

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Year B.

4th August 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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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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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 - 4th August, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15.
Psalm - Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54.
Response - The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24
Gospel - John 6: 24-35.

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

I can remember my Dad dying in palliative care at Redcliffe hospital. Mum and I were by his bedside. Dad's breathing was becoming weaker and weaker, and at about 3am on the 17th of March, 2017, Dad breathed his last breath. Mum and I were devastated. We cried and hugged Dad and did not want to let go. But eventually we had to, for Dad had gone into the hands of God, the One Dad loved while on earth, and the One I have no doubt Dad will be continuing to love in heaven. Dad lived his life on earth, and continues to live his life in heaven, in the eternal love of God.

Starting last Sunday, and continuing for the next few Sundays, we hear from John's Gospel. Jesus, in John's Gospel, makes it very clear that eternal life starts when we are baptised, for eternal life is life in God's divine embrace.

In this coming Sunday's first reading from the Book of Exodus, the Israelites are in the wilderness panicking about a lack of food, and the risk of dying of hunger. They are severely lacking in faith and trust in God's providence. They are lacking faith in God, and as such, are not living their lives in God's loving embrace.

But God sends them bread and quails to eat until their hearts are content. God also sends them a message, "I, the Lord, am your God!" This is God's plea all throughout the whole bible, both in the Old and New Testament. God says time and time again, "I will be your God, and you are my people. Please, live your life in me!"

St. Paul has the same plea in this coming Sunday's Second Reading. Where St Paul implores us to put on the new self. Whenever St Paul says this, he is asking us to put on Christ, to feel the loving embrace of Jesus, living our lives in the goodness and eternal love of God.

Then Jesus reinforces God's plea for us to live our lives in God's loving embrace, when he generously invites us to live our lives in Him. Jesus says, "seek the food that endures forever. The kind that Jesus Himself is offering us" (John 6:27). Jesus then refers to Himself as the Bread of Life, the Food that endures forever. So, Jesus is offering us Himself, saying, "those who come to me will never be hungry, those who believe in me will never thirst" (John 6:31). Thus, we are invited to live a life with God, in God's eternal love. A life embraced by our all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-loving God forever.

Vale Gabrielle Harris

It with sadness that I inform you that a very much-loved and highly respected parishioner, Gabrielle Harris, has gone home to God last week. Gabrielle absolutely loved our community, she particularly loved coming together with us to celebrate Mass. This was a real compliment to us, for Gabrielle had a very strong faith and a very deep love for God and Mary. A member of our Christian Meditation group, Gabrielle's insights in the faith would nourish us greatly in our relationship with Jesus.

Two Christmases ago, I asked Gabrielle to contribute to my Christmas homily, which she did with great joy and pleasure. The Christmas story Gabrielle shared, which was a true account of one her childhood Christmases in England during World War II, very much showed how Jesus coming into our lives can truly transform our lives and the lives of others for the salvation of the whole world.

So farewell Gabrielle, our friend. May you now be embraced in the love, joy, and peace of our infinitely loving God, in whom you deeply loved, forever!

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, after our 8:30am Mass, the children will be having a retreat to prepare them for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray for them 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.

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

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

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 8th August

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter Day.

Friday 9th August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 11 students.

Saturday 10th August

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 11th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
Sacramental Program—Confirmation Mass 11.00am.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**** Parish Office will be closed for the Pine Rivers RNA Show Holiday, Monday 12th August.**

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.

20th - World Mission Sunday.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 10th August, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey

Reader 1: Joy Darby

Reader 2: Kay Corcoran

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 11th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna,
Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 11th August, 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.

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—FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

1. Pope Francis has observed that "what we are experiencing is not simply an epoch of changes, but an epochal change . . . It entails decisions that rapidly transform our ways of living, of relating to one another, of communicating and thinking, of how different generations relate to one another and how we understand and experience faith and science." (Francis, "Christmas Greetings to the Roman Curia," 21 December 2019).

