

Twenty Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year A.
15th October 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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Parish Facebook Page:

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

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Sister Carolina - A True Missionary

Sr Carolina is a missionary Nun, who serves our sisters and brothers in Timor-Leste. As Sr Carolina walks through the streets of the village of Venilale, she is greeted by everyone that passes her by, many calling her closer to share a personal update. She knows each of their names, their families and their stories. Some, she's known since they were children, and others, she'd provided care for their parents. The love of Christ shines brightly through Sr Carolina's warmth and care. Sr Carolina is clearly glorifying God by her life.

There are Good News stories happening every left, right, and centre in this village thanks to Sr Carolina and her fellow Nuns' beautiful works. For example, families like Petrolina's, who is ever grateful for the care the Sisters provided to her daughter Vitoria after a diagnosis of tuberculosis and having nowhere to turn. Vitoria now takes her children for care at The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic as she's struggled to find better care elsewhere.

Then there is Olinda, who worked with her husband, the former chief of the village, as collaborators with the Sisters, referring local residents to the Clinic when their people presented with illness. Since government clinics were either too far away or provided limited or no follow-up services, Olinda found the Sisters' clinic invaluable.

Another Good News story concerns Santina, a grandmother whose grandson Jose had been left to her care. With Jose experiencing malnutrition, Santina turned to the Clinic to provide milk and care for him, and she still visits when needed today.

Another good story concerns Cesario who has sole care of his 7-year-old daughter after her mother passed away shortly after childbirth. Lacking nutrient rich milk for his daughter and unable to afford formula, he turned to Sr Carolina and the Clinic. Of his experience, Cesario shared, "I wish the facility could be extended to help more people."

Lines of people wait to be seen by Sr Carolina and her staff each day, many who had walked or taken a motorbike or travelled long distances. They come to the Clinic because they know that Sr Carolina and her staff know their names, their families, and their stories. And they will do whatever is in their means to do to help.

This is the heart of mission – knowing people, being with people, loving people, and extending an invitation.

We have an opportunity over the next two weekends to support World Mission Month and help Sr Carolina employ another nurse at the Clinic to assist more people, or purchase life-saving medication that families like Petrolina's need, or milk and food for babies with under-nutrition like Jose.

At the 8:30am and 5:30pm Masses this coming Sunday, and at the 4pm Mass on Saturday October 21, Xavier Campbell from St Benedict's College (also a cherished parishioner) will be encouraging us to support Catholic Mission. Urging us to financially help and support many similar mission initiatives like Sr Carolina's around the world. By supporting Catholic Mission and their incredible projects, we will be answering God's call for us as Christians to bear an abundance of good fruit and glorify God by our lives. Please give generously.

Our St Benedict's Memorial Mass - All Souls' Day , 7pm Thursday November 2.

This year we will be celebrating our **St Benedict's Memorial Mass on All Souls' Day, Thursday November 2 at 7pm.** We encourage all people who have lost a loved one this year to come along to this Mass to remember and pray for the soul of their loved ones.

As we all know, November is the month designated by the Catholic Church to pray for the souls of our departed loved ones. Starting this coming Sunday, our Memorial book will be at the entrance of our Mass centre. Please feel free to put the names of your departed loved ones in this book. We will pray for their souls at each Mass during November.

We also have the November Mass offering envelopes available on our welcome table.

REMINDER: NO SATURDAY MASS THIS SATURDAY OCTOBER 14

There will be **no 4pm Saturday Mass on October 14**, as the St Benedict's Primary School will be using the hall for a school function on Saturday October 14.

Please join us for one of our other Masses (Sunday 8:30am or 5:30pm), and enliven these communities with your presence. We will resume our Saturday evening Mass on October 21.

Rosary and Scripture on Zoom – Friday 7:30pm

October is the Month of the Rosary (the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7). St Benedict's parishioners lead the rosary and a scripture discussion every Friday at 7:30pm on zoom. The link for this gathering is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83293966807> and all are welcome.

Readings for this week - 15th October, Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Isaiah 25: 6-10.

Psalm - Ps 22.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians
4: 12-14, 19-20

Gospel - Matthew 22: 1-14.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 19th October

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 20th October

9.00am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, joined by the Year 10 students from the College.

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

7.30pm - St Benedict's Rosary and Scripture discussion via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83293966807>

Saturday 21st October

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 22nd October

8.00am - Altar Server Training Session

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

10.00am - ALPHA, in the College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

** World Mission Sunday will take place on the 21st and 22nd October **

Save the Date...

August to November - ALPHA 10am Sundays.

In October...

14th - No Saturday 4pm Mass.

21st/22nd - World Mission Sunday.

22nd - 8am Altar Server Training.

In November...

2nd - 7pm All Souls Memorial Mass.

18th/19th - Vinnies Christmas Appeal

In December...

3rd - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary

3rd - RCIA Rite of Enrolment

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 21st October, 4pm

Commentator: TBC

Reader 1: TBC

Reader 2: TBC

Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 22nd October, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas

Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas

Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas

Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza

Sunday 22nd October, 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.

