

Twenty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time.

Year B.

25th August 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

"Who is Jesus to You?"

This is by far the most important question for each and every one of us. Our life fully depends on the way we answer this question. In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges His followers to believe that He is God. Some accept, others refuse to believe. Then Jesus says that through the gifts of the Holy Spirit people will believe that Jesus is indeed God, and that life with Jesus is the only way to live life in abundance. St Peter confirms this when Jesus asks him, "What about you, do you want to leave me too?" St Peter responds, "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

Jesus is, as Peter rightly says, the Holy One of God. In other words, Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is the Second Person of the Trinity, always One with the Father and the Holy Spirit, giving true life to each and every one of us. Jesus is our Lord and our God, our Best Friend, our Love, our Life, our Everything! Without Jesus we are nothing, with Jesus we are everything!! For Jesus is without doubt the long-awaited Messiah and a great Prophet, but Jesus is much much more. Jesus is unequivocally God our Saviour, the Saviour of the world! Please embrace Jesus in your life, for your own good and for the good of the whole world!!

Gestures when receiving Communion (Elizabeth Harrington)

Paragraph 160 of the official *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explains that the sign of reverence for the sacred elements is a bow that is made as communicants approach the ministers distributing Communion: "When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive". Communicants are to make a simple bow of the head when they step forward to receive the consecrated elements from the minister. Such a bow can be done simply, without disrupting the flow of the Communion Procession.

The aim of introducing the instruction about bowing before receiving Communion was to stop people genuflecting and making the sign of the cross. We all do the same thing at Communion, because Communion makes us One Body in Christ and we are all the same in the eyes of God. We should do nothing that sets us apart from others.

Some people make the sign of the cross on themselves after receiving Communion but after receiving Communion, hands that have touched the Body of Christ should instead be clasped together reverently.

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We had second group of children Confirmed and strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Sunday evening. The Holy Spirit helps us to remember that God wants us to do all we can to love and care for each other, and this same Holy Spirit gives us the power to join Jesus who helps us live in this way. Let's join our newly Confirmed parishioners in being great witnesses of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Embracing the Holy Spirit in showing all others in the world how awesome life lived with Jesus is, in the hope that they will join us in being nourished by Jesus' Word and Sacrament in the Eucharist, building up and strengthening the Body of Christ in the world, who saturates the world with God's incredible life-giving love.

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. Thank you also to Di and Julie, our Sacramental team, for their great help each year. There is no chance of the Sacramental Program going so well without the help of these three ladies, and I cannot thank them enough.

Thank you also to our Music Ministry, led by Edmon Sadumiano, who serves 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 such great support in promoting the Sacramental Program and in participating and helping us out in the liturgies. Thank you also to Rafael, Ada, Alyssa, and Addison, 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.

Annual Catholic Campaign 17th and 18th August, Please return Catholic Mission Envelopes this weekend.

May we kindly ask that the Catholic Mission Envelopes, distributed at last weekends Masses, please be returned to the Mass Centre this coming weekend (24th/25th August) ready for collection by the Catholic Mission Representatives on the 28th August. Thank you very much for your support of this worthy appeal.

New T&G Terminals at the Mass Centre.

We have recently had to upgrade our Tap & Go Terminals at the Mass Centre. They are still very easy to use, but simply offer you the option of different donation amounts. Please simply hit the amount you wish to donate and tap your card for the transaction to take place.

Thank you so very much to all those who kindly contribute financially to our Parish, your generosity is very much appreciated.

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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Place of Worship:

St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.

Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

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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 - 25th August, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Jpshua 24: 1-2, 15-18.

Psalm - Ps 33: 2-3, 16-23.

Response - Taste and see the goodness
of the Lord.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians
5: 21-32.

Gospel - John 6: 60-69.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 29th August

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 30th August

**** No Parish Mass at 9am.**

Saturday 31st August

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 1st September

Happy Father's Day

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In August...

24th & 25th - Catholic Campaign return of Envelopes.

25th - Confirmation Mass (11am).

In September...

1st - Father's Day

6th & 7th - Synod24. (Session 1)

In October...

6th & 20th - Baptism Preparation and Celebration.

11th & 12th - Synod24. (Session 2)

19th & 20th - World Mission Sunday.

In November...

10th/17th/24th - Baptism Preparation and Celebration.

16th & 17th - Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

19th - RCIA Program 2024/2025 to commence.

In December...

1st - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary Celebration at 8.30am Mass.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 31st August, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 1st September, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 1st September, 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. Thank you very much for your assistance.

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.**

SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New

Synod24 is a gathering of 150 people who represent the broad diversity of the Brisbane Archdiocese and will take place over two sessions, one in September and one in October. Synod Membership will include parish representatives from each Deanery, laity who work with social justice organisations, young people, leaders and members of multicultural communities, representatives from church agencies and organisations, religious and Clergy. A full list of Synod Members will be published in the lead up to SYNOD24.

