

Thirty-First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.  
Year B.  
3rd November 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

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Friday - 9.00am  
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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 - 3rd November, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Deuteronomy 6: 2-6  
Psalm - Ps 17: 2-4, 47, 51  
Response - I love you Lord, my strength.  
2nd Reading - Hebrews 7: 23-28.  
Gospel - Mark 12: 28-34.

## **The Greatest Commandment is to Love**

In Mark's Gospel, the day after Jesus enters Jerusalem riding on a donkey, He purges (cleanses) the Jewish Temple. Understandably, this does not go down well with the Jewish religious authorities. So, four controversies (debates/arguments) between Jesus and the Jewish religious authorities ensue. With the fourth and final controversy being this coming Sunday's Gospel.

The relatively friendly controversy we hear in the Gospel is between Jesus and a Scribe discussing the greatest commandment. Jesus makes it very clear that the greatest commandment is "to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mark 29-30). Here, Jesus is quoting a prayer known as the Shema (this Hebrew for "listen"). This is a direct quote from the Book of Deuteronomy 6:4b-5, which is recited morning and evening by observant Jews then and now.

Jesus then names a second commandment, this time quoting the Book of Leviticus, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Lev 19:18). It is very important to note that loving God is first. If we love God, then we will know that God fully loves and values us, and, as such, will have a healthy love for ourselves and others.

Good questions to ask are "How do I like to be loved? And what do I really want from another person?" Perhaps we want understanding, tolerance, loyalty, compassion, and to be treated with dignity. Essentially, what is being required when we place the second commandment alongside the first is that God's love, which we have received as a free gift, be returned not only to God, but to all others.

## **Meeting for the Building of Our Church**

Renaë and I met on Tuesday afternoon on the St Benedict's site with Father Peter Dillon, the Vicar of Administration for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and Patrick Lane-Mullins, the Director of Building and Property for the Archdiocese of Brisbane, to discuss the building of our church. There are two immediate actions which need to be taken after this meeting.

Firstly, Father Peter and Patrick will meet within the next three weeks with a representative from Brisbane Catholic Education seeking to swap the 10 000m<sup>2</sup> block of land owned by the Archdiocese of Brisbane, where the current Kindergarten and lower College Carpark are located, with a 7 000m<sup>2</sup> parcel of land located on the right of the main gates as we drive into the St Benedict's precinct. I will certainly be informing you of the outcome of this meeting.

Secondly, Father Peter has asked me to meet with our Finance Council to see to size of the loan we can borrow to contribute towards the building of our church. Given that there are many growth areas in the Archdiocese of Brisbane, many churches will need to be built. The Archdiocese of Brisbane cannot fund these churches, so as the community we need to contribute, and then look at how we could source the remaining funds needed for the building of the church. Once I meet with the Finance Council, we will communicate with you the requirements needed to pay off the loan we will be acquiring for the church. This will require increased regular Direct Debits and Credit Card Payments into our Building Fund.

So 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, or please contact the Parish Office for any details you may require.

## **All Souls Day Mass – Our Memorial Mass (Saturday November 2 at 9am)**

All are invited to celebrate our Memorial Mass remembering the souls of our loved ones on **Saturday November 2 at 9am**. We especially invite those who have lost a loved one this year to participate in this Mass. This will unequivocally help with healing.

## **All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (November 2)**

November 1 is marked annually in the Catholic liturgical calendar as a day to remember and venerate saints from around the world and throughout history— not only those known and canonised, but also all unknown as well.

In the 4th century, All Saints' Day traditions served to honour the great number of individuals martyred for their faith during the persecutions in the late Roman Empire. It was during the 8th century that Pope Gregory III declared that all saints be remembered on November 1.

All Saints' Day is an opportune time to consider the example saints offer us today and to reflect on how we can imitate their holiness. As Pope Benedict XVI remarked in 2011, All Saints' Day calls us "to see the Church... as Christ wanted it, that is, as the communion of saints".

All Souls' Day follows All Saints' Day on November 2, when Catholics remember, pray and offer Mass for the souls in Purgatory, that they may be purified and attain the Beatific Vision."