Christ's Presence at Mass (Elizabeth Harrington)

A key paragraph of the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* says:

Christ is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, but especially under the eucharistic elements. He is present in his word, since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. He is present when the Church prays and sings, for he promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in the midst of them". (CSL #7)

During the Eucharistic Prayer, we pay attention to the words prayed on our behalf by the presider and join in the responses. The sacred species are handled with care and respect. Everything speaks of honour and reverence for Christ's real presence in the consecrated elements.

Because it is Christ himself who speaks when the scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, we must also give our full attention to the Liturgy of the Word. The lectionary (the book of readings) needs to be attractive and handled with reverence.

Christ is present in those with whom we worship, so we sit with others and acknowledge their presence, share the sign of peace graciously and join wholeheartedly in the responses, gestures and singing.

Actions speak louder than words. It should be clear in what we do and how we do it that we truly believe that Christ is present when we worship together, not only in the sacred elements but also in the assembly, in the word and in the priest presider.

Altar Servers Training -

8am Sunday October 22, before the 8:30am Mass

We are looking at reintroducing Altar Servers at our St Benedict Parish Masses. This is a very important ministry that adds to the reverence of the Mass.

If you (or your child or your grandchild) have received their First Holy Communion and are interested in being an Altar Server, please come along to our training session at 8am on Sunday October 22. It would be great if we could get this very important ministry started again.

Receiving from the Chalice

We are encouraged 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 our Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion of the Chalice, please contact our parish office.

Father Roni is once again visiting and directing a Retreat on Saturday October 28 in the School Hall at Holy Cross Church from 9:30am to 4pm. Enquires should be directed to Gabrielle on 0432833439. All are welcome!

Have a great week everyone, glorifying the Lord by your life, *Fr Bryan.*



With Expectant Hearts - Advent Resource during the 2023-2024 liturgical year.

This year's Advent resource invites us to explore more deeply what it means to allow God to come to birth in us. Evangelisation Brisbane have developed "With Expectant Hearts" to help us enter a new liturgical year, the journey of faith that stretches before us. The spiritual nourishment God seeks to give us now will come to birth in us through the entire year if we can open our hearts in response to it.

Learning what it means to conceive, carry, give birth to, and reveal Jesus Christ to the world is a challenge to us all year round. Advent is the God-given time to revisit the challenge and to deepen our understanding of what it means for us both communally and individually.

"With Expectant Hearts" is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups.

Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward.

Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture, and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer.

Copies are available to purchase from the Parish Office or from the Mass Centre this coming Sunday, and are \$6 each or 2 copies for \$10. Cash is preferred

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sophie Allen, Sang Yeoul Choi, John Maynard, Chris Beck, Scholastica Korihio, Margaret Kennelley, Paul Kraus, Sue Kraus, Bonni Vestorp, Joy Gibbs.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Allan Spiller, Myrtle Spiller, Thomas Blacker, Theresa Blacker.



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.

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.



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](#)

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

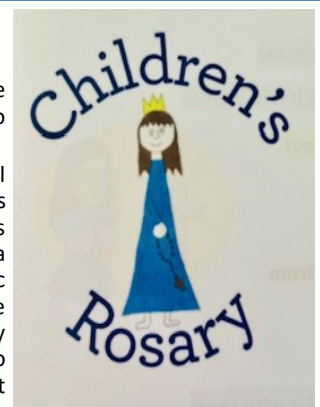


October, the Month of the Holy Rosary.

During October, the month of the Rosary, we invite all our Families to take part in our Children's Rosary.

Some of our Parish Volunteers will be joining with the St Benedict's Primary School children and parents before school, at 7.50am on a Wednesday morning in the Music room. This gathering will continue to take place each Wednesday morning throughout October to guide children on how to take part in saying the Rosary.

We encourage our Parish families to take part at home also. To assist you with teaching our children the Rosary from home, please find attached to our Parish Newsletter email some wonderful guides to assist you and help the children.



St Benedict's Parish Youth and Young Adults Group

Come and join the Fun!

Friday Evening's 6:30pm – 8pm in the St Benedict's Primary School Hall.



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.

Please be aware, not alarmed—Spamming Continues!

Archdiocesan priests continue to be a target for spammers. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedlygook email address (e.g. churchcare0147@gmail.com, big-pond, 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 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 please email the Parish Office.

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:- Please contact the Parish Office for the details. Thank you.



Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 8th October 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$320.00
Parish (Running) - \$657.60

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

Building (Church) - \$730.00
Parish (Running) - \$510.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1050.00
Parish (Running) = \$1167.60

*'For it is in giving that we receive' ...
St Francis of Assisi*

*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.*

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.

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>



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.



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.

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 if you wish, and please maintain good hand hygiene, sanitizer is provided.

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



**World Mission Sunday
21st & 22nd October 2023.**

Reach out. Give life. With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Envelopes will be available from this Mass Centre this weekend, and we please ask if you are bale to contribute, please return the envelopes to the Mass Centre by Sunday 29th October.

For further information please refer to catholicmission.org.au website or Freecall: 1800 257 296.

If you or anyone you know is struggling and needs a 'hand up', please contact St Vinnies on 1800Vinnie.



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.