

Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year B.
17th November 2024.



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

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Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
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Mass Times:

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

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Baptism at St Benedict's.



We invite all families wishing to have children Baptised into the Catholic Faith at St Benedict's, to please contact the Parish Office for information and available dates for Baptism Preparation and Baptism in 2024.

Readings for this week - 17th November,

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary.

**1st Reading - Daniel 12: 1-3.
Psalm - Ps 16: 5, 8-11.
Response - You are my inheritance, O Lord!
2nd Reading - Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18.
Gospel - Mark 13: 24-32.**

Living Life in Abundance

This coming Sunday is the last time we will hear from Mark's Gospel for 2 years. This Sunday's Gospel is in many ways the climax of the whole Gospel, and indeed the climax of our lives.

Now let us remember, Mark's Gospel is structured in a way where in the first half Jesus clearly performs the acts of our all-powerful God. Performing healing miracles, nature miracles, multiplication miracles, teaching with the authority of God, and having dominion over demons and other evil spirits. Then in the second half of Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the road to Jerusalem, the road to the cross.

Right in the centre of the Gospel there are three passion predictions, where Jesus says, "The Son of Man will be handed over to the worldly authorities, where he will suffer and die, and then on the third day rise again." Jesus, who is the Son of God, and the Son of Man, and the long-awaited Messiah, has come into the world to reveal to us, that the key to life, and key to our salvation, is joining Jesus in offering ourselves up totally to the Father and to each other in love. Dying to ourselves and living for God and all others. This is the Christian life. This is the life we begin when we are plunged into the waters of baptism, dying to ourselves, so that we can live for God, and truly live.

Now, in the first half of Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a man suffering from a skin disease and then says to him, "Mind you tell no one anything about what I have done." Then Jesus comes across some unclean spirits in chapter three of Mark's Gospel, who identify Jesus as the Son of God, and Jesus immediately warns them to not make this known to others. Then again, after Jesus brought Jairus' daughter back to life, Jesus gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about it. In chapter 7 Jesus heals a deaf and mute man, and once again orders him not to tell anyone about it. And again, after curing the blind man at Bethsaida, Jesus says, "Don't tell anyone what I have done."

Now, straight after the healing of the blind man in Bethsaida, Peter identifies Jesus as the Christ, the Messiah, and Jesus says once again, "do not tell anyone that I am the Messiah." Then we have the first passion prediction, with these words: "Then Jesus began to teach them that the Son of man was destined to suffer grievously, and to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again. And Jesus said this openly so everyone could hear Him."

So, for Jesus, His Paschal mystery, that is, His suffering Death and Resurrection is by far the most crucial part of His mission. Sure, Jesus is our all-powerful God, who heals, teachers with authority, and has dominion over evil spirits, but most importantly, Jesus conquers sin and death, by dying to Himself, and pouring Himself out completely to the Father and to us.

This Sunday's Gospel is the triumphal climax of Jesus' mission. Using figurative images of the end of time, it describes the moment of God's great victory. It describes an event beyond history, and yet what it depicts is what alone gives meaning to both the life of Jesus and the lives of us who follow Him in discipleship and sacrifice, which constitutes the community of the Kingdom of God, the final establishment of which the scene proclaims in this Sunday's Gospel – where we are all gathered from the ends of the earth into God's loving arms for all eternity.

Vale Rosemary Franzidis and Thank you

Sadly, as most of you know, our sister, the beautiful Rosemary Franzidis, left us tragically on Thursday November 7. Our hearts go out to Rosemary's husband Jean-Paul, their three daughters, Evie, Alexi, and Tini, and the rest of Rosemary's family and many friends.

Personally, I always loved seeing Rosemary. Rosemary always brightened me up with her incredible joy and positivity, which flowed from her wonderful relationship with God, whom she loves so deeply. I will certainly miss Rosemary, as will our Saturday 4pm Mass community, which Rosemary and Jean-Paul have served as Readers for many years, and in which they have been cherished parishioners. Last Saturday we shed many tears as we celebrated Mass, joined by Jean-Paul and Alexi, fondly remembering and offering Mass up for Rosemary.

Thank you, Rosemary, for being such a beautiful person and friend to us at St Benedict's. We will miss you greatly! Farewell for now our beautiful sister, until we meet again in the eternal warmth, peace, and love of the Trinity.

Rosemary's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, Kippa Ring, on Wednesday November 27 at 4pm.

Advent Prayer Group – Sunday Mornings During Advent

The Nativity of our Lord is one of our most important feasts. To enhance our Christmas experience as people of faith, our Prayer Network will be facilitating an **Advent Prayer Group** on the Sundays of Advent. Our Advent resource is **HOPE Reigns**, which is available at our weekend Masses for \$6. The sessions will not go any longer than one hour, and you are more than welcome to come and join in any of these sessions in the lead up to Christmas. The session times are *held in person after the 8.30am Mass on the following Sunday's:-* Sunday December 1 – 10am.

The Week Ahead...

**** Vinnies Christmas Appeal this Saturday & Sunday 16th/17th November****

Thursday 21st November

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 22nd November

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

Saturday 23rd November

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 24th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm --St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In November...

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 4.

