

Thirty First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
Year A.  
5th November 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

## Parish Secretary:

Renaë Smyth-Scott

[admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Parish Office:

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[admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 8.30am - 2.30pm  
Friday Closed.

## Parish Youth and Young Adults:

**Coordinators:** Brandon D'Silva and  
Kali Yopp

Phone: 0423503546

Email: [sbparishyouth@outlook.com](mailto:sbparishyouth@outlook.com)

Email: [youth.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:youth.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

Instagram: @regiumyouth

Gather Friday evenings, 6.30pm - 8pm

## Parish Safeguarding:

Email: [northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

STOPline: Ph - 1300 304 550

STOPline: Em - [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au)

## Parish Website:

[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://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)

## **Practising What We Preach**

"Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words when necessary." This quote, often attributed to St Francis of Assisi, emphasises the virtue of living out our Christian faith rather than just using words. Jesus, in today's Gospel, emphasises the same important point. Jesus chastises the Scribes and Pharisees for not practising what they preach. So, to live our faith well, it is vital for us to practise what we preach.

Practising what we preach means to pray often, building up our relationship with Jesus. For us, the Mass is by far our greatest prayer, where we bond with Jesus in the most intimate and profound way in Holy Communion. It is from this deep and intimate relationship with Jesus that our good works will flow. For God is love, and the more we live our lives in Christ, the more we will live our lives acting out our faith and loving all others, especially the poor and the marginalised, with beautiful acts of kindness.

## **Thank You and Welcome again to Father Joe**

We are blessed to have Father Joe Duffy joining us for our Masses this weekend. All I hear is very positive things about Fr Joe when he comes and joins us. He is a great priest, who gives wonderful support to our St Benedict's Parish and to me. Thank you Father Joe for helping us out so generously.

## **Day of Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation.**

Thank you to all parishioners who prayed and fasted for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East and Ukraine last Tuesday. The Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration, Prayer of the Church, Rosary, and Benediction was very well attended with beautiful music led by the Sadumiano family. Thank you to all involved with this Holy Hour going so well and thank you for your continued prayers for our brothers and sisters in these war torn parts of the world.

## **The Liturgies of November (Elizabeth Harrington)**

November is traditionally associated in the Catholic Church with remembrance of the dead. True remembrance is not just about looking back to the past but also looking ahead to the future in trust and hope. Just as our loved ones shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that they will share in Christ's resurrection and enjoy eternal life in God's presence.

The feast of All Saints recognises all the saints of heaven, both known and unknown, in a single celebration. The feast of All Saints first appeared in the fourth century when Eastern Church introduced a feast to celebrate martyrs on the Sunday after Pentecost. By the seventh century, the feast was being observed in the West and included those saints who were not martyrs. The present date of 1<sup>st</sup> November follows a tradition established in England and Ireland.

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the day after All Saints, is All Souls Day when we remember those who have not yet achieved the goal of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Church has always encouraged prayers for the faithful departed. Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead. On All Souls we pray in unity for our deceased relatives and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them.

## **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.

## **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 November.

## Readings for this week - 5th November, Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Malachi 1: 14 - 2: 2, 8-10.

Psalm - Ps 130.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Thessalonians  
2: 7-9, 13.

Gospel - Matthew 23: 1-12.

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 9th November

Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 10th November

**\*\* No Friday morning Mass**

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

### Saturday 11th November

**4pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 12th November

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

*Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning*

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.



## **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?

Many of us are truly blessed to be able to make Christmas arrangements, St Vincent de Paul are here to assist and support families in our community, who can't think beyond where their next meal will come from, before thinking about Christmas arrangements.

The Vinnie's Christmas Appeal will be held over the weekend of **18th & 19th November**, and it will be a time to reach out to help make a difference in lives this Christmas.

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

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...**

**2nd** - 7pm, All Souls Memorial Mass.

**18th & 19th** - Vinnies Christmas Appeal

**21st** - RCIA Information Session

**In December...**

**3rd** - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary

**3rd** - RCIA Rite of Enrolment

**Christmas Mass Times:-**

**24th** - 6pm, Christmas Eve Family Mass.

**24th** - 9pm, Christmas Vigil Mass.

**25th** - 8.30am Christmas Mass.

## Mass Ministry Roster - Week 2.

### Saturday 11th November, 4pm

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 12th November, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Brandon D'Silva

**Reader 2:** Aaron D'Silva

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna & Juvenal Ndayishimye

### Sunday 12th November, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Tim Campbell

**Reader 1:** Xanthe Campbell

**Reader 2:** Geni Campbell

**Communion Minister:** Sheeja Alphonse

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



### **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, 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.

**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](mailto: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 Christmas Mass Times 2023

4th Sunday of Advent, 24/12/23 - 8.30am

Christmas Eve Family Mass, 24/12/23 - 6pm

Christmas Eve Vigil, 24/12/23 - 9pm

Christmas Day Mass, 25/12/23 - 8.30am



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

**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](mailto: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

Last Sunday, 29th October 2023, we will welcomed into the Catholic Family,

**Mikaela**

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

May we pray that Mikaela, together with her family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



### Free All Saints Day Resources

Evangelisation Brisbane's, Children and Families team, have shared with us all a collection of free resources to help celebrate All Saints Day, 1st November, to inspire the young in our parish and community!

To access the Prayer Litany video, craft activities and more, visit:-

[All Saints for Children and Families - Evangelisation Brisbane](#)

### Free All Saints' Day Resources

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has a collection of free resources to help celebrate All Saints' Day (1 November) and to inspire the young saints to be in your parish community!

Scan the QR code to access the animated Prayer Litany video, craft activities and more!



### 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 gobbledygook email address (e.g. [churchcare0147@gmail.com](mailto: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:- Weeks ending Sunday 22nd and 29th October 2023, total.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$809.00  
Parish (Running) - \$2253.05

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

Building (Church) - \$868.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1117.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1677.00  
Parish (Running) = \$3370.05

*'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.**

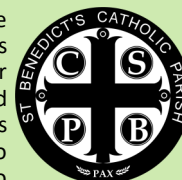
**Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:**

<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](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor). Your action will make a real, lasting impact.

**Please return the Mission Envelopes to the Mass Centre by Sunday 5th November. Thank you so much.**

**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.