

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.

Year B.

29th September 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Place of Worship:

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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 - 29th September, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Number 11: 25-29.
Psalm - Ps 18: 8, 10, 12-14.
Response - The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
2nd Reading - St James 5: 1-6.
Gospel - Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48.

The Essence of Discipleship (The Paschal Mystery)

In this coming Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9:38-43, 47-48) we are still on pilgrimage with Jesus and His disciples as they make their way to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. On this journey Jesus tells the disciples three times what awaits him in Jerusalem. These three prophecies are giving by Jesus in chapters 8, 9 and 10 of Mark's Gospel respectively.

Each time Jesus gives a passion prediction, the disciples fail to grasp what these passion predictions mean. Following the first prophecy, Peter rebukes Jesus. Following the second prophecy, the Gospel tells us that the disciples did not understand what he had said and were afraid to ask him. They then argued among themselves about which of them is the greatest. After the third prophecy, the two brothers James and John approached Jesus asking him to grant them positions at His right hand and at His left when He enters into His glory.

It is obvious that the disciples have failed to understand the call to discipleship. So after each of these three reactions, Jesus teaches the disciples. The first of these three teachings is that the disciples must renounce themselves take up their crosses and follow Jesus. Jesus says that whoever wants to save life will lose it, but whoever loses life for the sake of Jesus and for the sake of the gospel will save it.

The second teaching Jesus gives is that anyone who wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. And whoever welcomes a little child in the name of Jesus welcomes Him, and whoever welcomes Him welcomes the one who sent Him. Then finally, whoever wants to become great must become a servant to all, for the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

So here we have the essence of discipleship:

- * renouncing One's self and taking up the cross and following Jesus,
- * losing One's life for the sake of Jesus, and for the sake of the Gospel, and
- * becoming servant of all and especially the powerless.

No Friday Mass this week.

Please note there will be no Friday 9am Mass this week We shall resume Friday morning Mass on the 4th October.

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 your 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.

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.**

The Season of Creation - "To hope and act with Creation".

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for the Season of Creation, a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth and we rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all who share it. This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation".

Over the next three newsletters, will be sharing Pope Francis' message for the Season of Creation for 2024.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 3rd October

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 4th October

9.00am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 5th October

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 6th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm --St Benedict's Parish Mass.

** Parish Office will be closed for the King's Birthday Public Holiday on Monday 7th October.

Save the Date...

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.

24th - 6pm St Benedict's Parish Family Mass (Nativity), 9pm St Benedict's Parish Christmas Eve Mass.

25th - 8.30am, St Benedict's Parish Christmas Mass.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 5th October, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney

Reader 1: Sharon Hickey

Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 6th October, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 6th October, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony

Reader 1: Claire Goss

Reader 2: Erwin Perez

Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

"Hope and Act with Creation" is the theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be held on 1 September 2024. The theme is drawn from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.

1. Let us begin with a question, one perhaps without an immediately obvious answer. If we are truly believers, *how did we come to have faith?* It is not simply because we believe in something transcendent, beyond the power of reason, the unattainable mystery of a distant and remote God, invisible and unnameable. Rather, as Saint Paul tells us, it is because *the Holy Spirit dwells within us*. We are believers because the very love of God "has been poured into our hearts" (*Rom* 5:5) and the Spirit is now truly "the pledge of our inheritance" (*Eph* 1:14), constantly prompting us to strive for eternal goods, *according to the fullness of Jesus' authentic humanity*. The Spirit enables believers to be creative and pro-active in charity. He sends us forth on a great journey of spiritual freedom, yet one that does not eliminate the tension between the Spirit's way of thinking and that of the world, whose fruits are opposed to each other (cf. *Gal* 5:16-17). We know that the first fruit of the Spirit, which sums up all the others, is *love*. Led by the Holy Spirit, believers are children of God and can turn to him with the words "Abba, Father" (*Rom* 8:15), just as Jesus did. Moreover, they can do so with the freedom of those who no longer fall back into the fear of death, for *Jesus has risen from the dead*. This is our great hope: God's love has triumphed and continues to triumph over everything. Indeed, even in the face of physical death, future glory is already assured for those who live the new life of the Spirit. Nor does this hope disappoint, as was affirmed in the recent *Bull of Indiction* of the forthcoming Jubilee. [1]

2. The life of a Christian, then, is one of faith, active in charity and abounding in hope, as we await the Lord's return in glory. We are not troubled by the "delay" of the Parousia, Christ's second coming; for us the important question is whether, "when the Son of man comes, he will find faith on earth" (*Lk* 18:8). Faith is a gift, the fruit of the Spirit's presence in us, but it is also a task to be undertaken freely, in obedience to Jesus' commandment of love. Such is the blessed hope to which we must bear witness. Yet where, when, and how are we to bear that witness? Surely *by caring for the flesh of suffering humanity*. As people who dare to dream, we must *dream with our eyes wide open*, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. *Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world's suffering*, which embraces not only humanity but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the *oikos*, the home and living environment of humanity. Salvation embraces creation as an "earthly paradise," mother earth, which is meant to be *a place of joy and a promise of happiness for all*. Our Christian optimism is founded on a living hope: it realizes that everything is ordered to the glory of God, to final consummation in his peace and to bodily resurrection in righteousness, as we pass "from glory to glory." Nonetheless, in the passage of time we are not exempt from pain and suffering: *the whole creation groans* (cf. *Rom* 8:19-22), we Christians groan (cf. vv. 23-25) and the Spirit himself groans (cf. vv. 26-27). *This groaning expresses apprehension and suffering, together with longing and desire*. It gives voice to our *trust in God* and our *reliance* on his loving yet demanding presence in our midst, as we look forward to the fulfilment of his plan, which is joy, love and peace in the Holy Spirit.

