

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
14th January 2024.



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 - No Mass
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

Listening to God and Being with God

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had abundant blessings throughout the Christmas Season, and I wish you many more blessings in Christ throughout 2024.

We now celebrate Ordinary Time for a short while up until Ash Wednesday on February 14. The key theme in the Liturgy of the Word for this coming Sunday is listening to God and being with God.

In the first reading we hear the call of the prophet Samuel. Samuel is a young boy, who hears his name being called by God. However, he thinks it is his mentor, Eli, calling him. After God calls Samuel for the third time, and Samuel runs once again to Eli, thinking it was Eli who was calling him, Eli then realizes that it is God calling Samuel and instructs Samuel to respond to God's call by saying, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening". From that point on Samuel grew up and lived in a close relationship with God, becoming a great prophet of God by listening to every word God said to him, and responding faithfully.

Similarly, in this coming Sunday's Gospel, we have the Word of God, who became flesh in the person of Jesus, inviting two prospective disciples to come and see where Jesus lives, and spend time with Him. This time they spend with Jesus transforms them so much that they not only devote the rest of their lives to living with Jesus, but they encourage others to join them.

Inspired by God's call of Samuel and of the disciples in our readings this week, may we too devote our lives to continually listen and be with God's Word, becoming transformed by Him.

Is God Calling You to Serve our St Benedict's Parish?

For St Benedict's to transition from a good parish to an awesome parish, we need volunteers to assist with the following ministries. Leadership teams for these ministries would be ideal. Once we have enough parishioners expressing interest in these ministries, I will organize teams from Evangelisation Brisbane to join us to explain what these respective ministries will entail, and to give appropriate formation (training).

Young Adults Group (18-30 Years of Age)

Throughout our six years as a parish, we have paid over \$120 000 for leaders of our Youth and Young Adult's Group. Paying over \$24 000 per year is not sustainable given the limited funds we receive in our planned giving (our main source of parish income). Therefore, we need parishioners to step forward and answer God's call for them to lead our St Benedict's Young Adult's Group. Hopefully, some of the parishioners who have benefited from our investment of funds in this ministry will feel called to give back. If you do feel that God is calling you to be part of this ministry leadership team, please contact me on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au or see me after one of our Masses, so we can discern your calling for this ministry team. Answering God's call will unequivocally bless you abundantly.

Youth Group (13-17 Years of Age)

Like the Young Adult's Group, it would be great to have a healthy Youth Group (children from 13-17 years old) to eventually feed into the Young Adult's Group. I was hoping that this would be the case already, which is why we invested so much money into this ministry. However, I do know how challenging youth ministry can be. But all is not lost, for we trust that God is calling and will guide parishioners in this ministry.

So, once again, if you do feel that God is calling you to be part of this ministry leadership team, please contact me on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au or see me after one of our Masses, so we can discern your calling for this ministry team. Again, answering God's call will unequivocally bless you abundantly.

Children's Group (7-12 Years of Age) and Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our vision for the Youth Group to feed the Young Adult's Group extends to a Children's Group feeding our Youth Group. Also, this ministry will include coordinating a Children's Liturgy of the Word at our Sunday 8:30am Mass once a month. Like the other two ministries, if you feel that God is calling you to be part of this ministry leadership team, please contact me on roeb@bne.catholic.net.au or see me after one of our Masses, so we can discern your calling for this ministry team. I will say this again to emphasise my point, answering God's call will unequivocally bless you abundantly.



Readings for this week - 14th January, Second Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Samuel 3: 3-10, 19.
Psalm - Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
6: 13-15, 17-20.
Gospel - John 1: 35-42.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 18th January

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Saturday 20th January

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 21st January

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**** Parish Office closed from Christmas until
8.30am Monday 29th January.**

Save the Date...

In January...

1st - 8.30am, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Mass.

7th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

In February...

4th - 8.30am, Commissioning Mass, Morning Tea for St Benedict's Schools Staff.

(Please Note:- there will be no 4pm or 5.30pm Mass on the weekend of this celebration).

7th - RCIA Meetings to resume.

11th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

14th - 7am, Ash Wednesday Mass

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14th - Caritas, Project Compassion to begin.

16th - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

18th - RCIA -Rite of Elect at St Stephens Cathedral.

23rd - 6pm, Stations of the Cross

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 20th January, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: Jean-Paul Franzidis

Reader 2: Rosemary Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 21st January, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: TBA

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic

Sunday 21st January, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBA

Reader 1: TBA

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 other Ministers. Thank you.

