

Fifteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
Year B.  
14th July 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

## Parish Priest:

**Fr Bryan Roe**

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## Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall  
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.**

## Mass Times:

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

## Parish Secretary:

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## Office Hours:

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

## St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

## St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

[stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com](mailto: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:- SVPD Mango Hill BSB# 064 786, Ac# 100027061. Thank you.

## **Vale Paul Kraus and Thank You!**

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Paul Kraus' life on earth ended in the early hours of Monday morning. Paul was a much-loved and deeply appreciated parishioner of our St Benedict's Parish. In fact, he was cherished! Personally, Paul and his wife Sue have been very good to me, going out of their way to support me in my ministry as a priest, and being wonderful friends. I will miss Paul deeply, and my heart goes out to Sue.

Paul contributed significantly to the life of the St Benedict's Parish. He started up, and brilliantly led, a Christian Meditation Group in the parish. I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this group. Not only did this meditation group encourage me to recommence Christian meditation as part of my prayer life, which has helped me considerably, but a lovely group of people were formed. And there is something very powerful about coming together to pray and building friendships.

Paul and his wife Sue, together with other quality parishioners, were instrumental in starting up our St Benedict's Parish Prayer Network (the name, "Prayer Network", was Sue and Paul's suggestion). The Prayer Network organises Prayer Requests (where a team of "Prayers" from the parish, pray for the requested needs of parishioners, the parish, and the wider community), Parish Retreats, and the Holy Spirit Novena for the parish. Once again, this prayer network has a great sense of community, and is a wonderful gift to our parish.

Paul also wrote the Prayers of the Faithful for our St Benedict's Masses. This was very appropriate, for not only was Paul a very good writer, but Paul also has a very deep, personal, and intimate relationship with Jesus. In fact, one of Paul's major concerns for members of the Catholic Church, and I very much join him in this concern, was our lack of having a personal relationship with Jesus. Paul and I agreed, wholeheartedly, that the gifts of the Catholic Church, the Sacraments, would fully come alive if we have a deep, intimate, and personal relationship with Jesus, who loves us infinitely.

So, thank you Paul for sharing all your wonderful gifts with us. For building up our St Benedict's community with God's love, and being such a wonderful friend to many parishioners and to me. I will miss you dearly! Farewell for now my friend, until we meet again in the warmth and love of God's radiant light in heaven.

Paul will be farewelled with a funeral Mass on Monday, 15th July at 11.30am at Holy Cross Church, Kippa Ring. All are welcome.

## ***Celebrating St Benedict's Feast Day 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!

## ***Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation***

Starting this Sunday, we will be journeying each Sunday with our children, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in August, and their families. Please pray for these children and their families, and make them welcome.

## ***Our St Benedict's Feast Day Celebrations***

Thank you to all our terrific parishioners who made our St Benedict's Feast Day celebrations such a great success. Both the Heavenly Banquet and the morning tea after Mass went extremely well. So, thank you to our Hospitality Team, Sacristans, Music Ministry, Readers, Communion Ministers, PowerPoint people, Parish Secretary, those who brought a plate, and all parishioners for making our patron Saint's Feast Day celebrations so life-giving and community building in Christ. May God bless you all abundantly.

## ***Peter's Pence Collection***

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to our Peter's Pence collection this year. We raised valuable funds for the very important charities supported by Pope Francis and the Catholic Church.

## ***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

## Readings for this week - 14th July, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Amos 7: 12-15.  
Psalm - Ps 85: 9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
Response - Lord, show us your mercy  
and love, grant us your  
salvation.  
2nd Reading - Ephesians 1: 3-14.  
Gospel - Mark 6: 7-13.

## **The Week Ahead...**

### **Thursday 18th July**

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 19th July**

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

### **Saturday 20th July**

**\*\* No 4.00pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### **Sunday 21st July**

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Program—Confirmation Preparation Session.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

## **Save the Date...**

**In July...**

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

**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 3.**

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

### **Sunday 21st July, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Charles D'Rosario

**Reader 1:** Seema Masih

**Reader 2:** Aviva Coutinho

**Communion Minister:** Bobette Sindicic,  
Pierina Ziebarth and  
Juvenal

### **Sunday 21st July, 5.30pm**

**Commentator:** TBA

**Reader 1:** TBA

**Reader 2:** Shiela Pereira

**Communion Minister:** Theresa Saad

Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap or please arrange to swap weeks with other Ministers. Thank you very much for your assistance.

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](mailto:roeb@bne.catholic.net.au) I thank you all in advance for participating in Synod24.

