

The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ.

Year B.

2nd June 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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"Jesus give Himself Totally to Us!"

One of the most renowned Spiritual Writers of the last Century, Thomas Mertens, wrote, "When we give ourselves to God, we come to realise that God gives God's self (sic) totally to us." As Christians, we receive grace in its fullest, through embracing the person of Jesus in our lives. This is why we strive to get to know Jesus more and more. To contemplate the face of Jesus. To gaze into His eyes. Or as Archbishop John Bathersby use to say time and time again, "to fall in love with Jesus, and to love every second of our lives with Jesus as we develop a deep and intimate life-giving friendship with Jesus. Fully loving Jesus, who fully loves us." When we do this, we will receive grace upon grace, guaranteed.

Through this incredible grace, that is, through Jesus, we get to eat from the tree of life. Receiving, as this coming Sunday's Second Reading tells us, the eternal inheritance promised to us. That is, getting to taste and eat the goodness of the Lord. Eating the fruit of all fruits, that will fully nourish us, so that we in turn, can be vessels of God's love, and thus, fully nourish others with the fruit of salvation, that is, the fruit of God's love.

Archbishop Mark, our chief shepherd in Brisbane, often says, "Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comes looking for us. When He finds us, He puts us on His shoulders and carries us up the mountain where we can enjoy restful waters, and the fresh green pastures of the feast." In other words, Jesus will always carry us to the mountain of the Lord, where the delicious food is plentiful, and our cups are overflowing.

So, let us open the door of our heart to Jesus. Let us always call on Jesus' name. For Jesus will always, without fail, be knocking at our door, waiting patiently for us to invite Him in, so He can lead us living full and wonderful lives. And the most intimate way of receiving Jesus into our lives is by receiving His most precious Body and Blood in Holy Communion, which is the great feast we celebrate this coming Sunday.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Elizabeth Harrington)

The most logical day to commemorate the gift of the presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist would be the day on which the Eucharist was instituted - Holy Thursday - but that day is part of the Easter Triduum and its focus is not on the institution of the Eucharist but on the Passion.

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday was chosen for the celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, as it was originally known. In countries like Australia where it is not a holy day of obligation, the feast is celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity.

The second of the two Prefaces set down for the feast gives us an insight into its real meaning: "Nourishing your faithful by this sacred mystery, you make them holy, so that the human race, bounded by one world, may be enlightened by one faith and united by one bond of charity."

When we eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ, we ourselves are transformed more perfectly into the presence of the risen Christ. This is Christ's gift to us, but it is also a challenge, because it calls us in turn to give our own body and blood to others so that they too might be nourished.

Welcoming our Sacramental Families

Our sacramental families will are now journeying with us for our Masses. This is a great opportunity attract people to a deeper relationship with Jesus. All you need to do is continue to show the incredible joy that Jesus gives us as we celebrate Mass. Continuing to be a beautiful welcoming and caring community.

2024 Year of Prayer – Pope Francis on Prayer

"Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. There is hope but I open the door with my prayer" (General Audience, May 20, 2020).

"Jesus' prayer is the place where we perceive that everything comes from God and returns to him. Sometimes we human beings believe that we are the masters of everything, or on the contrary, we lose all self-esteem, we go from one side to the other. Prayer helps us to find the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation" (General Audience, November 4, 2020).

"Jesus not only wants us to pray as he prays, but assures us that, even if our attempts at prayer are completely vain and ineffective, we can always count on his prayer. We must be aware of this: Jesus prays for me" (General Audience, June 2, 2021).

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to celebrate a year of prayer to prepare for next year's Jubilee. We are being called by the successor of Peter to go deeper into the experience of listening to God, speaking to God, being with God in silence prayer.

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Readings for this week - 2nd June.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

1st Reading - Exodus 24: 3-8.

Psalm - Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18.

Response - I will take the cup of
salvation, and call on the
name of the Lord.

2nd Reading - Hebrews 9: 11-15.

Gospel - Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 6th June

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 7th June

9am – St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Primary School Students.

Saturday 8th June

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 9th June

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

11am - Sacramental Program - First Holy Communion Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In June...

**** Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion to continue.**

2nd - First Holy Communion Preparation Retreat Morning, 8.30am –12pm

22nd / 23rd - Vinnies Winter Appeal Weekend

In July...

**** Sacramental Program for Confirmation to begin.**

7th - St Benedict's Feast Celebration.

11th - St Benedict's Feast Day.

14th - Sacramental Program- Confirmation, Information Session and Mass, 8.30am and 5.30pm.

In August...

**** Sacramental Program for Confirmation to continue.**

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 8th June, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey

Reader 1: Joy Darby

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 9th June, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 9th June, 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 other Ministers. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Prayer is like breathing - it is as necessary for our spiritual life, as breathing is for our physical life. Christian prayer begins with listening to the God, who never ceases to communicate with us. If all we do is speak, we will "babble like the pagans", as Jesus says (Matthew 6:7). But true prayer is like charging an iPhone: without it, the device simply doesn't work. Nor do we.

As a way into a deepening experience of prayer, I offer the Archdiocese a prayer that comes from my own listening to God (see the pray below). I also recommend the "Year of Pray" website, which can be accessed here: <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/year-of-prayer>

Deeper prayer is the womb of more powerful mission, so there is more to this year of prayer than growth and piety. This is true for the pastors first of all, but for all the baptized as well. Since the whole Church is mission.

May the God of peace bless you in every way.

