

Twelfth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
Year B.  
23rd June 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

## **Jesus Calms Our Stormy Seas**

I love this week's Gospel. In it, Jesus calms the stormy sea and the wild winds, which were creating great anxiety for the disciples (Mark 4:40). This Gospel assures us that Jesus is with us always, ready to calm the stormy seas of our lives. In relationship with Jesus, putting our total trust in Him, we will always experience His perfect peace. And thus, always give thanks to the Lord, for His love is everlasting (Psalm 106:23).

## **Congratulations to our Children for Making Your First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to all of our children who made their First Holy Communion this year. Both celebrations had a great sense of joy and excitement by all who fully participated. The children lead the ministries of the Mass, participated brilliantly in the homily, and received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion with great reverence and joy.

A big thank you to Renae, Di (and Gary), and Julie (and Derek) for your incredible help and support throughout the children's sacramental journey. 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 Warouw and Redulla families for brilliantly leading the music at our First Holy Communion Masses. Thank you to the parents for enrolling and journeying with your children in receiving these wonderful Sacraments that Jesus gives us. And thank you for the children for engaging so beautifully in their sacramental journey. May God bless you all always.

## **No Friday 9am Mass, this Friday—21st June.**

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstance we are unable to celebrate our 9am Friday Mass tomorrow, 21st June. Please join us next Friday 28/06 for an Anointing Mass at 9am.

## **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!

## **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!

## **Good News about Our Church**

Father Peter Dillon (the Vicar of Administration for the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has given us the go ahead to build our church. We will be building it on the 10 000m<sup>2</sup> of land owned by the Archdiocese of Brisbane, which is where the current Kindergarten is located.

Father Peter is supporting us in building a 500-seat church, which will include office and meeting spaces, a Columbarium, a space for the kindergarten, and a hospitality area. The Pastoral Council members and I are in the process of forming a Church Steering Committee. I will let you know who is on this committee once it is finalised.

Patrick Lane-Mullins (the Director for Land and Property for the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has contacted Macksey Rush Architects (who designed the St Benedict's School, College, and Kindergarten). They will undertake an initial 'feasibility' report their fee for this is **\$5000**. This provides for Consultation, Concept Development, and the sketching of the concept to allow our builders to price-up the construction.

Please know that the **\$5 Lucky Number - \$100 Prize Raffles** that we are having at the moment will be contributing directly to the above architect fees.

Also, now that we are moving towards building a church, I implore you please contribute to our Building Fund if you are not already doing so. We have Direct Debit and Credit Card forms for the Building Fund available on the welcome desk at our Mass Centre.

## **Synod24**

At all Masses on the weekend of June 15-16, we shared a video at the homily time to inform everyone of our upcoming Archdiocesan Synod. The Synod, which is branded as Synod24, is taking place in September and October of this year. Below is a recap of what we saw presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Bishop Tim Norton, and Steph Unger. You can access the full video at: <https://vimeo.com/957389678>

## **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

Since 2018, the Church in Australia has been walking the journey of the Plenary Council. Through listening, dialogue, and discernment we have been seeking to hear what the Holy Spirit is asking of us at this time.

Through the two assemblies of the Plenary Council, and under the influence of the Holy Spirit, ten Plenary Council Decrees have been agreed upon...I have decided to convene a

### **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:**

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### **Parish Safeguarding:**

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### **Parish Website:**

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

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**Readings for this week - 23rd June,  
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary.**

1st Reading - Job 38: 1, 8-11.

Psalm - Ps 106: 23-26, 28-31.

Response - Give thanks to the Lord, his  
love is everlasting.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians  
5: 14-17.

Gospel - Mark 4: 35-41.

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 27th June

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### Friday 28th June

9am – St Benedict's Parish Mass,  
Anointing Mass.

### Saturday 29th June

4.00pm – St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 30th June

8.30am – St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm – St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**\*\*The Parish Office will be closed  
Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July.**

## Save the Date...

### In June...

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 5.

### Saturday \*\* DATE, 4pm

**Commentator:** Rosemary Franzidis

**Reader 1:** Russell D'Souza

**Reader 2:** Maffy Vaz

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday \*\* DATE, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Angel Vaipuna

**Reader 2:** Zepher Vaipuna

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna, Sosefo  
Nasio & ET Mataele

### Sunday \*\* Date, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Kali Yopp

**Reader 1:** Susan Black

**Reader 2:** Amelda AhColt

**Communion Minister:** Losa AhColt

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.

follow-up Synod, for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to discern and decide upon practical ways in which the decrees can be implemented locally. The Synod will involve two brief assemblies in September and October of this year.

### Bishop Tim Norton

A Synod is a gathering of God's people. So, it can be a gathering that includes bishops and pastors and people who run parish groups and people who just sit in the pews. But it is actually all of God's people or representatives of all of God's people, who can gather and talk about the church and the mission.

I know a lot of people want to be involved. We go back and say that there has already been this consultation process prior to the Plenary Council. But, with only one hundred and fifty people participating in the Synod 24 assemblies, many people are asking; What about us?

