

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
30th June 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest:

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Place of Worship:

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Winter
Appeal

We understand times are tough for many; Thank you to those who made contributions last weekend, it is much appreciated. If you are in a position to donate, contributions can be made through EFT:- SVDP Mango Hill BSB# 064 786, Ac# 100027061. Thank you.

Readings for this week - 30th June, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Wisdom 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24.
Psalm - Ps 29: 2, 4-6, 11-13.
Response - I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15.
Gospel - Mark 5: 21-43.

Talitha Kum – "Little Child, Rise!"

Gee I hope that everyone reading this has a wonderful personal relationship with Jesus. If you do not, then you are missing out.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows great care and concern for three people who are in desperate need of Jesus' healing love. In this writing, I would like to focus on Jesus' encounter with Jairus and his very ill daughter.

The Gospel tells us that Jairus, in a great act of faith, falls at Jesus' feet and begs Jesus to heal his twelve-year-daughter who is so sick she is near death. Jesus, through His incredible love and compassion, sets out to help Jairus. While Jesus and Jairus are journeying together towards Jairus' house, news comes that Jairus' daughter has died. But Jairus is reassured by Jesus not to give up faith and hope in Jesus. When Jesus gets to the little girl, He takes her by the hand and says, "Talitha Kum" (Little girl, rise!). Jesus raises her from death, pointing to His own resurrection to come.

As people of the Resurrection, we sense Jesus loving us in the same way He loved the twelve-year-old girl in the Gospel. No matter how tough life gets for us, the Risen Jesus will always take us gently by the hand and raise us up into His incredibly loving and healing embrace. Always restoring us to a life filled with love, peace, and well-being.

Peter's Pence Appeal by the ACBC (Bishop's Conference)

Catholics around Australia are being encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal on 30 June, the Sunday after the feast of St Peter and St Paul.

Donations to the appeal, which goes back to medieval times, support Pope Francis' mission, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, and peace.

Peter's Pence also aims to support a range of charities that bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalized, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees, and migrants.

The Holy Father said in a message for Peter's Pence 2024, "The hope that we have been given never divides us from others. Instead, it is an extraordinary gift of which we are called to make ourselves "channels", with humility and simplicity, for everyone. So our boastfulness is because we have as Father a God who opens his house to all human beings, beginning with the least and the most distant, so that as his children we may learn to console and support one another."

The Vatican's Secretariat for the Economy, which publicly reports on donations, describes Peter's Pence as 'the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their shared concern with the Successor of Peter in addressing the necessities of the Universal Church and to help those most in need'.

Please be prepared for the Peter's Pence collection this coming Sunday. We will be having a retiring collection at the end of each of our Masses.

No Anointing Mass, this Friday 28th June.

Ironically, due to my illness, we will not be having an Anointing Mass on Friday June 28.

No Friday Mass, next Friday 5th July.

We will not be celebrating our 9am Friday, 5th July. Please join us Friday 12th July 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!

Celebrating Mass on Thursday July 11 at 7am

The actual Feast Day of St Benedict is Thursday July 11. We will be celebrating Mass on this day at 7am. All are welcome!

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 000m² 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

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 4th July

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 5th July

**** No 9am Mass.**

Saturday 6th July

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 7th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

St Benedict's Feast Day Celebration with Morning Tea.

**** No 5.30pm Mass.**—please join in the 8.30am Celebration.

**** Please Note:- there will be no printed newsletters for five (5) weeks.**

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

Save the Date...

In June...

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 - **7am** - St Benedict's Feast Day Mass.

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 1.

Saturday 6th July, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 7th July, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 7th July, 5.30pm

No 5.30pm Mass to be celebrated, No Mass Ministry required.

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.

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 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 I thank you all in advance for participating in Synod24.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

WITNESSING TO THE EQUAL DIGNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN

1. God's word speaks clearly of the equal dignity of women and men: "So God created humankind in his image . . . male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). For Christians specifically, "there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). In the Church, all people receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are mediated through our baptism: "There is one faith, one baptism, one God and father of all" (Ephesians 4: 4-6).

