

Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
21st July 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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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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Jesus Moved to the Very Depths of His Being

Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who loves us deeply. As we hear in this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus and the Apostles were exhausted, so they needed rest and to have something to eat. So, they went off to find some rest, but the people found out where they were going. When Jesus saw these people already at the place where he was planning to rest, what did he do? Did he say, "please go away! I need my rest." No! The Gospel says the profound words that Jesus had pity on them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus gave Himself totally to them. Just like Jesus gives Himself totally to us 24 hours per day seven days a week.

Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who gives himself totally to us. He picks us up, he nurses us, he feeds us, HE LOVES US!! Jesus, through his life, death, and resurrection, shows us that he would do absolutely anything for us. Not only that, but it is also through Jesus' life, death and resurrection that we actually live our lives abundantly (to the full).

Through living our lives in Jesus, that is, in constant companionship with Jesus, we will live good full lives, where we too will be the source of life for others in exactly the same way that Jesus gives us life. That is, by laying down our lives for them.

As Jesus assures us, we always lay down our lives in order to take them up again. This is the Christian life. We die to ourselves, so that we can live for God, and thus, truly live. For God will always call us and gives us the strength and courage to abandon our selfish, self-centred ways, and devote our lives to loving and caring for others. For this, according to God, is clearly the most fulfilling, and the most life-giving way to live our lives.

Jesus always calls us to lay down our lives for each other out of love. A love that is greater than death, a love that always gives life.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comes looking for us. When he finds us, he puts us on his shoulders and carries us up the mountain where we can enjoy restful waters and the fresh green pastures of the feast.

For Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who leads us to fresh and green pastures where he gives us repose. To restful waters to revive our drooping spirit. He guides us along the right path, the path that is truly life-giving. With his gentle embrace, he gives us comfort, especially in the tough times. He has prepared a banquet for us, which is life-giving. And he has anointed us with oil, filling us with Spirit and with life. All we need to do is listen and respond Jesus' gentle voice, which is always calling us to live life abundantly by pouring ourselves out for God and each other. For Jesus, our incredibly good and loving shepherd, will always give us full and wonderful lives, that are eternal.

No Saturday 4pm Mass (July 20)

We do not have access to the School Hall this coming Saturday (July 20), so there will be no Saturday 4pm Mass. It would be great if the parishioners who usually participate in this Mass could join us in participating in one of our other Sunday Masses (Sunday 8:30am or 5:30pm). Thank you.

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

We continue to journey with our wonderful children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families. Please pray for these children and their families and make them 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 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. Their fee to undertake an initial 'feasibility' report 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 \$100 Raffles that we are having will be contributing directly to the above architect fees.

Also, now that we are moving towards building a church, 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

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Readings for this week - 21st July, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary.

**1st Reading - Jeremiah 23: 1-6.
Psalm - Ps 22
Response - The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians
2: 13-18.
Gospel - Mark 6: 30-34.**

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 25th July

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 26th July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Saturday 27th July

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 28th 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.**

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

21st & 28th - Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation, 8.30am and 5.30pm.

In August...

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

4th - Sacramental Program- Confirmation, Retreat Morning and Mass, 8.30am.

12th- Pine Rivers, RNA Show Day -Office Closed

15th - The Assumption.

18th/19th - Catholic Campaign Weekend.

11, 18, 25th- Confirmation Mass (11am),

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 27th July, 4pm

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

Sunday 28th July, 8.30am

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

Sunday 28th July, 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.

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

COMMUNION IN GRACE: SACRAMENT TO THE WORLD

1. The Church is "like a sacrament", a sign and instrument of union with God and the unity of the whole human race. (Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, 21 November 1964, n. 1) We know that the Church was founded by Christ and that our vocation is to be the sacrament of communion with God and of unity among all people (Lumen Gentium, nn. 1, 8). The Church's receptivity to sacramental grace deepens our spiritual connections with each other, making visible our sacramental nature.

2. "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12). Members of the Church are diverse, and their vocations are complementary. Some are laypeople, some are in consecrated life, and some are ordained as deacon, priest, or bishop. Lay Catholics may be single or married; they may participate in ecclesial movements; they may be connected with religious communities. The Church desires to foster vocations in every aspect of Church life, knowing that disciples can serve Christ's mission according to their unique gifts. In recent times, the universal Church has broadened criteria for admission to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte. With the recognition of the Ministry of Catechist, we are witnessing a wider range of formal ministry opportunities in the Church. Throughout its phases, the Plenary Council has also heard a call for the renewal of preaching, which is another acknowledgment of the importance of faith formation, rooted in Scripture, for the mission of the Church.

