

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time.
Year C.
9th February 2025.



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 2025.

Readings for this week - 9th February, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

1st Reading - Isaiah 6: 1-8.
Psalm - Ps 137: 1-5, 7-8.
Response - In the sight of the angels I
will sing your praises, Lord.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
15: 1-11.
Gospel - Luke 5: 1-11.

Jesus, who is God, Gives us Life in Abundance

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus calls His first disciples. Initially, when Jesus instructs Peter to cast his nets after a fruitless night of fishing, Peter's response is one of doubt. He refers to Jesus as "Master" but questions whether fishing at that moment will yield any results, highlighting his initial perception of Jesus as a teacher, not yet as the divine Son of God. Peter's response embodies a common human hesitation, especially when confronted with what seems to be an illogical or unlikely situation.

However, when Peter follows Jesus' request, the miraculous catch of fish occurs—so abundant that the nets begin to break. It is at this moment that Peter's perception shifts dramatically. The overwhelming miracle leads Peter to recognise Jesus not just as a teacher, but as something far more significant. Peter falls to his knees and exclaims, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" This act of humility and acknowledgment of his own unworthiness marks Peter's conversion. He no longer sees Jesus simply as a teacher, but as our Lord and God.

Jesus' response to Peter is crucial: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will catch people" (Luke 5:10). Here, Jesus reassures Peter, telling him that his purpose has now shifted from being a fisherman to a fisher of people. This moment reveals an essential truth for all disciples: to be able to draw more and more people into relationship with God, we need to fully believe and know that Jesus our Lord and our God, who gives us life in abundance, which is magnificently depicted in this Gospel by the astronomical catch of fish. Life with Jesus, gives us life in abundance, which draws more and more people into this beautiful life too.

Our Christmas Masses – Wonderful Celebrations

Our Christmas Masses were truly a beautiful celebration of joy, hope, and faith in our parish. As we gathered together to mark the birth of Jesus, our Savior, the atmosphere was filled with warmth, reverence, and joy. Families from all walks of life came together in a great outpouring of love and joy, united by the shared belief in the miracle of Christmas. The Masses were not just a time for prayer and worship, but also a time where we flourished as a parish, as we rejoiced together in the gift of Jesus, the light of the world.

The church was adorned with festive decorations, and the vibrant sounds of Christmas carols echoed through the hall. The choir sang beautifully, leading us in lifting our hearts and minds up totally to God in praise and thanksgiving.

It was clear that the Christmas Masses were more than just an annual tradition; they were a clear sign of the deep faith that binds us together. We could sense the collective joy and gratitude in the air, as families and friends came together to honour the birth of Jesus, our greatest gift ever.

Our Parish Retreat – Saturday March 8, 2025

Please join us at St. Benedict's Parish for a peaceful and inspiring Lenten Retreat on the first Saturday of Lent (March 8), commencing at 1pm and concluding with Mass at 4pm.

This special retreat is an opportunity to deepen your relationship with God and reflect on Jesus' mission as presented in Luke's Gospel. Together, we'll explore how His mission of compassion, healing, and proclaiming the Good News applies to God's mission for us today.

Throughout the afternoon, we will be invited to recognise how God is calling us to live out these themes as a parish.

Lent is a time of preparation, prayer, and spiritual growth, and this retreat will guide us in nurturing these practices in a focused and meaningful way. The retreat will include guided reflections, prayer time, and quiet moments for personal contemplation. At 2:30pm, we will take a break and enjoy afternoon tea together. At 3pm, guided by the Holy Spirit, we will come up with ways in which we can become even more effective as a parish. The retreat will conclude with the 4pm Mass, offering a beautiful way to end this afternoon of prayer, and enter into the Lenten season more prepared to walk with Jesus toward Easter.

Happy New Year!

As we welcomed the dawn of a new year, over 250 parishioners gathered for Mass on New Year's Day. This was a powerful testament to the faith and dedication of our community. On the first day of the year, we came together to thank God for the blessings of the past year, and to pray for guidance in the year ahead. It was a beautiful witness to the importance of keeping God at the centre of our lives, even as we embark on the uncertainties and opportunities of a new year.

Looking ahead to the year to come, this newsletter will highlight the significant events happening in the parish throughout 2025. Please note these events and join us in making 2025 a year of rejoicing in the Lord and serving one another, knowing that, with God's help,

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 13th February

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 14th February

No 9am Mass - St Benedict's Parish Mass, scheduled to resume on the 28th February.

Saturday 15th February

4.00pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 16th February

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

St Benedict's Parish Morning Tea, after 8.30am Mass

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In February...

2nd - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

16th - St Benedict's Parish Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass.

26th - St Benedict's Parish RCIA meetings to recommence.

In March...

2nd - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

5, 12, 19, 26th - St Benedict's Parish RCIA meetings.

5th - St Benedict's Parish *Ash Wednesday* Mass 7am and 7pm.

7, 14, 21, 28th - St Benedict's Stations of the Cross 6pm.

16th - St Benedict's Parish Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass.

**** Caritas** - Project Compassion to take place throughout Lent (March/April)

In April...

2, 9, 13, 19th - St Benedict's Parish RCIA meetings.

4, 11, 18th - St Benedict's Stations of the Cross 6pm.

6th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

13th - St Benedict's Parish Morning Tea in conjunction with Palm Sunday.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 15th February, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: TBA

Reader 2: John-Paul Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 16th February, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: Morton Howes

Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic,
Pierina Ziebarth & Juvenal

Sunday 16th February, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBA

Reader 1: Seema Masih

Reader 2: Shiela Pereira

Communion Minister: Theresa Saad

we can face whatever comes our way. Happy New Year to all, and may we continue to walk in the light of faith together.