2. Scripture calls the Church to recognize the equal dignity of women and men and to esteem their contributions.

3. In his Letter to Women, Pope Saint John Paul II apologised for harm caused to women, and he called us to ensure the personal dignity and rights of women are protected and upheld as well as recognising the unique gifts they contribute to building up a healthy Church and society. In particular, he called us to work to overcome the cultural assumptions of inequality:

Women's dignity has often been unacknowledged and their prerogatives misrepresented; they have often been relegated to the margins of society and even reduced to servitude. This has prevented women from truly being themselves and it has resulted in a spiritual impoverishment of humanity. Certainly, it is no easy task to assign the blame for this, considering the many kinds of cultural conditioning which down the centuries have shaped ways of thinking and acting. And if objective blame, especially in particular historical contexts, has belonged to not just a few members of the Church, for this I am truly sorry. John Paul (John Paul II, Letter to Women, 29 June 1995, n. 3).

4. From the beginning of the twentieth century, a growing awareness of the equal dignity of women and men has reshaped Australian social and political life. Nonetheless, disregard for the equal dignity of women and men persists in society and the Church. There is still much to be done.

5. The Plenary Council has heard from women of varied experiences in the Church today. Sometimes women are joyful, happy, and thriving in their service to Christ and the Church. Other times women experience barriers and a lack of support in seeking to offer their gifts in service of the Gospel, which has caused frustration and disappointment. Authentic witness

to the equal dignity of women and men requires addressing issues of power, authority, and the freedom of persons to decide and act on their decisions with informed consciences. We need to deepen our understanding of the human person, to appreciate more fully the gifts that women and men together bring to the life of the Church. This will require scriptural and theological formation and catechesis at the parish, diocesan, eparchial, and national levels. Here too, there is much work to be done.

6. In light of the above and aware of the extent of the ongoing challenges, this Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to acting in ways that witness clearly to the equal dignity of women and men, with their diverse gifts and experiences. It commits the Church to enhancing the role of women in the Church, and to overcoming assumptions, culture, practices and language that lead to inequality.

**FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
WITNESSING TO THE EQUAL DIGNITY OF WOMEN AND MEN DECREE**

The Plenary Council decrees:

Article 1

That the Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to ensuring: through formal policies and intentional practice, the experiences and perspectives of women, including women who exercise ministry, are heard, considered and valued at local, diocesan and national levels. This is particularly important for matters which affect them distinctively; that women are appropriately represented in decision-making structures of Church governance at the parish, diocese or eparchy, and national level, and in Church agencies, entities, and organisations; that dioceses and eparchies recognise and value publicly, and properly remunerate, women who lead and serve in the Church in various ways.

Article 2

That each Australian diocese and eparchy commits to supporting, with appropriate formation and recognition, new opportunities for women to participate in ministries that engage with the most important aspects of diocesan and parish life.

Article 3

That the Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to implementing more fully the undertakings made by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in their Social Justice Statement, Woman and Man: The Bishops Respond (2000), in response to the research report Woman and Man: One in Christ Jesus (1999).






Article 4

That, should the universal law of the Church be modified to authorize the diaconate for women, the Plenary Council recommends that the Australian Bishops examine how best to implement it in the context of the Church in Australia. The Eastern Catholic Churches in Australia will interpret the decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia in accordance with the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches and the traditions of each church sui iuris. In accordance with canon 446 of the Code of Canon Law, this decree is not to be promulgated until it has been reviewed by the Apostolic See. It will be promulgated in Australasian Catholic Record and the website of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in accordance with its usual practice. The decrees will oblige six months after promulgation.

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, praising the Lord, who comes to our help, *Fr Bryan*.

 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Sunday, 30th June 2024 , we will welcome into the Catholic Family, Alex</p> <p style="text-align: center;">As he receives the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">May we pray that Alex, together with his family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baptism at St Benedict's in 2024.</p> <p>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.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests</p> <p>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.</p> <p>All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. A new request will be needed after 2 weeks.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sacramental Programs for Children 2024/2025.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enrolments for Confirmation Close—1st July.</p> <p>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.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Please remember in your Prayers:</p> <p>Those who are Unwell: Di Wilson, Gail Tarrier, Lynette Kelleher, Joy Gibbs, Gabrielle Harris.</p> <p>Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:</p> <p>Our Dear Recently Departed:</p> 	<p>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</p> <p>To receive the Sacraments of:-</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Then followed by,</p> <p>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.</p>

Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 23rd June 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$605.00
Parish (Running) - \$325.25

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

Building (Church) - \$799.00
Parish (Running) - \$1317.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1404.00
Parish (Running) = \$1642.25

*'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.

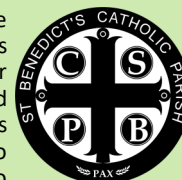
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the *St Benedict's Parish*, you can now give via the *Planned Giving APP*:

<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.*