

Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time. Year B.  
6th October 2024.



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

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## **You Complete Me! (Jerry Maguire)**

Before I write about married life, I am going to call out the massive elephant in the room. As a celibate priest, celibate meaning called to live a single life, I cannot possibly claim to be an expert on marriage. But what I can say is that the First Reading and Gospel for this coming Sunday's Mass paints a picture of how beautiful married life is meant to be.

In the second last scene of the 1996 Romantic Comedy, Jerry Maguire, we have one of the most romantic scenes I have ever seen in a movie. Jerry and Dorothy, the two main characters in the movie, are married but separated and seriously considering a divorce. Jerry has a very successful career-changing event happen, and he comes to the realization that the event means nothing without being able to share the moment with the love of his life, Dorothy. So, he rushes as fast as he can to Dorothy, who is having dinner with her sister's divorcee support group, and walks in and, in front of her friends, says "Hello." He then speaks for several minutes, telling her that he loves her and wants her in his life, ending with the statement, "You complete me." Dorothy's reply to Jerry is, "You had me at hello". And as they say in the classics, "the rest is history."

The above scene relates very much to this coming Sunday's First Reading from the Book of Genesis. Where the first human is formed by God from the soil of the earth. After a while the man is lonely, for there is not a single living creature apart from him. So, God creates the animals to be companions for the man. But there is not one of them that really captures his heart. So, God puts the man into a deep sleep and while he sleeps God takes a rib from the side of the man and from the rib he creates woman. When the man awakes from sleep he is delighted. He exclaims that this one at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.

Now, did the ancients think this was how God created man and woman? Of course not! They knew as well as us that this story was a reflection on the meaning of creation and of the relationship between the man and the woman, the husband and his wife. You see, once a rib had been taken from the side of the man, he was no longer whole or complete. When does he become whole and complete again? When he and the woman become one, not just physically, but spiritually, emotionally, and psychologically too. For the man and the woman, the path to wholeness and fulfillment is not in isolation or in solitude, but in communion with each other. And as we hear from Jesus in this coming Sunday's Gospel, this is the situation that prevailed from the beginning of the creation and reflects God's will. This is the full ideal of marriage. This is God's plan in all its majesty.

## **As we look to the State Election - (from the Catholic Bishops of Queensland)**

At a time when democracy is under pressure in many parts of the world, things in Queensland don't look too bad. Every four years we, as free and equal citizens, get to vote for the person in the area where we live who we think will best represent us in the state parliament. Everyone votes and every vote counts in our full preferential voting system. Once the vote is done, the result is accepted by all and things move on peaceably.

Those elected are entrusted with the responsibility of making laws that serve the needs of all the people. It does not matter which party the elected belong to, whether they are in government or in opposition or on the crossbench: they all share this responsibility. Though Queenslanders vote for the candidate they think will best serve their interests at state level, the parliament bears a responsibility to act in the best interests of all Queenslanders, not just some – and certainly not just in their own interests or the interests of their party.

In Queensland as elsewhere, the government cannot do everything. It depends on partnership with organisations and communities like the churches, and this without jeopardising the separation of church and state. Both the state and the church are committed to the common good, and they have a duty therefore to work together for all Queenslanders at a time when the population of both church and state is becoming more diverse.

The Catholic Church has been part of the fabric of Queensland from the beginning and can be a vital resource for the government and people of the state, contributing to policy development and public debate. Our networks can be a key to building social connection, especially for the vulnerable; they offer much experience and expertise; they have first-hand knowledge of what's happening on the ground in their communities. These are among the many reasons why partnership between the government and the Church makes sense. Together we can change society for the better, but that will require a willingness to listen to each other and a commitment to collaborative decision-making.

This cannot be taken for granted in a state with no house of review. In such a situation, executive government can have too little regard for parliamentary processes, oversight and accountability. Elsewhere in Australia there are democratically elected upper houses which hold executive government to account. For all their imperfections, they make governments work harder to get their legislation passed, to take more care in proposing legislation and to be willing to change flawed bills. In Queensland, however, that is not the case. In 1989, the

## **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 - 6th October, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Genesis 2: 18-24.  
Psalm - Ps 127.  
Response - May the Lord bless us all the  
days of our lives.  
2nd Reading - Hebrews 2: 9-11.  
Gospel - Mark 10: 2-16.