6. The Plenary Council reaffirms the pre-eminent role of liturgical worship in the life of the Church. As Vatican II teaches, "the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time, it is the font from which all her power flows." (Vatican II, Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, 4 December 1963, n. 10) Renewal of its celebration is needed to ensure the faithful are properly nourished at the table of the Lord's Word and Sacrament. This will be reflected in the formation of Christian faith and life, and the consequent need for a renewal of how the faith is communicated, both in the celebration of the Eucharist and in other occasions of common prayer. The way that we worship informs how we believe (lex orandi, lex credendi). Our communal worship witnesses to unity and hope in a fractured world increasingly hostile to public acknowledgment of God. Through sacramental grace and our experience of worship, the celebration of the sacraments and other rites, powerfully forms us. Worship opens the human heart to ongoing conversion to Christ, for the celebration of the liturgy is "an action of Christ and his body the Church" (Sacrosanctum concilium, n. 7) The yearning for such conversion and healing has been evident at each moment of discernment for the Plenary Council.

9. The Church professes the Eucharist to be the source and summit of all sacramental life (Lumen Gentium, n. 11). Thus, celebration of the Eucharist, and formation for participation in the celebration according to the call for liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council, offers opportunities for spiritual growth. The Plenary Council acknowledges the need for renewal in catechesis, formation, and devotion to this Sacrament. To support this, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has requested that the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress take place in Australia. This would provide a time of prayerful preparation for the People of God. The Plenary Council hopes that dioceses will commit to planning and promoting communal public events that focus on the Eucharist, in service of forming Catholic

belief, culture and identity. These might include feast day celebrations, Eucharistic processions and adoration, and the development and performance of music well-suited to worship

14. THEREFORE, this Plenary Council affirms the fundamental importance of a sacramental, joyful and spiritually rich prayer life that is transformed, transforming and inclusive:

a. To promote people's full, conscious and active participation in the Church's liturgy and sacraments, as well as spiritual nourishment through other forms of prayer, the Plenary Council urges renewal in liturgical catechesis and formation. The Council encourages the provision of liturgical and other prayer resources that enhance the dignified and reverent celebration of the liturgy and other opportunities for formation at the national and diocesan levels.

b. It commits the Catholic Church in Australia to breathing "with her two lungs," (John Paul II, Ut Unum Sint, n. 54) -east and west - respecting, fostering, and promoting the rich heritage of each tradition. c. It requests the Bishops Commission for Liturgy to prepare a new English translation of the Roman Missal that is both faithful to the original text and sensitive to the call for language that communicates clearly and includes all in the assembly.

**FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA
COMMUNION IN GRACE: SACRAMENT TO THE WORLD
DECREE**

The Fifth Plenary Council decrees:

Article 1 That dioceses promote exercise of and formation for the ministries of Lector, Acolyte and Catechist.

Article 2 That in the light of the change in circumstances over the past twenty years, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference review the provisions and guidelines it issued in May 2003 for lay people to participate in a formal ministry of Preaching in the Latin Church, as provided for in canon 766 of the Code of Canon Law.

Article 3 That the Bishops' Commission for Liturgy institute a sustained program of catechesis of the Sacrament of Penance to promote an understanding of the conditions for, and appropriate practice of, each of the three forms of the Rite of Penance.

Article 4 That the Plenary Council request that the Holy Father consider whether the Third Form of the Rite of Penance might have wider use on occasions when it is particularly appropriate, granted an understanding among the Faithful of its distinctive nature and requirements.

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.

Have a great week everyone, with the Lord as our Shepherd giving us life in abundance, *Fr Bryan.*

Called by Name
National Vocation Awareness Week
4-11 August 2024

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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.



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.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Gail Tarrier, Lynette Kelleher, Joy Gibbs, Gabrielle Harris, Thomas Cafferty.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Marge Larter.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Paul Kraus



Enrolments for Sacramental Programs 2024 are now Closed.

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.



Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 14th July 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$290.70
Parish (Running) - \$1255.95

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

Building (Church) - \$585.00
Parish (Running) - \$880.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$875.70
Parish (Running) = \$2135.95

*'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>







Your gift ensures our elderly priests have the support they need

Give future priests the support they need to answer God's call

Help create an inclusive society

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world.


Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.

17 & 18 August

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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If you or anyone you know is struggling and needs a 'hand up', please contact St Vinnies on 1800Vinnie.

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.*

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.

