

Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
16th June 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

The Kingdom of God is Like...

Last Sunday's Gospel emphasised a key theme in the Gospel of Mark. That is, the current ruler of the world, the Devil (Diabolos), is being overthrown. And there is a new Ruler in town, Jesus (Who is God), exorcising Demons as He goes around healing people, teaching people, feeding people, and raising people from the dead. The old ruler was devoted to destroying people's lives, while the new Ruler devotes Himself to helping us to thrive.

This coming Sunday we hear two of Jesus' parables describing the world in which Jesus rules (The Kingdom of God). In this parable a person throws seed on the earth. The seed in this parable is the Kingdom of God. The seed grows when the farmer is awake and asleep. The growth of the seed is beyond his control. The emphasis is on the inactivity of the farmer after the sowing.

What is Jesus telling us here? Perhaps He is telling us that at times we need to get out of the way. We are not put ourselves as the centre of attention, but called to be the facilitator for something bigger than ourselves. The growth of God's Kingdom is God's work not ours. It is not the result of human endeavor. We must therefore have faith in God to bring about His universal rule.

The second parable we hear from Jesus in this coming Sunday's Gospel is the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Where Jesus says that the Kingdom of God is like a tiny mustard seed that becomes a very large bush once fully grown. The key meaning here is the contrast between small and large. Here the suggestion is that God's Kingdom (or the works of God) begins in very small ways, but flourishes if we put all our trust in God. We see this time and time again. The works of St Teresa of Calcutta, who devoted her life to helping the poor (started small and ended up flourishing). The works of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop educating girls in rural areas (started small and ended up flourishing). The works of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of St. Vinnies (started small and ended up flourishing). The writings of St Therese of Lisieux, who inspired St Theresa of Calcutta to even take her name when professed a Nun, has inspired and nourished the faith of countless other people too. The list goes on and on.

So, a good question to ponder and pray about is: What small seeds can we plant that will flourish, transforming the world with God's love?

Congratulations to our Children for Making Your First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the first group of wonderful children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. The sense of joy and excitement of the children was infectious. The children lead the ministries of the Mass, participating brilliantly in the homily, and received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion with great reverence and joy.

I thank those who have done an awesome job in helping the children's journey this year. Firstly, our Parish Secretary, Renae. Thank you for the hours upon hours of work you put into the administration, which helps everything go so well. Thank you to Mary Smith also, for the help you give Renae and myself in the office. Secondly, our St Benedict's Sacramental Team – Di, Julie, (Gary and Derek). Thank you for organising and teaching the children at our Masses, the Retreat, during their Sacrament of Reconciliation evening, and on the day of their First Holy Communion. Thank you also for everything else you do too. Thank you to Rafael, Ada, and Alyssa, who each year volunteer to take beautiful photos of the children to remember their very special day. Thank you to the parents for enrolling and journeying with your children in receiving these wonderful Sacraments that Jesus gives us. May God bless you always.

Anointing Mass - 9am Friday June 28

On Friday, June 28, we will be celebrating an Anointing (Healing) Mass at 9am. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, like all our sacraments, was instituted by Jesus and proclaimed by St James. It is administered by anointing with blessed oil accompanied by prayer.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received by any baptised person who has reached the age of reason and is in need of physical, mental or spiritual healing. This rite is one way in which the Church continues the healing ministry of Jesus. The healing offered by this anointing is forgiveness of sins, hope and inner peace, sometimes physical healing, and an assurance of God's steadfast love and care. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE—Our St Benedict Feast Day Celebration (Sunday July 7)

Our St Benedict's Feast Day Mass – 8:30am Sunday July 7 – Please bring a Plate

With great joy, we will be celebrating St Benedict's Feast Day again this year. We invite all parishioners and their friends to come along and join us in celebrating our 8:30am Mass on Sunday July 7. This Mass will be followed by a morning tea.

It would be great if our wonderful parishioners could bring a plate to cater for our morning tea. **If you are bringing a plate, please let Renae know for catering purposes.**

Please come along to celebrate our feast, and invite as many as you like, for all are WELCOME!