## **The Week Ahead...**

### **Monday 7th October**

Parish Office will be closed for the King's Birthday Public Holiday

### **Thursday 10th October**

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### **Friday 11th October**

**No 9.00am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Synod Session 2

### **Saturday 12th October**

**4.00pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Synod Session 2

### **Sunday 13th October**

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

## **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 2.**

### **Saturday 12th October, 4pm**

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 1:** Joy Darby

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### **Sunday 13th October, 8.30am**

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Zepher Vaipuna

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

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

### **Sunday 13th October, 5.30pm**

**Commentator:** Tim Campbell

**Reader 1:** Xanthe Campbell

**Reader 2:** Geni Campbell

**Communion Minister:** Sheeja Alphonse

Fitzgerald Report recommended an expanded parliamentary committee system and new institutions of integrity; but in the meantime these have been subject at times to partisan executive government manipulation, whoever is in power.

In Queensland there's also the risk of contamination by influences from elsewhere. Around the world in recent years there has been a rise of polarisation, populism and post-truth, each of which plays into the others; and Queensland is not exempt from these.

Tensions from elsewhere can be imported into the state, and in the age of social media ideas and ideologies are easily spread, sowing seeds of division that can lead to violence. These ideas and ideologies may be based on lies and disinformation which can have a destabilising effect and make it difficult for any government to govern effectively.

They can open the door to those who want to dismantle democracy from within by undermining the checks and balances of democratic institutions, by treating the law with contempt, by denigrating society's experts and calling into question the very notion of truth. Ultimately, this leads not to a contest of free expression and rational debate in a spirit of shared commitment to the common good, but to a fight for power over others through brute force.

Democracies thrive on difference; yet too much difference or too little are both bad for democracy. In addressing the challenges facing all Queenslanders—healthcare, education, cost of living, housing, energy, safety, justice—we need as the basis of healthy political debate differing approaches and policies, based on evidence and sound reasoning. Such differences look to a dialogue based on truth and trust which is the opposite of the polarisation that makes democracy impossible.

Part of this polarisation can be a tendency to demonise the other, paving the way to populism and, with it, demagoguery and tyranny. This demonisation can target anyone: the rich or the poor; the criminal or the police; the foreigner or the local; the politician or the civil servant; the religious person or the non-believer; labour or capital; one party or the other.

Such polarisation plays on people's fears by telling lies about the other. The prime lie is that there are people in the world, or in the state, who are less than human or who are fundamentally evil and not worthy of respect or care and not deserving of the rights proper to all people. In short, these lies deny the dignity of every human being. They are not recognised as lies, because in a world where there's no such thing as truth, there's no such thing as a lie. This is the dystopian world of post-truth.

In such a world and at this time, we would ask of those seeking election and those who will elect them that, beyond the seductions of the lie, they tell the truth, that they resist the pressures of polarisation and work for the good of all, and that they recognise populism for what it is and fully respect the processes of democracy and the rule of law.

+Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

+Ken Howell, Bishop of Toowoomba

+Michael McCarthy, Bishop of Rockhampton

+Joe Caddy, Bishop of Cairns Catholic Diocese of CAIRNS

+Tim Harris, Bishop of Townsville +Tim Norton SVD, Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane

### ***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.

### ***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 you 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 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.**

### 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.

### 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.



### 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:**

**Our Dear Recently Departed:**



### Synod24

On 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.



Have a great week everyone, united in Jesus, *Fr Bryan.*



### Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 6th October 2024 ,  
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,  
**Izayah and Primrose**

As they receive the Sacrament of Baptism,  
with us at St Benedict's Parish.

May we pray that Izayah and Primrose, together  
with their family and friends, experience God's  
happiness, joy and love, now and always.

### 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 **CABOULTURE 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.

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 29th September 2024.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$310.00  
Parish (Running) - \$848.50

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

Building (Church) - \$515.00  
Parish (Running) - \$665.00

**Totals:-**

Building (Church) = \$825.00  
Parish (Running) = \$1513.50

*'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