

Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
18th August 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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The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

This coming Sunday we hear the Gospel for the fourth of five consecutive Sundays from John chapter 6, commonly referred to as the "Bread of Life" discourse. Jesus being the "Bread of Life."

This is an important chapter of the Bible for Catholics, for it supports us in saying that the Eucharist is not simple a sign or a symbol, but in the Eucharist Jesus is really, truly and substantially present under the eucharistic signs of bread and wine.

This strikes a lot of people as being odd, when we say we receive the Body and Blood of Jesus every time we come to Mass, even from our fellow Christians from different denominations. But in the 6th chapter of John's gospel, we have this breathtaking discourse of Jesus speaking to thousands of people, and to us. The people had come because of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. They were fascinated by Jesus, and Jesus says to them, "don't search for bread that perishes, but look for the bread that lasts unto eternal life" (John 6:27). Jesus then specifies, "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. Eat my flesh and drink my blood" (John 6:54).

At this point the crowd becomes restless, saying, "Woe! What is going on here?" What Jesus is saying here is very controversial for a 1st Century Jewish audience. Throughout the Old Testament are all sorts of prohibitions against the eating of animal flesh with its blood, because blood was seen as life. It belonged to God. So, it was strictly forbidden for a Jew to eat flesh with blood.

In chapter 6 of John's Gospel we have Jesus speaking to a Jewish audience and suggesting not just eating animal flesh with its blood, but His own human flesh with blood. This is why we hear John's Gospel tell us that the crowd quarreled, and said "how could he possibly give us his flesh to eat?" (John 6:52).

Jesus does not respond by saying, "Sorry, I was speaking figuratively." No! Jesus responds by doubling down, saying, "I tell you most solemnly, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood you have no life within you. My flesh is real food, my blood is real drink" (John 6:53-55). So, when the people are disturbed by Jesus saying that He will give them His flesh and blood to eat, Jesus intensifies His language saying, "unless you munch on the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you have no life within you" (John 6:53).

This is the biblical ground to our ancient Catholic belief that Christ is really, truly, and substantially present under the forms of bread and wine in the Eucharist. This is why as Catholics, when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion at Mass, we are filled with joy and reverence, for we are receiving Jesus, who is our Lord, our God, and our everything!

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

Last Sunday our first group of children received the Sacrament of Confirmation at our 11am Mass. This was a wonderful celebration, where the children did extremely well in participating in the Mass and in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration was Spirit-filled with a great sense of joy.

The children's sacramental journey at St Benedict's goes extremely well thanks to the team of parishioners who help me out considerably each year. Renae, our Parish Secretary, does a lot of work both behind the scenes and in person. Renae reaches out to all the schools in our area to encourage children and families to join the Sacramental Program. Renae also organises all the resources to help educate the children on their sacramental journey. Renae is a great communicator, constantly touching base with the families and me so the journey to receiving the sacraments is fruitful and goes smoothly. Renae also does a great job organising all the paperwork from the families, doing up lists to assist the sacramental team and I in connecting with the families, welcoming and checking-in the children when they arrive at the Mass centre, doing up the children's certificates, officially recording that the children have received the sacraments in respective registers and on the database, organising the morning tea for the retreat, buying the cupcakes for their Confirmation and First Holy Communion days, organising the photography, and many other tasks that benefit the children and their families greatly throughout their sacramental journey. So, thank you Renae for all this work that you do each year. It is a great effort and very much appreciated.

Thank you also to Di and Julie, our Sacramental team, who connect and mark-off the children coming to the Masses and the retreat days in the leadup to receiving the sacraments. They also help me out greatly on the retreat days, and on the days the children receive the sacraments – welcoming the children and their families, taking the children through the readings for the Mass, organising where the children sit, and brilliantly directing the children when it comes to them receiving the sacraments. So, thank you Di and Julie for your great help each year.

Thank you also to our Music Ministry, led by Edmon Sadumiano, who serve brilliantly at the Masses in which the children receive the sacraments. Thank you to Patrick Davis, the Principal of the Primary School, and the other leaders and teachers at the school, who give us

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 - 18th August, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary.

