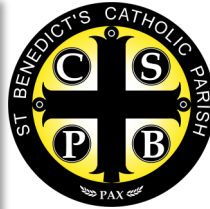


Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time.
Year B.
10th November 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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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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St Vincent de Paul:

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St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

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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.

Only God Fills our Insatiable Hearts

For some reason or another, a vast majority of Catholics in Australia have stopped going to Mass. This change seems to have taken place during the 1980s. I can remember when I was in grade three (1977) at school, almost everyone in my class went to Mass on a Sunday. But by the time I got to grade twelve, nine years later, I was the only one in my class going to Mass. And there has not been much improvement since.

As a priest, I get to preside at many weddings. Now, what I find interesting is that I can be presiding at a wedding with two Catholic families, and out of the hundred or so people in attendance, only two or three know how to respond, and that is if we are lucky. Even something as simple as one of our standard conclusions like: We ask this through Christ our Lord: at times fails to get one single 'Amen' in response. What I find even more confusing is that after these weddings many of the people come up to me and say, "Beautiful ceremony Father." I always think to myself, "it would have been a whole lot better if everyone responded to the prayers with a little bit of enthusiasm."

Rather than getting despondent about this situation, I decided to do a bit of research as to why these people are not coming to Mass. So, I tried to go to as many wedding receptions as I could. Not only to lead them in grace before the meal, and to eat a free meal, but also to mingle. Going from table to table, just like the bridal couple. But rather than thanking all the people for coming, I asked the guests questions about their faith. I particularly like to target the tables filled with young people between the ages of 25 to 45.

I have found that these young people all seem to sing a similar tune when I ask them about their faith. They basically say that they believe in God, but they also believe that they can live their lives without God.

This is obviously the mentality of the vast majority of Catholics that do not come to Mass. Otherwise they would come to Mass. For by going to Mass, we are acknowledging our utter dependence on God.

Whether one likes it or not, or believes it or not, we are totally dependent on God. I saw the actor/director Woody Allen emphasise our total dependence of God in one of his movies when he said, "If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans for the future."

As people of faith, we believe that God loves us more than we can ever imagine and wants the absolute best for us. So, it makes sense for us to want to connect with God as much as possible. For we believe we are at our very best as human beings if we embrace in our lives, and walk in God's ways. That is why we all love celebrating Mass. The main reason we come to Mass is because we are putting our total trust in what Jesus told us to do at His last Supper – take this and eat, take this and drink.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, after ripping into the scribes for not looking after the poor and marginalised, Jesus gives us a lesson in detachment. Encouraging us to detach ourselves from earthly things. He holds up the poor widow as a great example to us all, giving away all she had to live on. A great example of detachment. A great example of FAITH!

Here Jesus is giving us the wise and wonderful advice. We can get pinned down by worldly possessions. So much so, that rather than us possessing these material things, they can have a tendency to possess us, and to dictate to us.

By focusing our lives on Jesus, we will seek things that are fulfilling and endure forever. Furthermore, Jesus in this coming Sunday's gospel tells us that earthly things do not fulfill us, even when we have more than we need. Why? Because our hearts, which have infinite capacity, can only be filled by that Who is infinite, that is, God. Hence, things of God are the only things that can give us fulfillment - finite earthly things will never fill us. They will always leave us wanting more.

Our lives are not made secure by what we own. Only God makes us secure. Only God, who is love, fills our insatiable hearts. No temporal good can ever satisfy our fundamental longing for God, for whom our hearts are made, and in whom we find true love, joy, and peace.

Meeting for the Building of Our Church

Renaë and I met last 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 000m² block of land owned by the Archdiocese of Brisbane, where the current Kindergarten and lower College Carpark are located, with a 7 000m² 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

Readings for this week - 10th November, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary.

1st Reading - Kings 17: 10-16
Psalm - Ps 145: 7-10
Response - Praise the Lord, my soul!
2nd Reading - Hebrews 9: 24-28.
Gospel - Mark 12: 38-44.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 14th November

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 15th November

9.00am - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Saturday 16th November

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Sunday 17th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm --St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

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 3.

Saturday 16th November, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Rosemary Franzidis
Reader 2: John-Paul Franzidis
Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 17th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Morton Howes
Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic,
Pierina Ziebarth and
Juvenal

Sunday 17th November, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBA
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Shiela Pereira
Communion Minister: Theresa Saad

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

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.

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.

Friday Masses

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

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, rejoicing in the Lord, **Fr Bryan.**



If you or anyone you know is struggling and needs a 'hand up', please contact St Vinnies on 1800Vinnie.

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.



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 10th November 2024,
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Pepa

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



16th & 17th November Vinnie's Xmas Hamper Appeal,

Collection is being held on 16/17 November. If you'd prefer to donate non-perishable items to be included in the hampers, you will find a list of suggestions under the Christmas tree at the Mass Centre. Alternatively, those who are able, please make a direct debit transfer to SVDP St Benedict's. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. **BSB: 064 786 ACCOUNT: 100027061**

Congratulations!

Recently the 8th \$5 Raffle was drawn at Sunday's Morning Mass.

The Lucky Winner would like to remain anonymous. This wonderful winner kindly donated the \$100 prize back to the Parish Building Fund.

Thank you so very much.

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

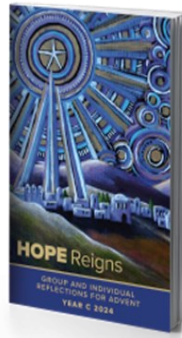


Please Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky Number.

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.

Sewing assistance... Could you help??

One of our Parishioners who assists the parish in supplying Baptism Stoles, is seeking some assistance with the cutting and hemming of the Baptism Stoles. If you are in a position to help, please contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch. Thank you very much.



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, 24th 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 15th and 22nd 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 22nd 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

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, 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 3rd November 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$180.00
Parish (Running) - \$796.45

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

Building (Church) - \$1225.00
Parish (Running) - \$1280.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1405.00
Parish (Running) = \$2076.45

*'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