### **FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA**

#### **AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION: GOVERNANCE**

In Baptism, the Holy Spirit gives believers, and therefore the whole Church, a special gift so that together they can faithfully interpret and live the Christian Gospel in the diverse circumstances of history and culture – the *sensus fidei* (Lumen Gentium n. 12; cf. International Theological Commission, Synodality in the Life and Mission of the Church, 2 March 2018, nn. 24, 56, 113). The Spirit enables ongoing discernment of the signs of the times in the light of the Gospel (Gaudium et Spes, nn. 4, 11). All the baptised participate in the three offices of Christ as a priestly, prophetic, and royal people (Lumen Gentium, nn. 31, 35).

By calling for the practice of synodality, Pope Francis aims to embed more deeply in the life of the Church the central teachings of Vatican II. These include the Council's emphasis on the Holy Spirit's gift of the *sensus fidei* to each, the participation of the entire faithful in the mission of the Church and its call for dialogue within the Church and beyond. Synodality is a constitutive element of the life of the Church, Pope Francis says, quoting Saint John Chrysostom: "Church and Synod are synonymous" (Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the Synod of Bishops).

5. THEREFORE, this Plenary Council:

a. affirms that governance in the Catholic Church should be exercised in a synodal manner, with the appropriate participation of all the baptised. For a diocese or eparchy, this would mainly involve the participation of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Council of Priests, the College of Consultors, the Diocesan Finance Council, the Diocesan Curia, various boards and governance bodies, and, at times, a Diocesan Synod. For a parish, this would mainly involve the participation of the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee;

b. recognises and affirms the commitment of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference that "within five years following the closing session of the Plenary Council . . . each Diocese conduct a Diocesan Synod and every ten years thereafter" and encourages dioceses and eparchies to begin planning for this after the conclusion of the Plenary Council (The Light from the Southern Cross: Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic

Church in Australia (2020), recommendation 56; cf. Response of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to The Light from the Southern Cross);

- c. calls for all dioceses and eparchies to establish a Diocesan Pastoral Council and affirms the continuing work of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the National Centre for Pastoral Research to develop guidelines and provide resources for the establishing and flourishing of Diocesan Pastoral Councils, Parish Pastoral Councils, and other appropriate synodal structures (The Light from the Southern Cross, recommendations 50–55);
- d. recognises and affirms the many initiatives already undertaken at parish, diocesan, eparchial, and national levels to implement recommendations agreed to in the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference response to The Light from the Southern Cross; and
- e. commits the Church in Australia to fostering the discernment and synodal leadership envisaged at Vatican II, called for by Pope Francis and experienced in the Plenary Council's journey through the actions proposed below.

**AT THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION, AND MISSION: GOVERNANCE DECREE**

**Article 1**

That dioceses and eparchies support parishes to establish and strengthen appropriate synodal structures by developing guidelines and providing resources for the flourishing of Parish Pastoral Councils, Parish Finance Committees, and other parish bodies.

**Article 2**

That representatives from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons form a working group to conduct appropriate and broad consultation, to develop and establish a National Catholic Synodal Life Roundtable, to foster, assess, and report periodically on the development of synodal leadership across the Church in Australia. The roundtable will bring together representative members of those groups with Diocesan Pastoral Councils and other key national bodies of the Church, including Catholic social and community services, health, and education.

**Article 3**

That the National Centre for Pastoral Research be commissioned to study the implementation of recommendations from The Light from the Southern Cross which has already happened, to identify examples of effective initiatives that have been taken and thus promote further implementation of those recommendations judged helpful and practicable. 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.

**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 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.

Have a great week everyone, in the mercy and love of God, *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.**

**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.



**Enrolments for Sacramental Programs 2024 are now closed.**

We wish to Congratulate all of the children who have taken part in the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion in 2024 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.



As we begin the Sacramental Program for Confirmation we ask that all of the children and their families that are participating be kept in your prayers.

We welcome families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or seeking to obtain information about our 2025/2026 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email.

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, Thomas Cafferty.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Our Dear Recently Departed:** Paul Kraus



**Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 7th July 2024.**

<b>Plate Collection &amp; Envelopes:-</b>		<b>Direct Deposits, Credit Cards, APP &amp; Tap N Go:-</b>		<b>Totals:-</b>	
Building (Church) -	\$TBC	Building (Church) -	\$TBC	<b>Building (Church) =</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>
Parish (Running) -	\$TBC	Parish (Running) -	\$TBC	<b>Parish (Running) =</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>

*'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.**

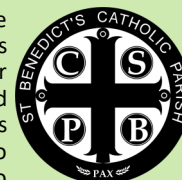
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the **Planned Giving APP:**

<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](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.*

**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.

