

Thirty Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year A.
12th November 2023.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

Email: roeb@bne.catholic.net.au

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)

Jesus – The Wisdom of God

Describing God with words is a very difficult thing to do, for God is infinite and eternal. One word used to describe Jesus by scholars is Wisdom.

Today's first reading is from the Book of Wisdom. This reading describes Wisdom magnificently. Like the scholars suggest, we as Christians could easily substitute Wisdom in the reading with Jesus. For Jesus is indeed bright, being the light of the world, and He certainly does not grow dim. For those who love Jesus, He is easily seen. We can see Jesus in the face of others. We can see Jesus in acts of love, and we can see Jesus with us always as we journey through life. Jesus is always reaching out to us keen to help us, ultra-keen to give us life in abundance. If we are alert for Jesus, anxiety will quickly leave us, and we will experience the incredible peace and love of God forever.

Thank You Father Joe!

Thank you, Father Joe, for presiding at our Masses last weekend. Your very generous support of our St Benedict's Parish is very much appreciated. Thank you also for the support you give me in serving as a priest.

The Scripture Readings at Sunday Mass (Elizabeth Harrington)

The first document issued by the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, emphasised that "Sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy".

In response, the Lectionary (the book containing the extracts from the Bible read at public worship) published soon after Vatican II provided a much greater range of readings from scripture than had been the case previously.

The Gospel readings for Sunday Masses were decided upon first. They are consecutive passages taken from the gospel allocated to each year in a three-year cycle called A, B and C. The Gospel of Matthew is read in Year A, Mark in Year B and Luke in Year C. The Gospel of John does not have its own year but is read every year on some Sundays of Lent, on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and during Easter.

The first reading for each Sunday of the three-year cycle was then selected. It is almost always taken from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) and is chosen because it harmonises with the Gospel. In the Easter Season the first reading is from the Book of Acts which records the progress of the early Church, its witness and its growth.

The second reading comes from one of the New Testament letters (epistles), most often from Paul but also from Peter, John and James. It normally has no thematic relationship to either the first reading or the Gospel. The same epistle is read in a semi-continuous way over a number of Sundays.

Praying for Our Departed Loved Ones in November

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.

November Mass offering envelopes are also available on our welcome table.

Let us Celebrate as a Parish our 6th Anniversary!!! Sunday 3rd December.

We will be coming together after the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 3rd December for a sausage sizzle and morning tea, to celebrate our 6th Anniversary as a Parish.

We would love for everyone to witness the wonderful diversity and inclusiveness that our Parish has to offer, and invite everyone to come along and bring a plate to share.

We will also be looking for a team that are able to assist with the setup, serving and clean up for this wonderful celebration.

So that we have an indication of food and assistance, please email Renaë in the Parish Office to advise if you are able to help with the mornings celebrations. *All are Welcome!*

Adults wanting to Become Catholics - RCIA Program 2023/2024

Calling adults wanting to become Catholics; please contact the St Benedict's Parish Office for information, timelines & outlines on the RCIA Program 2023/2024, which begins 22nd November.



Readings for this week - 12th November, Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Wisdom 6: 12-16.

Psalm - Ps 62: 2-8.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Thessalonians
4: 13-18.

Gospel - Matthew 25: 1-13.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 2023, 18th and 19th November.

Our friends at Vinnies are asking for our assistance with the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Are you in a position to help?

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The Week Ahead...

Thursday 16th November

Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 17th November

**** No Friday morning Mass**

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

Saturday 18th November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

Sunday 19th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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A team of Vinnie's volunteers will be ready to accept your donations via eftpos, cash or bank transfer. There is also the option to donate Department Store/supermarket gift cards in amounts of up to \$30.

If you wish, you may donate now. Account Name: SVDP St Benedict's North Lakes; BSB: 064 786; Account Number 100027061.

God bless you and thank you for giving a hand up to those in times of need.

Catholic Mission 2023—Thank You!

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? Once again thank you to Xavier Campbell from our St Benedict's College for giving us great insights into the works that Salesian Sisters are doing.

Thank you to all who were in a position to donate towards the Catholic Mission, your support and generosity is much appreciated, our Parish was able to contribute a donation of \$1065.00.

If you haven't already contributed and would like to do so, please go to the Catholic Mission Website - [Walk with Sr Carolina toward better health for Timor-Leste \(catholicmission.org.au\)](http://Walk with Sr Carolina toward better health for Timor-Leste (catholicmission.org.au)) and donate directly. 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. Thank you.

