

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Year B.

7th July 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

## Parish Priest:

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St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall  
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## Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am  
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Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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## Parish Website:

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

## Parish Facebook Page:

<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 Benedict of Norcia – Transforming the World with God's Love**

I remember a young Swedish man being interviewed three months into the Covid-19 pandemic. He was as fit as can be, it looked like he spent most of his life in a gym pumping iron. In the interview he was complaining about the lockdown. When asked what he thought of the thousands upon thousands of elderly people losing their lives to Covid, he chillingly said, "Tough luck!"

Benedict of Norcia was born four years after the collapse of Rome in 480 AD. The foreign powers who took over Europe were very much opposed to Christianity. Particularly, with respect to caring for the poor and the vulnerable.

Under the leadership of this time, the elderly, the poor, the sick, and other vulnerable people were considered expendable. Very much like the attitude of the young Swedish man above. Also, sexual depravity was rife during Benedict's formative years, reaching a crisis point while Benedict was studying at university in Rome.

Being a young man of deep faith in Europe at this time, Benedict became disillusioned. Being overwhelmed with the state of the world, Benedict departed from Rome to seek refuge and solace as a hermit in a cave in Subiaco. During this time as a hermit, people would bring Benedict food in exchange for spiritual direction.

Benedict's reputation as a great Spiritual Director grew rapidly. He was asked to lead a monastery. During this time, Benedict wrote The Rule of St Benedict as a guide for the monastic life. It was not long before this Rule became the gold standard for monastic life in Western Monasticism, and it is still the gold standard today.

During his lifetime, Benedict founded many monasteries. The most famous being the Monastery of Monte Cassino, which lies on the hilltop between Rome and Naples. These Benedictine monasteries spread rapidly throughout the whole of Europe and were spiritual centres for the people who lived in these areas. These Benedictine Monasteries nourished and influenced the European people to live their lives in Christ, leading to a renewed Christian society, who loved and cared for all people, particularly the poor and the vulnerable.

St Benedict is a shining example for us all. Devoting his life to drawing more and more people into God's loving embrace, so that more and more people can love like Jesus, transforming the world with His love.

Happy Feast Day my friends!

## ***Our St Benedict's Feast Day Mass – 8:30am – Please bring a Plate***

This coming Sunday we will be celebrating St Benedict's Feast Day. 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 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!

## ***No Friday Mass, this Friday 5th July.***

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

## ***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!

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

Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to our Peter's Pence collection this year. We raised \$\$\$ 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 provides for Consultation, Concept Development, and the sketching of the concept to allow our builders to price-up the construction.



## **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 - 7th July, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Ezekiel 2: 2-5.  
Psalm - Ps 123: 1-2, 2, 3-4.  
Response - Our Eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.  
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians 12: 7-10.  
Gospel - Mark 6: 1-6.

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

### **Thursday 11th July**

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 12th July**

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

### **Saturday 13th July**

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### **Sunday 14th July**

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Program—Confirmation Preparation and Information Session.

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

## **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 2.**

### **Saturday 13th July, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### **Sunday 14th July, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Zepher Vaipuna

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna,  
Gabby and Sa Ikitau

### **Sunday 14th July, 5.30pm**

**Commentator:** Tim Campbell

**Reader 1:** Xanthe Campbell

**Reader 2:** Geni Campbell

**Communion Minister:** Sheeja Alphonse

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.

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**

#### **RECONCILIATION: HEALING WOUNDS, RECEIVING GIFTS**

All Australians have much to learn from the cultures, spirituality, and knowledge of country of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. However, our society is yet to recognise fully Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the traditional owners and custodians of the lands and waters now known as Australia, or to achieve right relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities.

The Catholic Church in Australia has been caught up in this history of dispossession, Stolen Generations, racism, and the undermining of language and culture. Dioceses, eparchies, and religious institutes have made sincere efforts to share faith, education, and pastoral services with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. However, much suffering has been inflicted by the historically misguided attempts of those who were ignorant of the cultural richness of these peoples.

We know that we will not be 'fully the Church that Jesus wants' us to be until Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made their contribution to the life of the Church and "until that contribution has been joyfully received by others" within the Church.

The Plenary Council joyfully receives the following recommendations of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC), which were submitted "in the hope that the Catholic Church in Australia will more resemble the Church that Jesus Christ wants her to be in relation to Australia's First Peoples" (John Paul II, Address to the Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, 29 November 1986):

a. Developing the cross-cultural competency of clergy, religious, lay workers and volunteers in the Catholic Church to enable more effective and appropriate ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

b. NATSICC calls upon the Catholic Church to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to undertake formation and training. Further, the Church is encouraged to ensure that existing retreats and courses are culturally appropriate.

c. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality contains symbols and rituals that, when used appropriately in Catholic liturgical contexts, enrich our celebrations, and facilitate a welcoming environment for Indigenous Peoples.

d. NATSICC recommends that the traditional custodians of the land on which the Church, school, parish, or organisation stands be acknowledged in a prominent and appropriate manner. Verbal acknowledgement prior to meetings and Mass is also encouraged.

e. NATSICC calls upon the Catholic Church to unearth and discover the genius and gifts that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people possess through inclusion on committees, boards, and decision-making bodies.

The Fifth Plenary Council:

- says sorry to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in and beyond the Church for the part played by the Church in the harms they have suffered;
- commits to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in continuing to work towards recognition, reconciliation and justice;
- joyfully receives and accepts the recommendations contained in the NATSICC position paper "Embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Life of the Catholic Church";
- endorses the Uluru Statement from the Heart and encourages engagement with processes for implementing the statement, including local, regional, and national truth-telling efforts.

**FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA  
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DECREE**

The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia decrees:

**Article 1**

That each Catholic school, parish, diocese, eparchy or organisation will respond to the recommendations contained in the NATSICC position paper, "Embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Life of the Catholic Church" in the following ways:

- acknowledges in a prominent and appropriate manner the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which their buildings stand;
- includes the online Cultural Competency in a Catholic Context course developed by NATSICC and approved by the Bishops Commission for Relations with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the orientation and/or ongoing formation of staff and volunteers to enable more effective and appropriate ministry;
- ensures that any retreats and other formation activities offered are culturally appropriate;
- works actively to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on its committees, boards and decision-making bodies.

**Article 2**

That the advisory councils of the Bishops' Commission for Liturgy, in partnership with NATSICC, will develop options for the liturgically and culturally appropriate use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander symbols and rituals in Catholic liturgical contexts, with respect for the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. 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 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, giving glory to God in all things (St Benedict's Rule 57.9), *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.



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

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

We wish to Congratulate and pray for all of the children who have taken part in the Sacramental Program for First Holy Communion in recent weeks through our Parish. Please keep all of the children who have participated, along with their families, in your prayers as we offer them our best wishes.



We welcome families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or seeking to obtain information about our 2024/2025 Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email; [admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)

To receive the Sacraments of:-

**Confirmation** - children in Grade 3 and above having already received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible. Preparation takes place through out the months of July and August, Sacrament received in August.

Then followed by,

**First Holy Communion (Eucharist) and Reconciliation** - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible. Preparation takes place through out the months of May and June, Sacrament received in June.

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

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

[stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com) or via the prayer box available at the Welcome Table at Mass.

All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. A new request will be needed after 2 weeks.



*Please remember in your Prayers:*

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

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

**Our Dear Recently Departed:**





## Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 30th June 2024.

### Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$480.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1092.95

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

Building (Church) - \$660.00  
Parish (Running) - \$800.00

### Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1140.00  
Parish (Running) = \$1892.95

*'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.

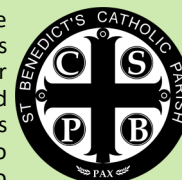
Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the *St Benedict's Parish*, you can now give via the *Planned Giving APP*:

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



### Leaving a Legacy

A simple yet powerful way to impact future generations, is to leave a gift to St Benedict's Parish, North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin in your will. After you have taken care of your loved ones, you may consider naming St Benedict's Parish to receive a gift, which will continue to make a meaningful and profound difference to your Parish.



### Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish

To everyone who actively contributes financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish. Thank you! Without you we would not be able to operate as a parish.

We know that the only stable and recurring income that our parish receives is from the **support of our Planned Giving Program**. At present, we are not receiving enough income from our Planned Giving to meet the financial cost of running the parish.

**There is a need to increase our collections by \$2000 a week** in order to plug the gap when we are no longer eligible to receive the current level of subsidies from the Archdiocese, which will cease in 2024. Also, as I have said, after a church is built there will be additional operating costs such as insurance, maintenance, utility bills etc.

Please, I am asking every parishioner to commit some of your **TREASURE** and help make our dream become a reality. Our Parish Pledge Card is available at the Mass centre; asking everyone to **commit to the Planned Giving Program**. If you are already in the Planned Giving Program, we are asking you to at least continue and if possible increase your financial support. 500 people on average attend Mass each week and we have 83 families that contribute to the Parish through the Parish Planned Giving Program.

If you are not yet part of our Planned Giving Program, then please join and make a commitment to our Parish. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

1. **Direct Debit or**
2. **Credit Card or**
3. **Giving Envelopes**

On this Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support both:

- \* **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- \* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/building of assets, which include our future church, offices, and an adult faith formation/gathering space.

If we want the Archdiocese to contribute significantly to the building of our church, then we need to show that we are financially viable as a parish. So please join our Planned Giving program to help secure our financial future and to give us funds to answer God's call for us to spread the Good News of Jesus through our words, our deeds, and by being vessels of God's hope, love, and peace.

### St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

Safeguarding requirements for Volunteers in Parishes are constantly under review from the Archdiocese. A number of our Volunteer roles are no longer in need of Blue Cards or Police Checks. Blue Card and/or Police Checks are to be held by those that are working directly with children or vulnerable adults for our Parish or hold particular roles in accordance with Archdiocese guidelines. If you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will contact you directly. Thank you. *If you wish to become a volunteer for St Benedict's please email the Parish Office.* We thank you for your time given to supporting our Parish.



### Please be aware, not alarmed—Spamming Continues!

Archdiocesan priests continue to be a target for spammers. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbledygook email address from bigpond, yahoo or gmail (e.g. [churchcare0147@gmail.com](mailto:churchcare0147@gmail.com)), but always spouting a similar urgent message.

The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of Gift cards or similar. *Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists.* Should you be concerned, or should you receive this type of message, please contact your Parish Office.



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

### Covid-19 Awareness—Thank you for your commitment.

Please, may we continue to keep each other and ourselves safe by :- Stay home if you are sick or showing signs/symptoms of illness, Feel free to bring and wear your face mask if you wish, and please maintain good hand hygiene, sanitizer is provided.

**Smoke Free School**, A reminder to all Parishioners and Friends that smoking is not permitted within school grounds. The law relating to school land applies at all times - during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays.

Where persons are observed smoking on school grounds or near our school, legislation requires that the person to either stop smoking or move to an area where smoking is permitted.

**A matter for safety/care and concern**, We ask that families please do not allow children to use the playground equipment behind the OSHC building before or after Mass of a weekend as a matter of safety. Thank you

*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we gather for the St Benedict's Parish.*

*We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging.  
May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*