

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Year B.

11th August 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

## Parish Priest:

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## Mass Times:

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

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[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)

## **Baptism at St Benedict's.**



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.

## Readings for this week - 11th August, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Kings 19: 4-8.  
Psalm - Ps 33: 2-9.  
Response - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians 4: 30 - 5: 2.  
Gospel - John 6: 41-51.

## **At Baptism We are Plunged into the Eternal Embrace of God Forever**

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world" (John 6:51). Jesus gives us eternal life. The more we get to know Jesus, the better off we are, for Jesus gives us lives of peace, love and perfect contentment. Whenever we gather together to celebrate Mass, we seek to get to know Jesus more and more through listening to His Word, and by participating in the Eucharist.

When we participate in the Eucharist, we join Jesus on the Altar in offering ourselves up totally to the Father. Then we receive Jesus in Holy Communion and are sent out into the world to continue Jesus' mission of transforming the world with God's love.

Our primary call is to draw more and more people into a relationship with God. As Christians, this means a personal relationship with Jesus. We call on the Holy Spirit to strengthen our relationship with Jesus, Who enables us to be more effective in our mission to draw more and more people to God.

Through our relationship with Jesus, we are always drawn into the incredible love of the Trinity. Where there is a total outpouring of perfect love flowing out and to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we are immersed in this love, we live a life of selfless love where we pour ourselves out completely for God and all others, especially our brothers and sisters doing it tough. Giving of our flesh, in Communion with Jesus, for the life of the world.

## **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. This coming Sunday we have our first group (of three groups) of children being sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. These Confirmation Masses will be at 11am. Please pray for these children to be filled with God's grace so that they can get to know and love God more and more, so that Holy Spirit will strengthen them to live an awesome life in God's loving embrace.

**Please note: There will be No 9am Mass this Friday 9th August.**

## **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 have been weighing up the pros and cons of 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. There seems to be a lot more challenges than advantages in building the church in this location. So, we are trying to swap this block of land with a parcel of land located on the right of the main gates as we drive into the St Benedict's precinct.

Once we have secured this parcel of land, we will contact the Architect to undertake an initial 'feasibility' report which will cost \$5000. This will provide 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.

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

### **Monday 12th August 2024**

Pine Rivers RNA Show Holiday - Office Closed

### **Wednesday 14th August 2024**

**7pm** - St Benedict's Parish Vigil Mass ,  
The Assumption

### **Thursday 15th August**

**7am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass,  
The Assumption.

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

### **Friday 16th August**

**9am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together  
with Year 10 & Year 6 students.

### **Saturday 17th August**

**4.00pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### **Sunday 18th August**

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Program- Confirmation  
Mass 11.00am.

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

**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),

**In September...**

**6th & 7th** - Synod24.

**In October...**

**6th** - Baptism Preparation and Celebration.

**20th** - Baptism Preparation and Celebration.

## **Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.**

### **Saturday 17th August, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Oliver Morata

**Reader 1:** Rosemary Franzidis

**Reader 2:** John-Paul Franzidis

**Communion Minister:** Denise Rapkins

### **Sunday 18th August, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Charles D'Rosario

**Reader 1:** Morton Howes

**Reader 2:** Aviva Coutinho

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

### **Sunday 18th August, 5.30pm**

**Commentator:** TBA

**Reader 1:** Seema Masih

**Reader 2:** Shiela Pereira

**Communion Minister:** Theresa Saad

Should you not be able to attend your Ministry  
Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap. Thank  
you very much for your assistance.

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**

1. 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).

2. 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.

3. The practice of synodality requires greater transparency in decision-making and the overcoming of "a 'culture of clericalism' that promotes privilege and enables abuse of power." Pope Francis has stressed that "it can prove especially divisive if sacramental power is too closely identified with power in general" (Evangelii Gaudium, n. 104). Attending carefully to Pope Francis' reminder and the principle of subsidiarity, those whose roles involve responsibility for decision-taking need to ensure that decision-making is not confined to those who exercise sacramental ministry. Those who will be affected by a decision should have the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process and express their view before the decision is taken, to the extent that this is possible and appropriate. As decision-making authority in the Church is most often exercised by the ordained, there should be careful attention to ensuring that the voices of lay women and men, as well as Religious, are heard.

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



**Parish Fundraising - \$5 Lucky Numbers.**



**Please Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky Number.**

**Numbers are available at the Mass Centre.**

**\$5.00 per number, the lucky winner will collect \$100 cash.**

**All funds raised will go directly towards the costs of Building our Church.**

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.

Have a great week everyone, seeing the goodness of God in all things, **Fr Bryan.**

Communion Ministers—Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder for our Communion Ministers... If you could kindly remember to bring your face mask with you, when you are rostered for Ministry please.

**Congratulations!**

The latest \$5 Raffle was drawn at Saturdays 4pm Mass.

The Lucky Winner was Eileen (#72).

Eileen so kindly donated her \$100 prize back to the Parish, Thank you so very much Eileen.

**Called by Name**  
National Vocation Awareness Week

4-11 August 2024



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**The QCMF will be held Thursday 15 August – Sunday 18 August at Villanova College and St James' Parish, Coorparoo.**

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passes available for purchase at the door or on the QCMF website. Visit [www.qcmf.com.au/](http://www.qcmf.com.au/) for further information.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE — Changes to Blue Card Requirements for Safeguarding Parish Ministry Roles.**

We've been advised that there've been some updates to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Matrix. Please be advised that Parishioners who may've required a Blue Card previously for their Volunteer Role, no longer require one. If this is the case you may receive an email from 'Blue Card' to say that your details have now been 'parked'. Should you have any questions please contact our Office. Thank you so much.

**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](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283

**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:** Gail TARRIER, Lynette Kelleher, Joy Gibbs, Thomas Cafferty.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Marge Larter.

**Our Dear Recently Departed:** Paul Kraus, Gabrielle Harris.



**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 4th August 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$415.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1162.85

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

Building (Church) - \$1265.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1040.00

**Totals:-**

**Building (Church) = \$1680.00**  
**Parish (Running) = \$2202.85**

*'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.

**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.



**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>



**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.

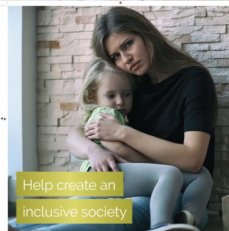
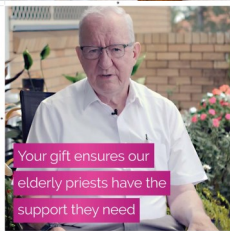
If you are not yet part of our Planned Giving Program, then please join and make a commitment to our Parish. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

- 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.



**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**



[catholiccampaign.com.au](http://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.*

**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.