2. Throughout the dialogue and discernment of the Plenary Council, many recognised the need for appropriate formation and support to assist lay people in discerning and using their gifts wisely. The small group responses from the First General Assembly identified the need for a variety of formation opportunities for members of the Church from leaders of Catholic entities to parish family groups, from isolated parishes in the outback to Archdiocesan chanceries and for people in formal and informal roles. The formation and leadership of clergy was also identified as critical to the growth of dioceses and parishes and to future efforts at evangelisation in the wider community.

3. The contexts, resources and challenges of parish life and ministry vary markedly across this vast land. Therefore, formation as a deepening of our knowledge of God and our discipleship of Christ needs to be adapted to the local circumstances. Such formation requires creative multi-dimensional, integrated and experiential models and methods, which acknowledge the ethnic and cultural diversity of the Church and support the Catholic identity, vocation and mission of families, faith communities, schools, institutions and agencies.

6. A renewed focus for formation will prioritise formation of the domestic Church by encouraging and accompanying parents, guardians, and caregivers in their vocation as "the primary and principal" teachers of faith and recognising the crucial role of families as the "school" of Christian formation (Vatican II, Declaration on Christian Education, Gravissimum Educationis, 28 October 1965, n. 3).

7. Responding to the call for a renewal of formation, the Plenary Council endorses principles and strategies that develop models of formation to encourage and strengthen the apostolate of the laity in the world. This apostolate offers a particular prophetic sign by seeking the common good and by concrete actions that protect and promote human dignity, peace and justice. Attentive to the 'signs of the times', movements of the lay apostolate, in their various forms, offer the baptised a way to reflect on the concrete experiences of their lives in the light of the Gospel and engage as missionary disciples in the world.

9. THEREFORE, to meet the formation needs of the present and future, the Plenary Council commits the Church in Australia to developing and committing to a culture of life-long faith formation that will ensure:

a. the diversity of the Catholic community is explicitly recognised;

b. intercultural competency is encouraged, especially in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and spiritualities;

c. the equal dignity of women and men is affirmed and demonstrated;

d. the renewal of faith formation within and for families in the context of the critical role that marriage, parenting, and care-giving plays as a school of formation, is prioritised and strengthened;

e. the apostolate of the laity, along with new ecclesial realities, acting as "leaven in the world," (Lumen Gentium n. 31) is promoted, encouraged and supported;

f. the hopes, spirituality, giftedness, energy, and modes of communication and connection of young people are identified, incorporated, encouraged and celebrated;

g. ongoing support and strategies for those who minister to young people;

h. the rich variety of spiritual and devotional traditions of the Church are appreciated and celebrated; and

i. synodal practices such as encounter, accompaniment, listening, dialogue, discernment, and collaboration are fostered and deepened.

FIFTH PLENARY COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA—FORMATION AND LEADERSHIP FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY DECREE

The Fifth Plenary Council decrees:

Article 1

That each diocese and eparchy develop or strengthen strategic policies grounded in fidelity to the Gospel and closeness to Jesus Christ, to identify and support ministry and leadership formation. These will:

- a. acknowledge the generational, cultural and ethnic diversity of the contemporary Church in Australia;
- b. recognise the changing community profile of many parish and faith communities, incorporating an awareness of and outreach to those beyond these communities;
- c. enhance knowledge and skills for participating in local churches' structures and processes for consultation, dialogue and decision-making;
- d. address the particular needs of clergy, with focuses on initial formation and selection processes, and ongoing support and formation;
- e. include strategies for initiation, ongoing formation and appropriate forms of mentoring and accompaniment (human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral) that foster collaboration and are grounded in adult education principles;
- f. provide ongoing support and strategies for those who minister to young people;
- g. support opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics to undertake formation and training, ensuring that local circumstances and social data are taken into account; and
- h. consider avenues for financial support through scholarships, sponsorships and grants.

