

Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
28th 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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I am the Bread of Life! (John 6:35)

Food and drink are important for us all. We need food and drink to survive. Perhaps this is why Jesus, in instituting the Eucharist, chose a meal to do so. For in the Eucharist, we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, and we need Jesus to survive.

Now, food and drink not only give us life, but the meal setting is a setting where all the people throughout the world come together, not only to share food and drink, but we also share our lives. Jesus, being the Bread of true life, invites us every week to join Him at the table, so that He can share Himself with us for us to truly live.

The Gospel we hear this coming Sunday is very rich in meaning. In this Gospel, the people came to Jesus for healing and for His teaching, two integral parts of Jesus' ministry for us. What else does Jesus do for the people in the Gospel? He miraculously feeds them! This assures us that Jesus will always heal us, Jesus will always teach us, and Jesus will always feed us.

But what does Jesus feed us with? Jesus Himself! The body and blood of Christ! This is crucial to our faith as Catholics. The bread and wine that we consecrate in the Eucharist, every time we come together to celebrate Mass, becomes Jesus Himself - the Body and Blood of Christ. Anything less is not good enough for us. Anything less doesn't fulfil us.

The consecrated bread and wine are not merely symbols pointing to Jesus. They are not symbols reminding us of Jesus and all that Jesus has done for us. They become Jesus Himself, who in person fills us with everlasting life. It is only Jesus, who truly satisfies.

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 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

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Readings for this week - 28th July,
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Kings 4: 42-44.
Psalm - Ps 144: 10-11, 15-18.
Response - The hand of the Lord feeds
us; he answers all our needs.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians
4: 1-6.
Gospel - John 6: 1-15.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 1st August

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 2nd August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 5 students.

Saturday 3rd August

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 4th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Program—Confirmation Retreat Morning 8.30am—11.30am.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**** Please Note:- there will be no printed newsletters for another 2 weeks.**

Save the Date...

In July...

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

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

14th - 7pm Vigil Mass, The Assumption.

15th - 7am Mass, The Assumption.

17th/18th - Catholic Campaign Weekend.

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

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 3rd August, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 4th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 4th August, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony

Reader 1: Claire Goss

Reader 2: Erwin Perez

Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

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.

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.

5. All members of the Church are called to help Christ's Church breathe with both lungs (John Paul II, Ut Unum Sint, 25 May 1995, n. 54) – East and West – especially in the formation of its teachers; in the religious education curricula of Catholic schools and catechetical materials, including diocesan, independent, religious institute and ministerial public juridic persons' schools; in Catholic universities, and in other institutions of Catholic higher education. Eastern Catholics must always have a place as active participants and leaders in whole Church gatherings. Special care must be taken to include those without an ordinary or diocese of their own rite in Australia.

7. We rejoice when Catholics come to receive the sacraments at key moments in their lives. The Church welcomes these opportunities for accompaniment and dialogue as we celebrate God's role in our individual and communal life. Nonetheless, the discernment process of the Council has highlighted that, in Australia today, sacramental celebrations are sometimes approached more as a cultural milestone than a moment in ongoing faith formation that unites us with Christ and with each other. It can be more a process of certification than incorporation. Parents and caregivers who desire for their children to be baptised often have little ongoing involvement in the life of the parish. The Church needs to attend to this challenge and seek to understand better the reasons behind this lack of engagement. A parish's first response to these approaches must always be to welcome and encourage what is positive in a family's request, warmly inviting them to move further on their journey towards a personal relationship with Christ, lived out in the Christian community. This situation calls for the continued formation of all in a renewed understanding of the centrality of sacramental and parish life. The Church recognises that the ideal model for the formation, preparation and celebration for the sacraments of initiation for children is family-centred and parish-based, drawing on the assistance of Catholic schools and catechists.

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.

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.

Have a great week everyone, with the Lord who feeds us with food that truly satisfies, *Fr Bryan.*

Dragonfly Ministries Retreat for Women—Friday 9th August, 6pm to Sunday 11th August, 3pm.

A quiet weekend of silence in community reflecting upon what is it to **Flourish in Hope and Mercy**. At Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston. Cost \$420 (\$400 for students/pensioners/unemployed) all inclusive

Facilitated by Grace Harwood. For information contact grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283



**Congratulations and Welcome
into the CATHOLIC FAMILY**

Last Sunday, 21st July 2024,
we welcomed into the Catholic Family,
Adalyn

As she received the Sacrament of Baptism,
with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we pray that Adalyn,
together with her family and friends,
experience God's happiness, joy and love,
now and always.

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 21st July 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$405.00
Parish (Running) - \$1000.85

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

Building (Church) - \$946.00
Parish (Running) - \$1100.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1351.00
Parish (Running) = \$2100.85

*'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.*

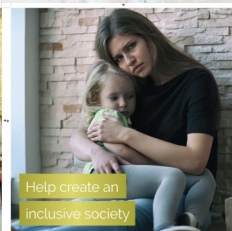
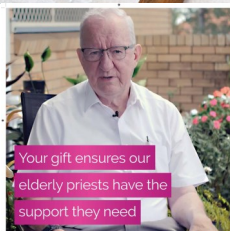
Help us keep you up to date.

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 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
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

catholiccampaign.com.au

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.