3. The whole of creation is caught up in this process of new birth and, in groaning, looks forward to its liberation. This entails an unseen and imperceptible process of growth, like that of "a mustard seed that becomes a great tree" or "leaven in the dough" (cf. *Mt* 13:31-33). The beginnings are tiny, but the expected results can prove to be infinite in their beauty. Similar to the anticipation of a birth – the revelation of the children of God – *hope* can be seen as *the possibility of remaining steadfast amid adversity*, of not losing heart in times of tribulation or in the face of human evil. Christian hope does not disappoint, nor does it deceive. The groaning of creation, of Christians and of the Spirit is the anticipation and expectation of a salvation already at work; all the same, we continue to find ourselves enduring what Saint Paul describes as "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword" (*Rom* 8:35). Hope, then, is an alternative reading of history and human affairs. It is not illusory, but realistic, with the realism of a faith that sees what is unseen. This hope is *patient expectation, like that of Abraham*. I think of that great visionary believer, Joachim of Fiore, the Calabrian abbot who, in the words of Dante Alighieri, "was endowed with a spirit of prophecy". [2] At a time of violent conflicts between the Papacy and the Empire, the Crusades, the outbreak of heresies and growing worldliness in the Church, Joachim was able to propose the ideal of a *new spirit of coexistence* among people, based on universal fraternity and Christian peace, the fruit of a life lived in the spirit of the Gospel. I spoke of this spirit of social friendship and universal fraternity in *Fratelli Tutti*, but this harmony among men and women should also be extended to creation, in a "situated anthropocentrism" (*Laudate Deum*, 67) and in a sense of responsibility for *a humane and integral ecology*, the path to salvation for our common home and for us who inhabit it.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 27 June 2024 Pope Francis

**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.

Synod24

On September 6th and 7th and October 11th and 12th of 2024, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Synod to mark the next phase of the Plenary Council journey, the **Implementation Phase**.

Our Archdiocesan Synod will discern the practical and Spirit-led actions that we, as the Archdiocese of Brisbane, need to undertake in the Implementation Phase of the Plenary Council. Bearing in mind that the Decrees have yet to be officially approved by the Apostolic See, these actions will be practical and able to be implemented immediately.

The Synod Engagement Team, and the Synod Writing will engage in strategic consultations with key stake holders, community members and Church agencies. Guided by the question: "How can we be a more co-responsible church on mission?", these consultations will help discern creative dreaming and actionable ideas about what is already happening within the Archdiocese that should be affirmed, what lessons can be learned from others, and where the gaps and needs are.

Gary Smyth, the Chair of our Pastoral Council, and I will share the actions endorsed by Synod24 after our second session on October 11 and 12. In the meantime, please pray for us and all Synod members as we seek to move towards becoming a Church more like Jesus.

RCIA Program 2024/2025- Adults wanting to Become Catholics

Calling adults wanting to become Catholics; please feel free to contact the St Benedict's Parish Office for information, timelines & outlines on the RCIA Program 2024/2025, which begins Tuesday 19th November.



**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.



Have a great week everyone, taking up our Cross and following Jesus,
Fr Bryan.

News from Justice Peace & Ecology.

LOBBYING FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE, our JP&E supported the Mango Hill Progress Association in its submission to Minister Leeanne Enoch for help to establish a Neighbourhood Centre (NHC) in our community of 60,000 people. The Minister has responded that Government funding is not available. This rejection is just a new challenge. We have good people and time on our side.

GOOD INTENTIONS spread so easily. When charitable people work together great things happen. The Coffee and Chat is now well established at the Westfield Coffee Club at 9am on the fourth Wednesday of the month – everyone is welcome.

Luisa Miller of the **CABOOLTURE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**, addressed the Mango Hill Progress Association last Wednesday. On Saturday 28 September she will be leading the Car Maintenance Workshop in St Benedict's Primary School Hall and car park. We invite you to attend.

The **COUNCIL of MORETON BAY** has asked the Mango Hill Progress Association to provide approx. a dozen parking attendants for the Council's "Carols on the Oval" event on Sat. 30 Nov. (The Lions Club used to do it). Perhaps we may have some Parishioners who could volunteer. Please reach out to Ken Butler for details.

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 throughout 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 throughout 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:

Our Dear Recently Departed:



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass



To be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends

**Saturday 28th September 2024
11:30am**

RSVP: Wednesday 25 September
Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au | Phone: 3324 3030
The Cathedral car park will be available

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 15th & 22nd September 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$519.10
Parish (Running) - \$1579.30

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

Building (Church) - \$1106.00
Parish (Running) - \$1835.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1625.10
Parish (Running) = \$3414.30

*'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>



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.

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

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