Altar Servers for our Weekend Masses

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.

We have been fortunate to have some of our younger Parishioners attend training and volunteered to assist us with this important ministry.

If you (or your child or your grandchild) have received their First Holy Communion and are interested in being an Altar Server, please contact our Parish Office to let us know of your interest. It would be great if we could get this very important ministry at each of our Masses.

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.

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

Fr Bryan.

Save the Date...

In November...

18th & 19th - Vinnies Christmas Appeal

22nd - ** Date change** RCIA Information Session

In December...

3rd - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary

3rd - RCIA Rite of Enrolment

Christmas Mass Times 2023:-

23rd - 4pm, 4th Sunday of Advent Mass.

24th - 8.30am, 4th Sunday of Advent Mass.

24th - 6pm, Christmas Eve Family Mass.

24th - 9pm, Christmas Vigil Mass.

25th - 8.30am Christmas Mass.

Mass Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 18th November, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis

Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 19th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: TBC

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic and Michael Campbell

Sunday 19th November, 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.

Planning Ahead... St Benedict's Christmas Celebrations

Let us all join together this Christmas, to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

The St Benedict's Catholic Parish and Community, will be joining together to celebrate the following Masses for Christmas 2023.

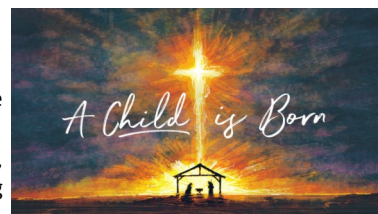
6pm - Christmas Eve Mass (Family/Children's Mass)

9pm - Christmas Eve Mass

8.30am - Christmas Morning Mass

There is no need to book in to attend any of our Christmas Masses.

Please note: Fr Bryan requests; Families that wish for their children to take part in the Children's Mass, 6pm Christmas Eve, to please attend the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 17th December for rehearsals, fittings, allocation of roles and preparations. Thank you.



Retreat Opportunity - Communing with the God who Comes to Us

This quiet weekend is an opportunity to reflect upon the God who constantly chooses to come to us in loving relationship.

Hosted and Facilitated by: Grace Harwood of Dragonfly Ministries

When: Friday 15 December 2023 at 6pm – Sunday 17 December 2023 at 3pm **OR** Friday 12 January 2024 at 6pm – Sunday 14 January 2024 at 3pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$400 (\$380 for concessions) includes all accommodation, meals (an additional fee for complex special diets), resources, spiritual direction, and facilitation.

To register or enquire: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409524283

Please remember in your Prayers:

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

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: John Maynard.



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.



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.

St Benedict's Parish Office - Closure for Christmas and New Year.

The St Benedict's Parish Office will be closed for a Christmas and New Year break from 3pm Friday 22nd December 2023, reopening on Monday 29th January 2024 at 8.30am.

Please feel free to email the office with any questions or queries during this time, the emails will be responded to after the 30th January 2024.



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

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.



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.



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 12th November 2023, we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Hallie-Jae, Remi, Jhett and Thiago

as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we pray that Hallie-Jae, Remi, Jhett and Thiago together with their family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



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. "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. **Available to purchase from the Mass Centre this Sunday, and are \$6 each or 2 copies for \$10. Cash is preferred.**

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, 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.



Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 5th November 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$630.00
Parish (Running) - \$809.20

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

Building (Church) - \$1935.00
Parish (Running) - \$1030.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$2565.00
Parish (Running) = \$1839.20

*'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.

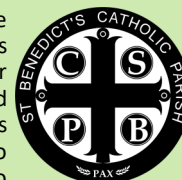
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:

<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.

World Mission Sunday—THANK YOU!

catholic mission
Reach out. Give life.

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste. Your gift is helping the Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

St Benedict's Parish was able to contribute \$1065.00—Thank you!

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

*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.*

St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

Safeguarding requirements for Volunteers in Parishes are constantly under review from the Archdiocese. A number of our Volunteer roles are no longer in need of Blue Cards or Police Checks. Blue Card and/or Police Checks are to be held by those that are working directly with children or vulnerable adults for our Parish or hold particular roles in accordance with Archdiocese guidelines. If you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will contact you directly. Thank you. *If you wish to become a volunteer for St Benedict's please email the Parish Office.* We thank you for your time given to supporting our Parish.