

Twenty Seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time. Year A.
8th October 2023.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Place of Worship:

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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:

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Called to be People of Justice, Mercy, and Peace

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6 twice. That is, "What I (God) want is mercy, not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6; Matt 9:13 and 12:7). This suggests that being people of justice, mercy, and peace is very important for disciples of Jesus.

Jesus in this coming Sunday's gospel affirms this point. Interpreting Jesus' parable allegorically, the landowner is God, the vineyard is the House of Israel (as the Psalm for this Sunday makes clear), the tenants are the people of Israel (particularly the Jewish authorities), the servants, who were thrashed, killed, and stoned, are the prophets, and the son, whom they killed, is Jesus. Ironically, the Jewish authorities in debate with Jesus, say that when the owner of the vineyard comes "he will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives" (Matt 21:41). This produce, or fruit, are works of justice, mercy, and peace.

The prophets were persecuted and killed for they were communicating God's message of justice, mercy, and peace, which the authorities of their day clearly did not like. Jesus was scourge and crucified for the same reason. In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be people of justice, mercy, and peace regardless of the suffering we may endure for doing so. If you haven't already done so, please read the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which can be accessed by clicking this link [Home - Uluru Statement from the Heart](#)

Let us put Jesus, the Keystone, at the centre of our lives. So that we can bear abundant fruit by being people of justice, mercy, and peace.

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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: NO SATURDAY MASSES ON OCTOBER 7 AND 14

There will be **no 4pm Saturday Masses on October 7 and October 14**. St Benedict's College will be using the School Hall for their Musical on Saturday October 7, and 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 Masses on October 21.

Elizabeth Harrington - DOING THE WORK OF LITURGY, Part 2.

This week Elizabeth Harrington is explaining and enhancing our experience of our Liturgy.

The last bulletin insert talked of the work that we all do during liturgy such as singing, praying, standing and processing. But a lot of other work happens before, during and after Mass that many people are not aware of.

Before Mass, there are the tasks of preparing homilies, choosing prayers and music, rostering readers, musicians and communion ministers, practising music and readings, decorating the church with flowers and banners. Someone has to put out the books, bread, wine, vessels, and other items that are needed, and mark the Missal and Lectionary.

During Mass, some parishioners play instruments, lead the singing, proclaim the scriptures, serve at the altar, take up collections, bring up the gifts of bread and wine, and help distribute Communion.

After Mass, books, newsletters, etc need to be collected and put away, communion plates and cups washed and dried. Church linen like purifiers and altar cloths has to be washed and ironed regularly.

These numerous tasks are often left to a few willing workers. The old saying is that many hands make light work. Here are some ways that you might consider lending a hand:

- Help give out hymn books and newsletters and greet people as they arrive for Mass.
- If you like to sing, enquire about joining the singing group at your church.
- Most importantly, show gratitude. A word of thanks to presiders, musicians, readers, sacristans, etc will be greatly appreciated as sadly the only feedback many ever get is a criticism or complaint.

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

Readings for this week - 8th October.

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1st Reading - Isaiah 5: 1-7.

Psalm - Ps 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians
4: 6-9.

Gospel - Matthew 21: 33-43.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 12th October

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 13th October

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

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 14th October

** No 4pm Mass - Primary School Event **

Sunday 15th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

10am - ALPHA, in the College Staffroom.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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>

Save the Date...

August to November - ALPHA 10am Sundays.

In October...

5th-7th - College Musical Performance in Hall

7th & 14th - No Saturday 4pm Mass.

21st/22nd - World Mission Sunday.

In November...

18th/19th - Vinnies Christmas Appeal Collection

25th - 9am Memorial Mass, All Souls.

In December...

3rd - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary

3rd - RCIA Rite of Enrolment

16th - St Benedict's Parish Christmas Carols, lead by the St Benedict's Youth and Young Adults

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 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, letting God's face shine on us,

Fr Bryan.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 14th October, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis

Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 15th October, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: TBC

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic and Michael Campbell

Sunday 15th October, 5.30pm

Commentator: Mark D'Silva

Reader 1: Karen Manganti

Reader 2: Shiela Pereira

Communion Minister: Theresa Saad

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



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 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

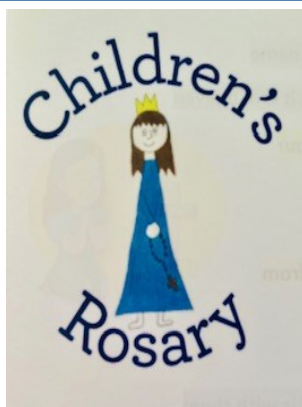


October, the Month of the Holy Rosary.

During October, the month of the Rosary, we invite all 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, we will advise the commencement date as soon as it comes to hand, via the Parish and School newsletters. This will take place once a week 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.



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 gobbedygoock 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.



journey



Journey is a monthly gathering for single women (18–40 years) discerning life's big decisions.

Scan the QR code to find out more and to register for the next gathering on Saturday 7 October from 8:30am at Marian Valley.

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 1st October 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$717.10
Parish (Running) - \$1630.45

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

Building (Church) - \$665.00
Parish (Running) - \$430.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1382.10
Parish (Running) = \$2060.45

*'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



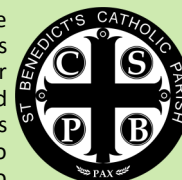
St Benedict's Parish Youth and Young Adults Group

Come and join the Fun!

Friday Evening's 6.30pm—8pm in the St Benedict's Primary School Hall.

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.*