**1st Reading - Proverbs 9: 1-6.
Psalm - Ps 33: 2-3, 10-15.
Response - Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians
5": 15-20.
Gospel - John 6: 51-58.**

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 22nd August

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 23rd August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 3 students.

Saturday 24th August

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 25th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Program- Confirmation Mass 11.00am.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

such great support in promoting the Sacramental Program and in participating and helping us out in the liturgies. Thank you also to Rafael, Ada, and Alyssa, who provide high-quality photos each year of the children on these special days in their faith journey. May God bless you all abundantly for all you do.

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 000m² 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.

Annual Catholic Campaign—17th and 18th August.

Save the Date...

In August...

** Sacramental Program for Confirmation to continue.

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.

20th - World Mission Sunday.



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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 I thank you all in advance for participating in Synod24.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA CHOOSING REPENTANCE – SEEKING HEALING

1. As the Plenary Council of the Church in Australia, we express our profound sorrow that children and young people and vulnerable adults have been abused by clergy, religious and lay workers of the Catholic Church, and that religious leaders have failed to act sufficiently to prevent or respond to abuse. To the victims and survivors of abuse, their families, and communities, we offer our unreserved apology. We commit to doing whatever we can to

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 24th August, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon

Reader 1: Andreena Shannon

Reader 2: Evie Shannon

Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 25th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas

Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas

Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas

Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Sosefo Nasio

Sunday 25th August, 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. Thank you very much for your assistance.

**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.

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.

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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.

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES

Music Festival

Transforming Hearts and Minds Through Music

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

Come and hear schools & colleges from throughout Queensland perform in bands, choirs & ensembles. Day and Festival

Passes available for purchase at the door or on the QCMF website. Visit www.qcmf.com.au/ for further information.

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, Thomas Cafferty.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Marge Larter.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Paul Kraus, Gabrielle Harris.



promote healing for those so gravely harmed and to make the Church a truly safe place for everyone (Cf. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia's Response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, 31 August 2018)

7. In this introduction, the Plenary Council:

- a. says sorry to the victims and survivors of abuse, their families and communities;
- b. re-commits the Church to respond with justice and compassion to those who have suffered from the trauma of abuse, including where appropriate, ongoing pastoral and spiritual support and accompaniment;
- c. encourages the practice, where appropriate, of local memorials in various forms, as a tangible recognition of the harm done through abuse and the need for special care for children;
- d. reaffirms the commitment of the Church in Australia to the work of implementing and improving safeguarding standards and practices;
- e. calls on all Catholics to commit to ensuring that Church environments are safe and respectful; and
- f. requests the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, Catholic Religious Australia and the Association of Ministerial Public Juridic Persons, with assistance from appropriate experts, to study, acknowledge and address systemic factors which have facilitated abuse within the Church

DECREE

The Fifth Plenary Council of Australia decrees:

Article 1 That to express more fully the aims of the annual "Safeguarding Sunday", in consultation with those who have been harmed by abuse:

- a. a new name will be adopted for "Safeguarding Sunday", and
- b. the Bishops Commission for Liturgy will develop appropriate rituals and liturgical resources to be offered to parishes for use on the day.

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, praising God always for all of our blessings, **Fr Bryan.**



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 18th August 2024, we welcomed into the Catholic Family,

Amara

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

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

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.

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 11th August 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$547.35
Parish (Running) - \$792.30

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

Building (Church) - \$770.00
Parish (Running) - \$690.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1317.35
Parish (Running) = \$1482.30

*'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.*

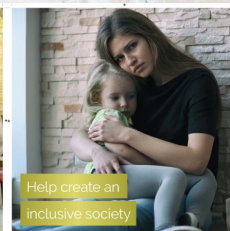
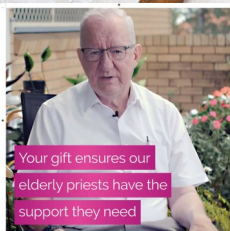
Help us keep you up to date.

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>



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17 & 18 August



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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.