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

Parish Secretary:

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Friday Closed.

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STOpline: Em - A0B@stopline.com.au

Parish Website:

www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au

Parish Facebook Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsCatholicParish/)

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St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com

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Readings for this week - 16th June, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Ezekiel 17: 22-24.

Psalm - Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16.

Response - Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
5: 6-10.**

Gospel - Mark 4: 26-34.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 20th June

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 21st June

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

Saturday 22nd June

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
St Vincent de Paul—Winter Appeal

Sunday 23rd June

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
St Vincent de Paul—Winter Appeal

Save the Date...

In June...

16th - First Holy Communion Celebration for
Sacramental Children.

22nd / 23rd - Vinnies Winter Appeal
Weekend

29/30th - Peter Pence Collection to be taken.

30th - Baptism Preparation and Celebration
morning.

In July...

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

7th - St Benedict's Feast Celebration.

7th - **** No Parish 5.30pm Mass .**

11th - St Benedict's Feast Day.

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

20th - ****No Parish 4pm Saturday Mass.**

In August...

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

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 22nd June, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 23rd June, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy
D'Souza, Sosefo Nasio

Sunday 23rd June, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Ashley Oliver
Communion Minister: Christopher Beck

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.

No Sunday 5:30pm Mass on July 7

Please note that there will be **no 5:30pm Mass on Sunday July 7**. This is to enable us to come together as one community to celebrate our St Benedict's Feast Day!

No Saturday 4pm Mass on July 20.

Please be aware that there will be **no 4pm Mass on Saturday the 20th July**. The St Benedict's Primary School are needing the Hall for an evening with their Students. Please keep the St Benedict's Primary School Students in your prayers that they have a wonderful night on the 20th.

The Homily (Elizabeth Harrington)

The homily (from the Latin *homilia*, meaning 'conversation') has its roots in the Jewish synagogue service where, after the readings from the Law and the Prophets, an explanation of their meaning was given by one of those present.

A homily was been part of the Church's liturgy since the beginning but during the Middle Ages it changed from a breaking-open of the scriptures to an instruction on Catholic doctrine or morals, i.e., a sermon. It became almost an interruption to the Mass since the celebrant removed his chasuble and moved to the pulpit in the nave to preach.

The Second Vatican Council restored the homily as an integral part of the liturgy, stating that 'the homily is to be highly esteemed as part of the liturgy itself'.

The introduction to the Lectionary says that the homily must be 'truly the fruit of meditation, carefully prepared, neither too long nor too short, and suited to all those present, even children and the uneducated'.

Like the readings at Mass, the homily is a two-way process. The preacher prepares and delivers the homily but members of the assembly play their part by listening attentively to the words of the preacher, keeping an open mind to the insights which are being presented and applying them to their own personal circumstances.

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.

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

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

Have a great week everyone, giving God thanks and praise, **Fr Bryan.**

Congratulations!

Our first \$5 Raffle has been drawn!
The Lucky Winner was Lily (#91).
Lily so kindly donated her \$100 prize back to the Parish—Thank you so very much Lily.

**** No 4pm Mass on Saturday 20th July****

To our Saturday Mass goers,

Please be aware that there will be **no 4pm Mass on Saturday the 20th July**. The St Benedict's Primary School are needing the Hall for a evening with their Students. Please keep the St Benedict's Primary School Students in your prayers that they have a wonderful night on the 20th.

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.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 22nd/23rd June

Donations can be made at the Mass Centre via Cash or Eftpos, please see the SVdP Volunteers. Please give if you are able. Thank you.

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.

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:



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.



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.



Sacramental Programs for Children 2024/2025.

Enrolments are open.

We wish to Congratulate and pray for all of the children who have taken part in the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion in recent weeks 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.

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 Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 9th June 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$575.00
Parish (Running) - \$1124.65

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

Building (Church) - \$845.00
Parish (Running) - \$625.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1420.00
Parish (Running) = \$1749.65

*'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.

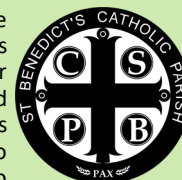
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:

<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.

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.



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.*