

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year B.
13th October 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Place of Worship:

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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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Salvation through Utter Dependence on God

A very good friend of mine, who suffers from mental illness, takes medication that enables him to be well. When he first started taking this medication, however, he thought it was actually curing his illness. After a couple of months, he thought he was fully cured, so he stopped taking the medication. Unfortunately, he wasn't cured. He got sicker than ever, and nearly died from attempting to take his own life.

This experience made my friend come to realise that he was DEPENDENT on the medication to be well, mentally.

In this coming Sunday's gospel, Jesus gives us an example of our dependence on God. In referring to the man detaching himself from his great wealth, Jesus said, "for men it is impossible, but not for God, because everything is possible for God" (Mark 10:27).

Just like my friend, who is dependent on his medication to keep him well, mentally, we are all utterly dependent on God to live life well. Our salvation, that is, our eternal well-being, is totally dependent on God. So, we need to include God in our lives, always and everywhere. Or as Jesus and St Paul tells us time and time again, we need to pray always.

If we pray effectively, and that is, if we listen to Jesus and do as Jesus asks us to do, then from there all our good works will flow. Like Jesus, we are called to look at each other with love, no matter who the other person is or what they have done. When we do this, when we put on Christ and love all people. unconditionally, then we will feast on the rich food and fine drink in the God's wonderful kingdom forever.

Justice and Peace Initiative

Our St Benedict's Justice and Peace Group is embarking on a very exciting project. They are connecting with Service Providers whose goal is to make life easier for newcomers to Australia.

Given that our parish community has many newcomers to Australia, in fact, Archbishop Mark refers to us as the United Nations, this is a great initiative.

Please keep an eye on page three (3) of our newsletters for any information from our Justice, Peace and Ecology Group.

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

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 - 13th October, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Wisdom 1: 7-11.

Psalm - Ps 89: 12-17.

Response - Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

2nd Reading - Hebrews 4: 12-13.

Gospel - Mark 10: 17-30.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 17th October

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 18th October

9.30am - St Benedict's College Year 12 Mass.

Saturday 19th October

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

World Mission Sunday Appeal.

Sunday 20th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm --St Benedict's Parish Mass.

World Mission Sunday Appeal

Save the Date...

In October...

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 3.

Saturday 19th October, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: Rosemary Franzidis

Reader 2: John-Paul Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 20th October, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: Morton Howes

Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic,
Pierina Ziebarth and
Juvenal

Sunday 20th October, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBA

Reader 1: Seema Masih

Reader 2: Shiela Pereira

Communion Minister: Theresa Saad

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

Gary Smyth and I, together with another 140 delegates, will be participating in the Second Synod Session this Friday and Saturday. Please pray the following prayer for us all.

SYNOD24 PRAYER

Creator Spirit, whose breath of life makes all things new.
We gather around Your table of communion,
as many parts of one body,
grounded in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We open our minds and hearts,
so we can be nourished and enlivened by Your presence,
ready to be the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.

We make space for the many stories of hurt,
exclusion and silence of those within,
and on the very edges of our communities,
so we may be in service of the hope, joy and mission of
the Risen Christ.

As your breath of life flows in us and through us,
may we be a vessel for Your bold creativity
so we may be the hands and feet
of the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ.
We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.

As We look to the State Election (from the Catholic Bishops of Queensland)

The Bishops of Queensland's Election Statement can be accessed from the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?
time_continue=23&v=IPmitgz8BVk&embeds_referring_euri=https%3A%2F%
2Fwww.bing.com%2F&embeds_referring_origin=https%3A%2F%
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Friday Masses

The schedule for our Friday Masses is:

Friday October 4: 9am Mass.

Friday October 11: **No Mass.**

Friday October 18: 9:30am Mass with 890 students.

Friday October 25: 9am Mass.

Have a great week everyone, filled with God's love as we sing for joy, ***Fr Bryan.***

**Parish Fundraising -
\$5 Lucky Numbers.**

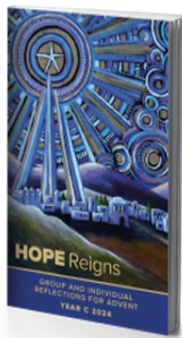


Please Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky Number.

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.



Advent Resource for 2024—Hope Reigns

This year's Advent resource, "Hope Reigns" invites us to explore more deeply what it means to have eyes to see and ears to hear Emmanuel, God with us. It will clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting.

"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)

Designed for individual reflection and Advent small groups

Sunday reflections include prompts for small group hosts

Small group instructions to assist with preparation

A small book that is easy to carry, and read, while commuting or sitting at home (18cm x 11cm)

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.

**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 Tuesday 19th November.

News from the Justice Peace & Ecology Group.

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.

Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre:- will once again host a **Car Maintenance Workshop** held on Saturday 19th October from 10am to 12pm in the St Benedict's Primary School Hall and car park. With only 5 cars available, please contact Luisa (CNHC) to book on 54324220 or email cams@caboolturenhc.com.au. More than one person per car is allowed, so think about getting together a group of several people for your car.

Unfortunately, the concept of a **Neighbourhood Centre (NHC) for Mango Hill, North Lakes and Griffin**, was not supported, instead communication saying that we have the ability to obtain services from the existing Kallangur NHC. Caboolture NHC has been most supportive of the initiatives, and Deception Bay NHC is now offering services in some fields too.

Luisa Miller from Caboolture NHC chaired a meeting on Tuesday 8th October, of a group who provides services to the **Moreton Bay Multicultural Action Network**. This was supported by 7 people from St Benedict's JP&E and the Mango Hill Progress Association. **There are service providers right now available to help people in our community with needs**, if we can close the communication loop. We can get things moving very quickly to everyone's benefit. Next week we will list some of the exciting services immediately available to our community such as financial recovery for victims of DV and failed marriage, and general financial management and debt management.

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

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: 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 6th October 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$575.00
 Parish (Running) - \$926.55

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

Building (Church) - \$1530.00
 Parish (Running) - \$1555.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$2105.00
Parish (Running) = \$2481.55

*'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.

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.



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>



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



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NURSING CARE SERVICES

- Complex Bowel Management -
- Meal plan management -
- Urinary Catheter Management -
- Complex wound management -
- Subcutaneous Injection -
- Diabetic management -
- Dysphagia Management -

CORE SUPPORT SERVICES

- Community Access
- Assistance with Daily Living
- Travel Assistance
- Personal Care Assistance
- Medication management



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