Saturday 23rd November, 4pm

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

Sunday 24th November, 8.30am

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

Sunday 24th November, 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.

Sunday December 8 – 9:30am.

Sunday December 15 – 9:30am.

Sunday December 22 – 9:30am

Meeting for the Building of Our Church

Renaë and I met recently 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 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.

Have a great week everyone, pouring ourselves out totally to God, Who pours Himself out totally for us, **Fr Bryan.**



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

This Sunday, 17th November 2024,
we will welcome into the Catholic Family,

Thomas, Luca and Mindi

As Thomas, Luca and Mindi receive the Sacrament of Baptism,
with us at St Benedict's Parish;
May we pray that Thomas, Luca and Mindi, together with their 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.**

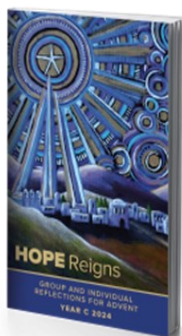


Please Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5.00 Lucky Number.

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.



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: Rosemary Franzidis



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.

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

Toiletry Packs for SVDP for Christmas. We have teamed with St Benedict’s Primary School to collect toiletry pack items for SVDP to distribute to their clients at Christmas time. This is separate from the St Vincent de Paul campaign being held this Sunday. During November, buy reputable items from our following list and drop them to the school collection points, or in our tub at the church door. People would welcome soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hair brushes/combs, body lotion, lip balm, sunscreen, feminine products, face cloths and washers.

Dogura Hospital Project PNG. In 2019/2020 many parishioners contributed to fundraising to send hospital goods from Brisbane to the remote hospital at Dogura, PNG. A Brisbane PNG community also contributed. We paid the freight to get the goods to Sydney before COVID closed the border. They are still in a container in NSW in the care of the NGO, RESTORE, but the prohibitive cost of freight to their ultimate destination has prevented on-forwarding. We have now agreed with RESTORE to finalise our support. RESTORE will still try to ship the goods. This leaves money in our bank to investigate some other small projects in the same area of PNG where we have more direct control.

Basic Car Maintenance Workshop 3. There will not be a third workshop this year but keep a lookout next year. Our thanks go to Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre for providing the two very worthwhile workshops.

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

Parish Giving & Donations:- Week ending Sunday 10th November 2024.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$452.00
Parish (Running) - \$1751.05

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

Building (Church) - \$1845.00
Parish (Running) - \$865.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$2297.00
Parish (Running) = \$2616.05

*'For it is in giving that we receive' ...
St Francis of Assisi*

*We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously donated in support of the life and mission of the St Benedict's Parish.
We thank you for your continued support.*

Help us keep you up to date.

Please feel free to contact the Parish Office if you would like to update or check any contact details we may have on file for you and/or your family. Receiving our weekly Newsletter by email is a great way to see what is happening in and around our Parish.

Our faith sustains us through challenging times.

Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you in supporting the St Benedict's Parish, you can now give via the Planned Giving APP:

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



Leaving a Legacy

A simple yet powerful way to impact future generations, is to leave a gift to St Benedict's Parish, North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin in your will. After you have taken care of your loved ones, you may consider naming St Benedict's Parish to receive a gift, which will continue to make a meaningful and profound difference to your Parish.



Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish

To everyone who actively contributes financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish. Thank you! Without you we would not be able to operate as a parish.

We know that the only stable and recurring income that our parish receives is from the **support of our Planned Giving Program**. At present, we are not receiving enough income from our Planned Giving to meet the financial cost of running the parish.

There is a need to increase our collections by \$2000 a week in order to plug the gap when we are no longer eligible to receive the current level of subsidies from the Archdiocese, which will cease in 2024. Also, as I have said, after a church is built there will be additional operating costs such as insurance, maintenance, utility bills etc.

Please, I am asking every parishioner to commit some of your **TREASURE** and help make our dream become a reality. Our Parish Pledge Card is available at the Mass centre; asking everyone to **commit to the Planned Giving Program**. If you are already in the Planned Giving Program, we are asking you to at least continue and if possible increase your financial support. 500 people on average attend Mass each week and we have 83 families that contribute to the Parish through the Parish Planned Giving Program.

If you are not yet part of our Planned Giving Program, then please join and make a commitment to our Parish. There are three (3) options to financially contribute to the running of the parish. These are:

- 1. **Direct Debit or**
- 2. **Credit Card or**
- 3. **Giving Envelopes**

On this Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support both:

- * **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- * **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/building of assets, which include our future church, offices, and an adult faith formation/gathering space.

If we want the Archdiocese to contribute significantly to the building of our church, then we need to show that we are financially viable as a parish. So please join our Planned Giving program to help secure our financial future and to give us funds to answer God's call for us to spread the Good News of Jesus through our words, our deeds, and by being vessels of God's hope, love, and peace.

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Smoke Free School. A reminder to all Parishioners and Friends that smoking is not permitted within school grounds. The law relating to school land applies at all times - during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays.

Where persons are observed smoking on school grounds or near our school, legislation requires that the person to either stop smoking or move to an area where smoking is permitted.

A matter for safety/care and concern. We ask that families please do not allow children to use the playground equipment behind the OSHC building before or after Mass of a weekend as a matter of safety. Thank you