Article 2

That the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference commission the Australian Catholic Biblical Association and the Australian Catholic Theological Association to liaise with appropriate Catholic and diocesan agencies, institutions and educational providers in order to enhance cross-institutional engagement and development of resources and formation programs. The design of these resources and programs will carefully consider the needs of rural, remote, and regional areas and creatively assess the use of available technology in order to improve delivery and accessibility.

Article 3

That the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference establish a working group with expertise in formation to develop national Formation for Leadership strategies and guidelines designed for clergy, religious and lay leaders to address the possibilities and challenges of synodal leadership in parishes and diocesan and eparchial agencies and support the Church's work of evangelisation. These strategies and guidelines will:


- a. have a national scope and be adaptable to local circumstances;
- b. aim to enhance competencies in leadership and commitment to synodal practices, with a focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the Church;
- c. identify and promote models of effective engagement with government and civil society;
- d. ensure leaders are formed in scripture, tradition and ecclesiology; and
- e. foster a spirituality of leadership through personal and communal prayer, connection to the sacramental life of the church, and commitment to service

Article 4

That the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference establish a working group with expertise in Catholic Social Teaching to develop a national framework for formation in Catholic Social Teaching that will encourage, support and expand the offering of programs in Catholic Social Teaching. Situated within the broader teaching and mission of the Church, this framework will emphasise the social dimension of the Church's mission, incorporating contemporary analysis of the Australian context, with a particular focus on the formation requirements of leaders in Catholic social service, health and aged care organisations, Catholic education and dioceses.

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, in the loving embrace of Jesus, who truly satisfies, *Fr Bryan.*




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.

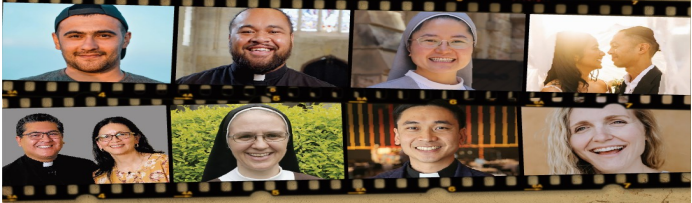
All funds raised will go directly towards the costs of Building our Church.




The latest \$5 Raffle has been drawn!
The Lucky Winner was Daisy (#60).
Daisy so kindly donated her \$100 prize back to the Parish,
Thank you so very much Daisy.

Called by Name
National Vocation Awareness Week

4-11 August 2024



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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.



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 28th July 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$480.00
Parish (Running) - \$1050.65

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

Building (Church) - \$718.00
Parish (Running) - \$967.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1198.00
Parish (Running) = \$2017.65

*'For it is in giving that we receive' ...
St Francis of Assisi*

*We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously donated in support of the life and mission of the St Benedict's Parish.
We thank you for your continued support.*

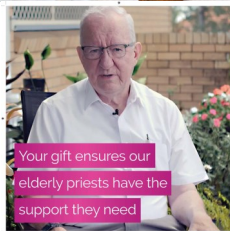
Help us keep you up to date.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you would like to update or check any contact details we may have on file for you and/or your family. Receiving our weekly Newsletter by email is a great way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

Our faith sustains us through challenging times.

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

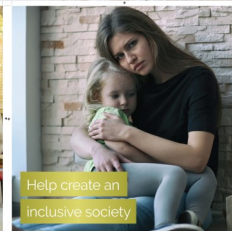
<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Your gift ensures our elderly priests have the support they need



Give future priests the support they need to answer God's call



Help create an inclusive society

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

The Annual Catholic Campaign is a call asking you to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church here in South-East Queensland. The giving makes sense only in the context of us becoming the Lord's sacrifice for the life of the world.

Your sacrifice becomes the answer to a prayer, which is the way God wants it to be.

17 & 18 August

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
Our Church - Our Mission - Our Community

catholiccampaign.com.au



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

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

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

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

*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we gather for the St Benedict's Parish.
We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging.
May we, too, be good stewards of this land.*

Leaving a Legacy

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



Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

St Benedict's Parish Safeguarding.

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