### Fr Bryan

I have the answer to this question put forward by Bishop Tim. Everyone in our St Benedict's Parish has the opportunity to participate in our Archdiocesan Synod. Gary Smyth (Chair of our Pastoral Council) and I are invited to participate in the Synod assemblies in September and October. So, each week in the newsletter I will be sharing a Decree from the Plenary Council. I invite all parishioners to read the decree, pray about it, and offer Gary and I suggestions that come to light. Please email your input to [roeb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:roeb@bne.catholic.net.au) I thank you all in advance for participating in Synod24.

### FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA CALLED BY CHRIST – SENT FORTH AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

11. The Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to being centred on Christ, with a baptismal identity and on a path of missionary discipleship. This commitment involves:

- development of resources, formation and education programs in the promotion of hospitality, encounter, dialogue and merciful responses to the needs of our society;
- Church communities and entities promoting evangelisation through hospitality, encounter, dialogue, and merciful responses. Informed by encounter with people and communities who are disadvantaged or marginalised, and drawing on Catholic Social Teaching, they seek to foster a more just and compassionate society. This endeavour includes meaningful analysis and challenging of systems that perpetuate disadvantage and inequality;
- all Church communities, entities and collaborative bodies developing a culture of inclusion in their structures and policies that demonstrate commitment to collaboration and co-responsibility, in ways that are discerned as being appropriate and achievable;
- taking care to provide opportunities for those formed for leadership in the Church, including seminarians, to engage in dialogue with people who experience disadvantage or exclusion, both in the Church and in society.
- dioceses and eparchies supporting Parish Pastoral Councils to establish opportunities to listen to people on the peripheries – within and beyond parishes – and to develop plans to overcome experiences of exclusion, lack of acceptance and other boundaries. Diocesan Pastoral Councils will explore how to provide Parish leaders with formation and resources for training in these works of evangelisation; and
- development of a long-term plan to evangelise the community and catechise the faithful through dialogue within the Church and the wider community on areas including: the sanctity of all life, the nature of the human person, sexuality, marriage and family; better support for healthy marital and sexual lives; proclamation of the Gospel through engagement in the public arena and contribution to public debate on issues relating to marriage, sexuality, and social and ecological justice.

### FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA CALLED BY CHRIST – SENT FORTH AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES DECREE The Plenary Council decrees:

Article 1 That those responsible for Catholic schooling and early childhood education, in consultation with representatives of Catholic parents' groups and parish-based organisation, led by the National Catholic Education Commission and drawing upon the document, A Framework for Formation for Mission in Catholic Education (2017), establish a national forum, which will seek to:

- identify and respond to the needs of the diverse and distinct circumstances of Catholic schools in Australia;
- build partnerships which enhance the vision of Catholic education as an instrument of evangelisation and an essential dimension of the contemporary mission of the Church;
- offer a process for critical reflection and discernment of the vocation of Catholic education today;
- support formation opportunities for catechesis, faith formation, leadership development and religious education pedagogy; and
- to assist parish engagement with schools and young people.

Article 2 That the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service establish a triennial National Forum of Catholic social service, health and aged care, disability, prison ministry, refugee and asylum-seeker, and justice, ecology and peace organisations and representatives of those served by these organisations; and that the purpose of this forum include:

- providing opportunities for dialogue that will contribute to the ability of the Church in Australia to attend to "examining the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel";
- identifying and exploring priorities for evangelisation through outreach, service provision,

advocacy and formation;

c. addressing gaps; d. seeking opportunities for collaboration; and e. informing the development of local social teachings to be issued by the Australian Bishops

Article 3

a. That each diocese and eparchy identify ways of promoting ecumenical and interfaith relationships (e.g., an Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer) that are practical and appropriate for the diocese or eparchy.

b. That the Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue – in collaboration with Catholic tertiary institutions and theological associations – provide guidance, advice and resources to dioceses and eparchies for ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and relationships, and formation for those responsible for ecumenical and interreligious relations.

For a full reading of this Decree please go to [FINAL-Decree-3-Called-by-Christ-Sent-Forth-as-Mission-Disciples.pdf \(aobsynod2024.com\)](#)

Thank you for your contribution to the life of our parish and the wider Church.

### **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!

### **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.

Have a great week everyone, giving thanks to the Lord, for His love is everlasting, *Fr Bryan.*

### **Parish Fundraising - \$5 Lucky Numbers.**



Please 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 Building of the 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.

### **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.



Our second \$5 Raffle has been drawn!

The Lucky Winner was #78.  
Ken Butler.

Thank you to all those who purchased a lucky number.

### **Sacramental Programs for Children 2024/2025.**

#### **Enrolments for Confirmation Close—1st July.**

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](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. 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.

### **St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details and email to:

[stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### *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:**

**Our Dear Recently Departed:**



## Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 16th June 2024.

### Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$764.20  
Parish (Running) - \$1063.80

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

Building (Church) - \$680.00  
Parish (Running) - \$890.00

### Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1444.20  
Parish (Running) = \$1953.80

*'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.

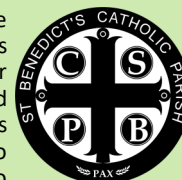
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the *St Benedict's Parish*, you can now give via the *Planned Giving APP*:

<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](mailto: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.*