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 7th November

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### Friday 8th November

9.00am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

### Saturday 9th November

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 10th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm --St Benedict's Parish Mass.

While no longer Holy Days of Obligation in Australia (<http://cathnews.acu.edu.au/108/103.php>), All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day mark two very special celebrations for Catholics.

Most parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane will be marking these days but if possible please check with your local parish office for the precise Mass times.

For those working or travelling into the city the Cathedral of St Stephen will be celebrating Mass at the following times:

All Saints Day: Friday 1 November 9am.

All Souls Day: Saturday 2 November 9am

### November – The Month We Pray for Souls

The Catholic Church designates November as the month we pray for the souls of our loved ones who have gone before us. We have envelopes available at the Welcome Desk, as well as a Memorial Book, to put the names of our loved ones, who will be prayed for at each Mass.

We can pray for our loved ones in November at St Benedict's by:

**Memorial Mass (All Souls Day):** All are invited to celebrate our Memorial Mass on All Souls Day, remembering the souls of our loved ones on **Saturday November 2 at 9am.**

**Memorial Book and Candles:** Please write the names of your loved ones, who are no longer with us, in our **Memorial Book**, so we can pray for them. Also, you are welcome to light a **candle** (battery operated) for your loved ones and place it on our stand.

Each Mass we celebrate during the month of November will be offered for our loved ones.

**Mass Offerings:** I will be celebrating Mass everyday throughout November and offering these Masses up for anyone who requests a Mass for their loved ones.

### Bishop Tim's New Appointment -

### Sad News for Brisbane, Good News for Broome

POPE Francis has appointed Brisbane auxiliary Bishop Tim Norton as the third Bishop of Broome. This is indeed good news for Broome, but sad news for Brisbane, where Bishop Tim has been auxiliary Bishop being ordained by Archbishop Coleridge at St Stephen's Cathedral on February 22, 2022.

Not long after becoming our auxiliary Bishop, Bishop Tim joined us here at St Benedict's for our Rite of Election, where twelve of our catechumens were officially elected to become fully initiated in the Catholic Church. During this celebration Bishop Tim impressed us all with his humility and love, which makes him a wonderful Bishop and person.

Our Archbishop, Archbishop Mark said the appointment "is good news for Broome, even if it will be a loss for Brisbane where Bishop Tim will be much missed. The Diocese of Broome has been very troubled in recent times, and Bishop Tim has the gifts and experience to take the process of healing and renewal begun by the Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Michael Morrissey, into a new phase. Bishop Tim is a missionary by vocation, and he will be able to draw upon the resources of the Divine Word Missionaries who are already a presence in the diocese. I am deeply grateful for all that Bishop Tim has brought to the Archdiocese of Brisbane in his time among us; and I join many others in praying for him as he prepares for this new and challenging mission."

Thank you for all you have done for us Bishop Tim. You will be missed!

### Friday Masses

The schedule for our Friday Masses, remainder of Term 4 is:

Friday November 1: 9am Mass for All Saints.

Friday November 8: 9am Mass,

Friday November 15: 9am Mass,

Friday November 22: **NO MASS.**

Friday November 29: 9am Mass,

Thursday December 5: 9am Mass, with Primary School for End of Year.

Friday December 6: **NO MASS.**

Have a great week everyone, loving the Lord our strength, *Fr Bryan.*

## Save the Date...

### In November...

10th & 17th - Baptism Preparation and Celebration.

16th & 17th - Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

13th - RCIA Program 2024/2025 to commence. \*\* Please note date change.

### In December...

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

15th - Music Ministry Practice after 8.30am Sunday Mass for Christmas Carols (for 5.30pm Christmas Eve).

22nd - Music Ministry Practice after 8.30am Sunday Mass for Christmas Carols (for 5.30pm Christmas Eve).

24th - 5.30pm Christmas Carols at the Mass Centre  
6pm St Benedict's Parish Family Mass,  
9pm St Benedict's Parish Christmas Eve Mass.

