

Twenty Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year A.
22nd October 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)

STATEMENT ON THE REFERENDUM VOTE

Now that the referendum result is known, it's time to look forward rather than look back. There will be a time for looking back, but a cooling off period may be needed if we are to see more clearly. Now is the time to ask not how we got here but where this result leaves us as a nation, where we need to go from here and how we might get there.

One thing is clear: the nation is more divided than ever and in many ways. It's ironic that a process supposed to unite the nation has done just the opposite. There's an urgent need now to create a new kind of national unity, and that can't be left to the politicians, because there's more to this than politics. The task belongs to all of us.

A second thing is still clearer and more urgent: the search for reconciliation based on truth and justice must continue, even if the referendum process and result have made that more difficult. This too is something that can't be left to the politicians, because again there's more to it than politics.

After this result at Federal level, the focus will have to move to the States. But it will also have to move to non-government organisations like the Churches. The Australian Catholic bishops have spoken of the need for a new engagement with Indigenous peoples, and that now becomes more pressing. In the Archdiocese of Brisbane we will commit ourselves more resolutely to our Reconciliation Action Plan and keep asking what else we can do. Fine words and symbolic gestures are not enough.

The process leading to this vote has been a highly politicised slog that has changed Australia, and not for the better. Now the real work begins. It's up to all of us to ensure that what we do from here serves national unity and racial justice, because we'll never have the first unless we have the second.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

We Belong to God - Who loves Us Infinitely

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reinforces our call to give ourselves up totally to God, if we want to live our lives well. Jesus says, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God, what belongs to God."

What belongs to God? Well, we all do. A very clear key theme in the Scriptures is the covenantal promise, which we read time and time again in the Old Testament, "I will be your God, and you will be my people." And the Lord says to us through the prophet Isaiah, "I love you, and you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1-7). Also, through our baptism in Christ, God tells us that we are God's beloved sons and daughters in whom God delights (Mark 1:9-11).

So, we belong to God, and Jesus tells us in today's Gospel to give to God, what belongs to God. Calling us to give ourselves up totally to God. This is what Jesus did, leading us to everlasting life in God. And now the Risen Jesus is our companion, helping us to give ourselves totally to God. For life lived in the Lord, is life lived to the full. This is strongly emphasised in this coming Sunday's first reading where God very clearly assures us, "that apart from Me (God), all is nothing!" (Isaiah 45:6).

Day of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation - Tuesday October 24, 2023.

The leaders of the Catholic Church in the Middle East have pleaded for our prayers. They say, "The pain and dismay at what is happening is great. Once again, we find ourselves in the midst of a political and military crisis. We have suddenly been catapulted into a sea of unprecedented violence. The hatred, which we have unfortunately already been experiencing for too long, will increase even more, and the ensuing spiral of violence will create more destruction. Everything seems to speak of death.

Yet, in this time of sorry and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting be the only word we hear ((1 Cor 15:55). That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to God, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish." (Letter from the Ordinaries of the Holy Land).

In solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land, let us designate **Tuesday October 24 as a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer for peace and reconciliation in the Middle East and Ukraine.** As a parish, we will be having **Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and Benediction** from 6pm-7pm in our worship space. All are invited to join us to pray for our sisters and brothers, who are in desperate need of our prayers at this time. Please extend your invitation to anyone you know affected by this terrible crisis in the Middle East.

Catholic Mission 2023

How inspirational is Sr Carolina and her Salesian Sisters doing those marvelous works of charity for our sisters and brothers doing it tough in Timor-Leste? Thank you to Xavier Campbell from our St Benedict's College for giving us great insights into the works that

Readings for this week - 22nd October, Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6.

Psalm - Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Thessalonians
1: 1-5.

Gospel - Matthew 22: 15-21.

The Week Ahead...

Tuesday 24th October

6pm - Prayer for Peace & Reconciliation -
Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, and
Benediction in the Mass Centre.

Thursday 26th October

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 27th October

**** No Parish Mass**, due to Jubilarian
Celebrations at Cathedral.

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

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

Saturday 28th October

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 29th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

10.00am - ALPHA, in the College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**** World Mission envelopes to be returned to**
the Mass Centre this weekend please **

Salesian Sisters are doing. Thank you also Xavier for encouraging us to assist in these works by supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters through Catholic Mission. For those who have already contributed, thank you! If you haven't already contributed and would like to do so, **please pick up an envelope from our Welcome Table and place it in the collect plate.** 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.

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.

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 Holy Cross Church from 9:30am to 4pm. Enquires should be directed to Gabrielle on 0432833439 or through Redcliffe Parish. All are welcome!

Have a peaceful week everyone, glorifying the Lord by your life,

Fr Bryan.

Save the Date...

In October...

21st/22nd - World Mission Sunday.

22nd - 8am Altar Server Training.

28th/29th - World Mission Envelopes to be
returned.

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 5.

Saturday 28th October, 4pm

Commentator: Rosemary Franzidis

Reader 1: Russell D'Souza

Reader 2: Maffy Vaz

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 29th October, 8.30am

Commentator: Michael Campbell

Reader 1: Brandon D'Silva

Reader 2: Aaron D'Silva

Communion Minister: Sosefo Nasio &
ET Mataele

Sunday 29th October, 5.30pm

Commentator: Kali Yopp

Reader 1: Susan Black

Reader 2: Amelda AhColt

Communion Minister: Losa AhColt

**** 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.**



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.

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 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](#)

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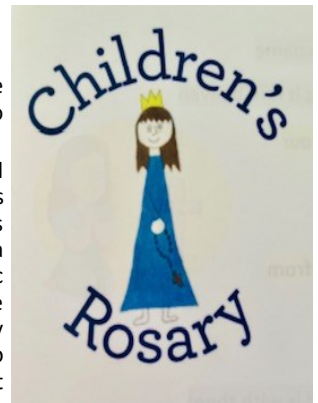
Contact us to learn more

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 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 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 15th October 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$335.00
Parish (Running) - \$820.00

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

Building (Church) - \$370.00
Parish (Running) - \$475.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$705.00
Parish (Running) = \$1295.00

*'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>



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.

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge for their health and well-being.

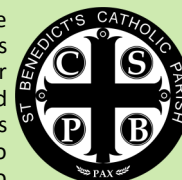
The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Veniale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Please give if you are able to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

Please return the envelopes to the Mass Centre by Sunday 29th October.

For further information refer to Freecall: 1800 257 296.

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.

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.*