As always in the Lord,
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

2024 Year of Prayer

"I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event (The Synod) of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."

Pope Francis

Prayer by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

You speak, Lord God, even in silence and we listen with the ears of the heart.

We listen and our eyes are opened to see the things as they are.

We see with the eyes of Jesus and our mouths are opened to speak of our joy and our sorrow to sing your praise and seek your help.

This is the grace of prayer you give, that opens heaven to earth, heart speaking to heart.

Give us that grace in this Year of Prayer, teach us to pray anew, lead us deeper into the heart of Jesus who is our prayer forever and ever.

Amen.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

The Corpus Christi Procession on Sunday June 2

On the **Feast of Corpus Christi**, the Catholic Church honours the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, "For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink" (John 6:55). Processing with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets is a tradition that is embraced all over the world and continues today.

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, we will bear witness to our faith on the 2nd of June 2024, as we gather with over 5000 Catholics to walk with Jesus through the streets of Brisbane City, as we pray, sing, praise, and honour Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Corpus Christi Procession, presided by **Archbishop Mark Coleridge** will start at 2pm from the Cathedral of St Stephen, walk through the city streets and finish with Benediction at the Cathedral.

In addition to the procession, an exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles around the world will be on display in the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, from Saturday the 1st of June until Sunday the 2nd of June. There will also be a vigil of Adoration in St Stephen's Chapel overnight from 7pm Saturday the 1st to Sunday the 2nd of June.

All are welcome to participate in this procession. For transport and other information, please call 0412 802 122 or visit the Corpus Christi website: <https://www.corpuschristibrisbane.com>

Mary's Month (Elizabeth Harrington)

Devotion to Mary and the saints is integral to Catholic faith.

We **venerate** the saints as human beings transformed by the grace of God. We give glory to God who has done marvelous things in the life of one of us.

We **imitate** them because they show us how to be followers of Christ. The saints in the liturgical calendar offer models of discipleship that are relevant for the Church in all ages and places.

We **invoke** the intercession of the saints in the sense that we ask them to pray for us through Christ who is our one and only mediator.

May has traditionally been the month of Mary in the Catholic Church. The feast of the Visitation on May 31 calls us to ponder Mary as the woman who believed and obediently accepted the will of God, enabling her to play a most significant role in the saving work of Christ.

"Far from being a timidly submissive woman, Mary was a woman who did not hesitate to proclaim that God vindicates the humble and the oppressed, and removes the powerful people of this world from their positions of privilege" (Pope Paul IV).

Have a great week everyone, calling out to Jesus, *Fr Bryan.*

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" JOHN 8:12

2PM SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

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"HEAL ME LORD SO THAT I SHALL BE HEALED"
Jeremiah 17:14



Inner Healing Retreat and Thanksgiving Mass
with Fr. Roni George VC,
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby

Prayerful wishes to Fr. Roni as he moves to DRC Toronto, Canada.
The Lord invites you to get into an intimate relationship with him. The Lord says, when we abide in him and he in us, we will bear much fruit. A fruitful relationship with the Lord brings Peace, Joy, Love and ultimately brings healing to our mind, soul and body.

Come, live a life worthy of the Lord!

Saturday, 8th June, 2024
(9.30am to 3.30pm)
Holy Cross Church
110 Nottingham St, Kippa Ring, QLD, 4021

• Admission is FREE • No registrations needed • BYO food
For any further inquiries please contact: 0432833439
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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 for Ministry please.

Please remember in your Prayers.

Those who are Unwell: Di Wilson, Gail Tarrier, Lynette Kelleher, Joy Gibbs, Gabrielle Harris.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:
Maricris David.


Our Dear Recently Departed:



St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details and email to: stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com 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.



Year 7 2026 Enrolments

Have you lodged your Enrolment?
Applications close 30 June 2024



Please go to our website and complete the online Application for Enrolment Form, email us the supporting documentation and pay the Enrolment Application Fee to be considered for enrolment.

www.stbenedictscollege.qld.edu.au

Parish Fundraising - \$5 Lucky Numbers.

Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky Number.

Numbers are available from the Mass Centre.

\$5.00 per number, the lucky winner will collect \$100 cash.

All funds raised will go directly back to our Church.

Good Luck!



2024/2025 Planned Giving Envelopes.

Envelopes are now available for collection from the Welcome Table in the Mass Centre, for those who kindly chose to contribute to our Parish planned giving through our Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2024/2025 Financial Year. Thank you so very much for your support.

Caritas Receipts.

Thank you once again for the generous donations towards the 2024 Caritas Project Compassion Appeal.

For those that donated Cash and requested a receipt for their contributions, please collect your receipt from the Welcome Table in the Mass Centre.

Thank you very much.

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.



Sacramental Programs for Children 2024/2025.

Enrolments are open.

We wish to Congratulate and continue to pray for all of the children who took part in the Sacramental Programs in 2023 through our 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 2024/2025 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email; 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. Preparation takes place through out the months of July and August, Sacrament received in August.

Then followed by,

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible. Preparation takes place through out the months of May and June, Sacrament received in June.

Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 26th May 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-	Direct Deposits, Credit Cards, APP & Tap N Go:-	Totals:-
Building (Church) - \$2025.20	Building (Church) - \$1036.00	Building (Church) = \$3061.20
Parish (Running) - \$1189.20	Parish (Running) - \$1127.00	Parish (Running) = \$2316.20

*'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.

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.