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

## Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

### Saturday 9th November, 4pm

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 10th November, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Zepher Vaipuna

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna,  
Gabby and Sa Ikitau

### Sunday 11th November, 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. Thank you very much for your assistance.

**Congratulations!**

Recently the 7th \$5 Raffle was drawn at Sunday's Morning Mass.

The Lucky Winner was Julie (#44).

Julie so kindly donated the \$100 prize back to the Parish,

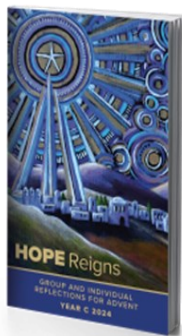
Thank you so very much Julie.

**Parish Fundraising -  
\$5 Lucky Numbers—Last one for 2024.**



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.



**Advent Resource for 2024—Hope Reigns - Available at the Mass Centre**

“Hope Reigns” is an inspiring Advent resource that will also help us to welcome a new Jubilee year, beginning on 24 December, where Pope Francis has invited us to become “Pilgrims of Hope”.

This Advent resource has been developed for both individual prayer and small groups. Advent small groups are an opportunity to gather with together to share life, faith and to pray with one another.

The beautiful uplifting and inspiring artwork used on the front cover, and provided throughout the book, is titled “Bethlehem Star 1” and comes to us from the artist Virginia Wieringa.

Reflections written by Br. Damien Price cfc (Christian Brother of the Oceania Province)

A 25-day reflection resource for Advent for 2024, available from the Mass Centre \$6.00 each.

**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.

**Opportunity for students to join the Parish Choir - Christmas Eve 5.30pm Christmas Carols and 6pm Family Mass.**

The St Benedict’s Parish Music Ministry will hold Christmas Carols from 5.30pm on Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December, just prior to commencement of the 6pm Family Christmas Eve Mass.

Students from St Benedict’s Primary School, St Benedict’s College and Parish student community are invited to join with them for the Choir Practise on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December following the 8.30am Mass. All are welcome, the more the merrier.

We encourage families that have students wishing to participate, by doing a reading at the Family Mass at the 6pm Christmas Eve, to please attend rehearsal on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December following the 8.30am Mass. Thank you.

**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.



**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 Wednesday 13th November.

**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.



**Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.**

**Basic Car Maintenance Workshop 3.** Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre conducted a very successful 2nd workshop for us in the Primary School carpark on Sat. 19 October. This time we had 3 cars and about seven participants, with hands-on practice of changing a tyre, checking their lubricants, and finding fuses. The presenter, Luisa Miller, was pleased with the smaller format and has offered a follow-up course before Christmas for a similar small number of people, especially any of the Workshop 1 participants who would like to gain more “hands-on” experience. If you are interested, In attending please see Ken Butler for details.

**Providing Services.** Last week Father mentioned that we are connecting with Service Providers whose goal is to make life easier for newcomers to Australia. We can help other needy people, too. We are currently working on preparing and arranging processes to ensure that the protection of privacy and confidentiality of any people we contact. Stay tuned for further information.

**Toiletry Packs for SVDP for Christmas.** The JP&E team is exploring the possibility of putting together toiletry packs as Christmas gifts to be distributed by St Vincent de Paul before Christmas. We hope to gain support from our St Benedict’s parishioners. Talks are under way with Vinnies.

Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out to the JP&E Group on [stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com)

**St Benedict’s Prayer Network - Prayer Requests**

Prayer requests are always welcomed, please fill in your details and email to:

[stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsprayernetwork@gmail.com) or via the prayer box available at the Welcome Table at Mass.

All requests will be submitted to the team and will be prayed for two weeks. A new request will be needed after 2 weeks.



**Please remember in your Prayers:**

**Those who are Unwell:** Gail TARRIER, Joy Gibbs, Thomas Cafferty.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Myrtle Spiller, Allan Spiller, Thomas Blacker, Theresa Blacker.

**Our Dear Recently Departed:**



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 27th October 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$639.60  
Parish (Running) - \$993.05

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

Building (Church) - \$1001.00  
Parish (Running) - \$942.00

**Totals:-**

**Building (Church) = \$1640.60**  
**Parish (Running) = \$1935.05**

*'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