In November...

25th - 9am Memorial Mass, All Souls.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 9th September, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey

Reader 1: Joy Darby

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 10th September, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Brandon D'Silva

Reader 2: Aaron D'Silva

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna & Juvenal Ndayishimye

Sunday 10th September, 5.30pm

Commentator: Tim Campbell

Reader 1: Xanthe Campbell

Reader 2: Geni Campbell

Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse

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

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_0658_1963_06_25_sc10_en.html)).

This week Elizabeth Harrington explains the Jewish roots of the Eucharist.

The Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

To understand how the elements and pattern of the Mass we celebrate today came about, it is helpful to remember that Jesus and his first disciples were all Jews. Unlike their fellow Jews, however, they believed that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah.

After Pentecost, the Jewish Christians continued to go to the temple to pray. If they were outside of Jerusalem, they would go to the synagogue on the Sabbath and then on Sunday they would gather for a meal, in obedience to Jesus' words to them at the Last Supper "Do this in memory of me".

Because they kept claiming that Jesus was the Messiah, the Jewish Christians were eventually banned from the synagogue, so they started meeting on the Sabbath for their own synagogue service. Like their fellow Jews, they would read from the Jewish Scriptures, hear a sermon, say prayers and sing psalms. But they added to this stories about Jesus, which became the Gospels, and letters from Christian leaders like Paul, what we call the Epistles.

After a while, the need for holding two gatherings on different days was questioned and so they were combined into one which took place on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection. The pattern of worship the early Jewish Christians followed is the same as that of the Eucharist today - an adapted synagogue service consisting of prayers, readings from scripture, preaching and singing followed by a meal modelled on the last Passover celebrated by Jesus.

Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2023-2024

Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement being launched today. Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year. This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, will be launched in Western Sydney on Thursday morning by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service. "One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he will say. "We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society." While the Social Justice Statement is a teaching document of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, a large part of this year's statement was written by members of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. It is part of the message's exhortation to "listen". "Listening is hard. Hearing about young people taking their lives, about so many people ending up in jail, of children still being taken away from their parents and grandparents and about the ongoing racism is tough," Bishop Long will say. "It must be so much more difficult for these people to tell us about their painful experiences. We are deeply grateful to those who shared their stories of pain with us." The theme for this year's statement was chosen in May 2022, well before the Voice to Parliament referendum was mooted and before the timing of a vote was proposed. While the bishops don't suggest how people should vote, Bishop Long says "whatever the outcome of this year's referendum, we ask the Church in Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our fellow Australians" in pursuing reconciliation. "Our attitudes and actions towards First Nations Peoples need to be grounded in justice, love and humility," he will say. "We need to listen with deep respect and learn from them about what needs to be done to improve their situations. We need to walk with them, day by day, and work with them to bring about change for the better - for their people and for all of us. "Strengthening our relationship with our First Peoples is integral and indeed critical to the strengthening of the whole nation." Access the statement at: <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

Supporting Safe Communities - Safeguarding Sunday 10th September

The Parish of St Benedict's North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin and the Diocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to build and support safe communities for all people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [Safeguarding Sunday 2023 \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/safeguarding)

Alpha - Building Friendships and Faith - Sunday's at 10am.

Our Alpha team have begun the latest Alpha series, which started 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 see the advertisement in this newsletter (look for the big red tilting question mark for more details). All are welcome to come along.

Friday Mass changes in coming weeks .

We will not be celebrating Friday 9am Mass on the Fridays of the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September. Friday 9am Masses will begin again on the 6th October.

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 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, praising God with joy, **Fr Bryan.**

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.



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


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.



 Join with the St Benedict's ALPHA Group **WEEKLY from 27 August 2023**
TIME: 10.00am – 11.30am (includes Morning Tea)
VENUE: St Benedict's College Staff Room
ENQUIRIES: sbparishalpha@gmail.com
REGISTRATION: [Alpha Registration Form 2023](#)

Holy Cross Dementia Support Group.

Where: Holy Cross Church

When: 1st Wednesday of each Month, 1pm-2.30pm. (Next Meeting will be Wednesday 6th September)

For more information reach out to Elaine Dare through the Holy Cross Parish office on 32930800.

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU
AND PROTECT YOU,
MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU,
MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR
AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26



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.

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 gobbedylook 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.



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 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.

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 27th August 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$165.00
 Parish (Running) - \$1027.05

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

Building (Church) - \$648.00
 Parish (Running) - \$947.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$813.00
 Parish (Running) = \$1974.05

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

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
 3 - 9 September 2023



EVERY CHILD IN EVERY COMMUNITY NEEDS A FAIR GO

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

STARTING FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE
www.napcan.org.au



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: todd@bnc.catholic.net.au
 telephone: 3324 3030
 by 1st September 2023