This gathering (synod) is a little different to an ordinary meeting or conference, as it pays particular attention to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Often when a group of people come together only some voices are heard. This is often due to many things such as time constraints, confidence, some people having lots of things to say and some people preferring to focus on listening rather than responding. In SYNOD24, discussions will take place around a round table and designed to give **equal time** to each group member to speak **without** interruption. Time is then given for each member of the group to share what they heard others say. This gives the Holy Spirit the opportunity to speak through each person at the table. It means that space is provided for many different stories, perspectives, experiences, ideas, questions, and challenges to be heard. Most importantly, it requires each person to actively listen with an open heart, so that they are able to reflect back what they heard the Holy Spirit say through other people.

It is from this place of openness to the perspectives of others, and to the Holy Spirit, that the Synod Members are able to genuinely discuss, debate and then vote on actions related to eight areas of church faith, life and mission. These areas, that have come out of the Australian Plenary Council, are called "Decrees", and focus on the following topics:

[Reconciliation Healing Wounds Receiving Gifts.](#)

[Choosing Repentance Seeking Healing](#)

[Called by Christ Sent Forth As Missionary Disciples](#)

[Witnessing to the Equal Dignity of Women and Men](#)

[Communion in Grace Sacrament to the World](#)

[Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry](#)

[At the Service of Communion, Participation and Mission: Governance](#)

[Integral Ecology and Conversion for the Sake of Our Common Home.](#)

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 150 people participating in the Synod24 assemblies, many people are asking: What about us?

Fr Bryan

I have an 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

CALLED BY CHRIST – SENT FORTH AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES DECREE

The Plenary Council decrees:

Article 1

That those responsible for Catholic schooling and early childhood education, in consultation with representatives of Catholic parents' groups and parish-based organisation, led by the National Catholic Education Commission and drawing upon the document, A Framework for Formation for Mission in Catholic Education (2017), establish a national forum, which will seek to:

**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.

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.



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

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

We've been advised that there've been some updates once again to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Requirement 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. 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 the you are required to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will contact you directly. Thank you.



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. Takes place through out the months of July and August.

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



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.



- a. identify and respond to the needs of the diverse and distinct circumstances of Catholic schools in Australia;
- b. build partnerships which enhance the vision of Catholic education as an instrument of evangelisation and an essential dimension of the contemporary mission of the Church;
- c. offer a process for critical reflection and discernment of the vocation of Catholic education today;
- d. support formation opportunities for catechesis, faith formation, leadership development and religious education pedagogy; and
- e. to assist parish engagement with schools and young people.

Article 2

That the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service establish a triennial National Forum of Catholic social service, health and aged care, disability, prison ministry, refugee and asylum-seeker, and justice, ecology and peace organisations and representatives of those served by these organisations; and that the purpose of this forum include:

- a. providing opportunities for dialogue that will contribute to the ability of the Church in Australia to attend to "examining the signs of the times and interpreting them in the light of the Gospel";
- b. identifying and exploring priorities for evangelisation through outreach, service provision, advocacy and formation;
- c. addressing gaps;
- d. seeking opportunities for collaboration; and
- e. informing the development of local social teachings to be issued by the Australian Bishops.

Article 3

a. That each diocese and eparchy identify ways of promoting ecumenical and interfaith relationships (e.g., an Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer) that are practical and appropriate for the diocese or eparchy. b. That the Bishops Commission for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Dialogue – in collaboration with Catholic tertiary institutions and theological associations – provide guidance, advice and resources to dioceses and eparchies for ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and relationships, and formation for those responsible for ecumenical and interreligious relations.

Friday Mass changes in coming weeks.

Please note there will be no Friday 9am Mass from and including the 30th August and over the coming weeks. We shall resume Friday morning Mass on the 4th October.

Have a great week everyone, living with the One who gives us life in abundance, **Fr Bryan.**

Congratulations!

The latest \$5 Raffle was drawn at last Sunday's Evening Mass.

The Lucky Winner was Ronnie (#35). Ronnie so kindly donated the \$100 prize back to the Parish,

Thank you so very much Ronnie.

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.



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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.

Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 18th August 2024.

<u>Plate Collection & Envelopes:-</u>		<u>Direct Deposits, Credit Cards, APP & Tap N Go:-</u>		<u>Totals:-</u>	
Building (Church) -	\$1135.95	Building (Church) -	\$876.00	Building (Church) =	\$2011.95
Parish (Running) -	\$886.95	Parish (Running) -	\$895.00	Parish (Running) =	\$1781.95

*'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.

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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