Friday Masses will resume on Friday February 28.

Our Parish Mass celebrated on Friday morning's at 9am, will resume on the 28th February 2025.

May God bless you always, **Fr Bryan.**

St Benedict's Parish Date Claimers for 2025...

Let us come together as the wonderful community we are and celebrate all the wonderful things St Benedict's Parish has to look forward to in 2025.

February

16th - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

28th - Friday 9am Masses resume.

March

5th - Ash Wednesday Masses 7am and 7pm

5th - Caritas Campaign to run through out Lent (March/April)

8th - Parish Lenten Retreat 1pm-5pm.

9, 16, 23 & 30th - St Benedict Parish Stewardship Campaign (Time, Talent, Treasure)

7, 14, 21, 28th - Stations of the Cross

16th - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

April

4 & 11th - Stations of the Cross

17-20th - Easter Triduum Celebrations

17th - Holy Thursday 7pm

18th - Stations of the Cross 10am

18th - Passion 3pm

19th - Easter Vigil, 7pm

20th - Easter Sunday Mass, 8.30am (no 5.30pm Mass)

May

18 & 25th - Weeks 1 & 2 Sacramental Program Preparation

June

1 & 8th - Weeks 3 & 4 Sacramental Program Preparation

8th - Pentecost Multicultural Celebration - Morning Tea, after 8.30am Mass (Please note - no 5.30pm Sunday Mass)

14-15th - St Vinnies Winter Appeal

28-29 - Peter's Pence Appeal

July

13th - Parish Feast Day of St Benedict Celebration - Morning Tea, after 8.30am Mass (Please note - no 5.30pm Sunday Mass)

20 & 27th - Weeks 1 & 2 Sacramental Program Preparation

August

3 & 10th - Weeks 3 & 4 Sacramental Program Preparation

14th - Solemnity of the Assumption, Vigil 7pm

15th - Solemnity of the Assumption, Mass 9am

16-17th - Catholic Mission Appeal.

September

21st - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

October

12th - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

18-19th - World Mission Sunday Appeal

November

1st - All Souls Memorial Mass 9am

9th - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

15-16th - St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

December

7th - Parish 8th Anniversary Celebration - Morning Tea/Sausage Sizzle, after 8.30am Mass (Please note - no 5.30pm Sunday Mass)

24th - Christmas Masses, 6pm and 9pm

25th - Christmas Mass, 8.30am



Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY

On Sunday 12th January and Sunday 2nd February, we joyfully welcomed into the Catholic Family,

Georgia and Erik

As Georgia and Erik received the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish; May we pray that Georgia and Erik, together with their family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



JOIN THE GUIDES & WELCOMERS TEAM

Could you be the face of St Stephen's Cathedral that greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and like being a part of a good team - this could be for you!

We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday February 6th for prospective Guides & Welcomers.

To find out more and register, please email CathedralGandWebne.catholic.net.au or contact the office on 3324 3030



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 2025.

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:

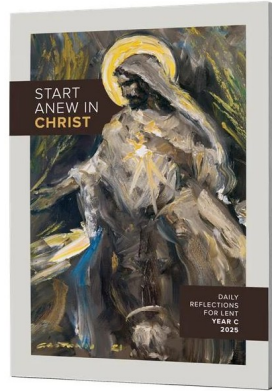
Those who are Unwell: Gail TARRIER, Joy Gibbs, Thomas Cafferty, Joy and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed:



The Lenten Reflection Resource for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", is called **Start Anew in Christ** and is available to purchase at the Mass Centre.



This resource is designed with both individuals and groups in mind, offering simple, easy-to-follow prompts for small group leaders to use each Sunday during Lent. Each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion.

Start Anew in Christ has been written by our guest writer, Fr. Michael Grace. Fr. Michael is a priest of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and currently serves as

the Parish Priest of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Hendra, and as the Administrator of St Agatha's Parish, Clayfield. He completed his seminary studies at Holy Spirit Seminary and was ordained in 2009. He later obtained a Licence in Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University in Rome, specialising in Spirituality and Vocational Formation.

"*Start Anew in Christ* is a call for all the followers of Jesus to examine their hearts and open themselves to be renewed and empowered by the Holy Spirit who makes all things new." Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.

Copies of Start Anew in Christ will be available to purchase from the St Benedict's Mass Centre, for \$6.00 each, from Sunday 9th February.

We are still searching for 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.

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

A New Year, with New Goals, and New Possibilities. After finishing 2024 on a high note, we are looking forward to 2025. We will start with the promotion of Project Compassion. Other things to do this year include the collection of shirts for The Men's Shed (starting Ash Wednesday), participation in the Creation Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral (September 2025) and joining with Vinnies to promote of 2025 Toiletry Pack project from September 2025. We also want to continue to provide support for the establishment of a Neighbourhood Centre in our community, and to consider a repeat of the SOOT program.

Free NBN Connection. The Australian Government has 30,000 vouchers on offer for people to get free NBN internet connection. You could be eligible if there is a school age student at your home and there is no current NBN network connection. To apply, follow the four steps on the flyer at the Church door. (This offer has been highlighted to us by Luise Miller from the Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre.)

JP&E Next Meeting. Our next meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, 12th February in our Mass Centre at the school. All are most welcome.

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

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 2nd February 2025.

Plate Collection & Envelopes:-

Building (Church) - \$830.75
Parish (Running) - \$1029.55

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

Building (Church) - \$1040.00
Parish (Running) - \$1145.00

Totals:-

Building (Church) = \$1870.75
Parish (Running) = \$2174.55

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

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

Help us keep you up to date.

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

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