Thank You to Brandon and Kali, and the Young Adult's Group

Thank you to Brandon D'Silva and Kali Yopp for leading our Young Adults Group throughout 2023. Every week they impressively led the faith formation of our Young Adult's team. I know a lot of time and effort was put into these sessions, and that our Young Adults benefited considerably.

Thank you also to our Young Adult's Team for contributing to the life of our St Benedict's Parish throughout 2023. In particular, by leading the music and singing at two of our Masses (one being our Feast Day Mass), and by helping with our Stations of the Cross during Lent. May God bless you abundantly for contributing to the life of our St Benedict's Parish.

St Benedict's St Vincent de Paul Conference – Recruitment Drive

As I spoke about last weekend, we are in desperate need of new recruits for our St Benedict's St Vincent de Paul Conference. Thank you to the two parishioners who have submitted their forms expressing interest in joining the Conference. If you feel God calling you to this ministry, please email Kay on sb4509@svdpqld.org.au. We need a new Conference president, and volunteers, for these vital works of Jesus through the Church.

Three Major Celebrations for 2024 – One Sunday Mass

In consultation with the St Benedict's Pastoral Council, we have decided to have three big parish celebrations throughout 2024. We aim to bring all three Mass communities together at our Sunday 8:30am Mass followed by food and friendship. These celebrations will include:

- St Benedict's Primary School and St Benedict's College Staff Commissioning Mass at 8:30am on Sunday February 4.
- St Benedict's Feast Day Mass at 8:30am on Sunday July 7.
- St Benedict's Parish Anniversary Mass at 8:30am on Sunday December 1.

St Benedict's Primary School and College Staff Commissioning Mass Sunday February 4 at 8:30am

Let us come together as one to celebrate our St Benedict's community with a Commissioning Mass for the leadership and staff of the St Benedict's Primary School and College. This Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am on Sunday February 4. Following Mass, we will be having a morning tea.

We would love for everyone to come along to support the staff of both of our schools, and we 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 Renae on admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au in the Parish Office to advise if you are able to help with the morning's celebrations. All are Welcome!

St Benedict's Parish Office, Closure for Christmas & 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.

Wishing you all abundant blessings in Christ in 2024,

Fr Bryan.

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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.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Sang Yeoul Choi, Chris Beck, Scholastica Korihio, Lynette Kelleher, Paul Kraus, Sue Kraus, Bonni Vestorp, Joy Gibbs, Kay Corcoran.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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.



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.

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 Dec 2023 at 6pm – Sunday 17 Dec 2023 at 3pm OR Friday 12 Jan 2024 at 6pm – Sunday 14 Jan 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

Baptism at St Benedict's in 2024.

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 2024.

admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au or 34901768



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

Last Sunday, 7th January 2024, we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Tahlia

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

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



ATTENTION ATTENTION, CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

REGIUM YOUTH
St Benedict's Parish
PRESENTS IN 2024:

JESUS, NO ORDINARY MAN

- *Jesus, No Ordinary Man*
Week One, Term One: 28/1/24
- *Jesus, No Ordinary Teacher*
Week Three, Term One: 11/2/24
- *No Ordinary Teacher Pt. II*
Week Five, Term One: 25/2/24
- *Jesus, No Ordinary Relationship*
Week Seven, Term One: 10/3/24
- *Jesus, No Ordinary Crucifixion*
Week Nine, Term One: 24/3/24

ALL SESSIONS AFTER SUNDAY 5:30PM MASS UNTIL 7:45PM DINNER PROVIDED

- 📍 St Benedict's Parish, North Lakes
- 📱 @regiumyouth
- 📧 sbparishyouth@outlook.com

A youth group for young people, by young people.



Thank You

Dear parishioners, thank you for your well wishes, acts of kindness and prayers during my recent illness. Your support has been overwhelming and very much appreciated as my rehabilitation has definitely been enhanced through our St Benedict's community.

God bless, Kay.

Thank you for supporting the St Benedict's Parish Christmas Fundraising Raffle

Thank you to all those wonderful people who purchased Raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle, in Support of raising Funds for the building of the St Benedict's Church.

Congratulations to all our lucky winners!



Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 17th December 2023.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$505.00
Parish (Running) - \$645.10

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

Building (Church) - \$686.00
Parish (Running) - \$1140.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1191.00
Parish (Running) = \$1785.10

*'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.

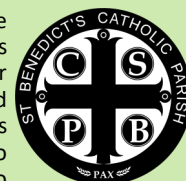
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the *St Benedict's Parish*, you can now give via the *Planned Giving APP*:

<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.

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 from bigpond, yahoo or gmail (e.g. churchcare0147@gmail.com), but always spouting a similar urgent message.

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of Gift cards or similar. *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.



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

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.

