

Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time.  
Year B.  
20th October 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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## St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

[stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com](mailto:stbenedictsjpe@gmail.com)

## ***Surrendering Ourselves to God***

As people of faith, we believe that we are utterly dependent on God. God who made us, and is with us every second of everyday, loving us, and wanting the best for us. So, we are utterly dependent on God. When we give ourselves totally to God, we come to realise that God gives God's self totally to us.

As human beings we have a tendency towards selfishness. We just need to look at the world around us to see that. For example, vast amounts of people in the world die from diseases that are treatable by drugs, which are not available to these fellow human beings because they are poor. These sisters and brothers die, having their lives cut short, because they are poor.

Selfishness is the nemesis of our human relationships. Any slightly reflective person would realise that we seem to need help to be selfless and self-giving, essential ingredients for good healthy relationships with others, and God will always guide us and help us to be selfless and totally self-giving, so our relationships with others can thrive.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reinforces our call to give ourselves up totally to God, if we want to live our lives well. Jesus says, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life up to God and all others" (Mark 10:45).

As people of faith, we give ourselves totally to God because we belong to God. This is clearly the most prevalent theme in the Scriptures. The covenantal promise that pervades the Old Testament is, "I will be your God, and you will be my people." And the Lord says to us through the prophet Isaiah, "I love you, you are mine!" (Isaiah 43). That's God speaking to us!!!

Also, through our baptism in Christ, God tells us that we are God's beloved sons and daughters in whom God delights.

We belong to God, and Jesus tells us in this coming Sunday's Gospel to give ourselves up totally to God. This is of course what Jesus did, leading us in the way to everlasting life. Life lived in the Lord, is life lived to the full. So, may we live our lives together in everlasting joy and happiness, rejoicing in the Lord, trusting God always by joining this Sunday's Psalmist in singing, "Lord, let your love be upon us, as we place all our hope in you."

## ***Catholic Mission Appeal – 19th and 20th October Supporting the Poorest of the Poor in Mongolia***

Social stigma, poor access to services, and the harsh Mongolian winter mean that the most vulnerable people will often struggle to access the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Recognising this need, the Church has begun work on the House of Mercy. When complete, the House of Mercy will provide shelter to many in need, including people experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or those in need of first aid services.

As Pope Francis said during his 2023 visit to Mongolia, "This House of Mercy is meant to be the point of reference for a variety of charitable works, hands outstretched towards our brothers and sisters, struggling to navigate life's problems. A safe haven, in other words, where people can find a listening ear and an understanding heart".

We invite you to partner with the Church in Mongolia as they look to be the hands and feet of Jesus by providing a range of support services to people impacted by domestic abuse and homelessness.

The House of Mercy is based in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. It will provide shelter for these people to take refuge, recuperate and help them back on their feet.

Homelessness and poverty are major challenges in Mongolia. Homeless people often lose access to government health services and the Mongolian winter can drop to -40°C. There are reports of homeless people taking refuge near sewage pipes to keep warm.

Domestic violence was only made a criminal offence in 2017, and according to the International Development Law Organization, one in three Mongolian women have been impacted by domestic violence.

The Church recognises the need for services to support the most vulnerable people in the community. The centre will combine a variety of services under one roof, allowing for resources to be pooled together for one cause.

This year's World Mission Sunday, we are called to "invite everyone to the banquet" (Matthew 22:9) and reflect on how fortunate we are to live in a place we sometimes call the 'lucky country'. We are invited to support the Church in Mongolia and provide critical assistance to our brothers and sisters in need.

The preferred way to Donate is by pressing/clicking on the following link:

[Ways to donate catholicmission.org.au](http://Ways to donate catholicmission.org.au)

We will also have envelopes available at our Masses this coming weekend.

## **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 - 20th October, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary.**

1st Reading - Isaiah 53: 10-11.  
Psalm - Ps 32: 4-5, 18-20, 22.  
Response - Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.  
2nd Reading - Hebrews 4: 4-16.  
Gospel - Mark 10: 35-45.

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 24th October

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### Friday 25th October

9.00am - St Benedict's College Year 8.

### Saturday 26th October

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Final collection of World Mission Sunday Appeal.

### Sunday 27th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm --St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Final collection of World Mission Sunday Appeal.

## Save the Date...

### In October...

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 4.

### Saturday 26th October, 4pm

**Commentator:** Hugh Shannon  
**Reader 1:** Andreena Shannon  
**Reader 2:** Evie Shannon  
**Communion Minister:** Oliver Morata

### Sunday 27th October, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Werner Mascarenhas  
**Reader 1:** Andre Mascarenhas  
**Reader 2:** Erika Mascarenhas  
**Communion Minister:** Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Sosefo Nasio

### Sunday 27th October, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Chris Molina  
**Reader 1:** Theresa Saad  
**Reader 2:** Ashley Oliver  
**Communion Minister:** Christopher Beck

Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap. Thank you very much for your assistance.

## 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!

### 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 000m<sup>2</sup> 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.

### 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%2Fwww.bing.com&source\\_ve\\_path=Mig2NjY](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%2Fwww.bing.com&source_ve_path=Mig2NjY)

### Friday Masses

The schedule for our Friday Masses is:

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

Friday October 25: 9am Mass.

Have a great week everyone, as we place our trust in God, *Fr Bryan.*



## Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 20th October 2024,  
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

### Khan

As he receives the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish. May we pray that Khan, together with his family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

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

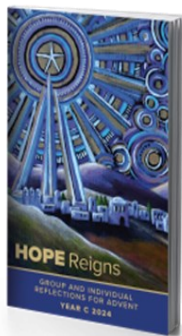


**Please Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky Number.**

**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.

You can support the work of Catholic Mission by donating online at :-  
[catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia),



**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](mailto: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.

**The next meeting of our St Benedict's Justice Peace and Ecology Group** is to be held at 7.00pm tonight (Thursday 17 October) at the St Benedict's Primary School hall (our Mass Centre).

**Join our meeting** to hear how we are gaining momentum in our aim to link disadvantaged people in our multi-cultural community with available service providers. We are getting wide community support, and this could lead to more Neighbourhood Centre services being delivered to our local community. The Basic Car Maintenance Workshop is a real example of such action.

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)

**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](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, 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 13th October 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$380.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1238.40

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

Building (Church) - \$635.00  
Parish (Running) - \$912.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$1015.00  
Parish (Running) = \$2150.40

*'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