



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time, Year C.  
2nd March 2025.**

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***Jesus has a Great Sense of Humor***

Jesus uses many funny images to give us lessons on how to live life well as His disciples. This very much shows that Jesus has a great sense of humor.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, for example, Jesus uses the image of a person walking around with a big plank of wood in his/her eye. Jesus says, "Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye when you cannot see the plank in your own?" (Luke 6:42).

Imagine a people walking around with a whole wooden plank sticking out of their eyes, trying to do delicate eye surgery on someone else. The sheer absurdity of this example makes the lesson stick in our minds, which is, before you go around fixing other people's tiny flaws, deal with your own massive flaws first.

I guess, the reason why we notice other people's flaws rather than our own, is because when other people's flaws affect us in negative ways, we don't like it. So, Jesus is suggesting that when other people's flaws affect us, it might be a good idea to remember that we are all flawed before responding negatively to those who have hurt us. In simple terms, Jesus is saying, "Take a look in the mirror before you start handing out life advice to others."

To drive the point home, Jesus calls out the hypocrisy directly: "You hypocrite! First take the plank out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye." It's not that we should never help others improve, it's just that we could be more effective at it if we acknowledge that we are all flawed, and we are all capable of positive growth in relationship with the Jesus.

***Children's Liturgy of the Word – Every Third Sunday of the Month Starting in  
March 2025***

We are excited to announce the reintroduction of the Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 8:30am Sunday Masses on the third Sunday of each month **starting on Sunday March 16**.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed for children from Prep to Grade 4. It will give them a special opportunity to engage with God's Word in a way that speaks directly to their hearts and minds. During this time, children will be led in age-appropriate readings and activities that help them understand the Scriptures through fun and interactive experiences.

This will allow them to be nourished by the Word of God at their level, fostering a deeper connection to their faith while actively participating in the liturgy. We encourage families to bring their children and be part of this enriching experience, as we nurture their spiritual growth together.

***Two Collections at Mass***

At our Sunday Masses we now back to having two collections that serve two vital purposes. The **First Collection**, taken at the offertory, is for the running of our **parish**. This includes my car expenses, housekeeping and stipend expenses, salaries, rent for our office, office expenses, Presbytery expenses, utility bills, and the cost of running various parish programs such as Sacramental Program and the RCIA. It ensures the daily functioning of the parish, allowing it to serve the community and continue its mission.

The **Second Collection, taken after Holy Communion**, is for the building of our **church**. We are very close to securing our land, we now need funds to build a church. If we can show the Archdiocese that we have a steady income stream dedicated to the building of our church, then the sooner we will be able to commence building our church.

***Lenten Journey (Ash Wednesday March 5)***

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection, as we draw near to the heart of the Christian faith—the Easter Triduum, which celebrates the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This season, lasting 40 days, offers a unique opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and renew our commitment to living the Gospel. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we open ourselves to transformation and spiritual growth.

**Prayer** is the foundation of our Lenten journey. It is a time to grow in our connection with God, allowing His presence to guide and strengthen us. As always, we have sourced a Lenten resource from Archdiocesan Ministries, which includes a Scripture reflection, a spiritual writing, reflection questions, and a prayer. **Our Lenten Resource is on sale at the Mass Centre at each of our Masses for \$6. Limited books left.**

We also have our Lenten retreat on the first Saturday of Lent. Please see our promotion of this retreat below.

Praying during Lent offers us a chance for deeper connection with God, offering a space to withdraw from daily distractions and encounter God more profoundly. Through prayer, we prepare to enter into the Paschal mystery with a renewed sense of awe and gratitude.

**Fasting** during Lent helps us detach from worldly comforts and refocus on spiritual nourishment. By fasting from food, habits, or distractions, we are reminded of our dependence on God and our commitment to self-discipline. This act of self-denial enables us to open our hearts to God's grace, fostering humility and mindfulness of the suffering Christ endured for our salvation.

**Acts of Charity** invite us to live out the love of Christ by serving others. Lent calls us to a

**Readings for this week - 2nd March,  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

**1st Reading - Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7.  
Psalm - Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16.  
Response - Lord, it is good to give  
thanks to you.  
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians  
15: 54-58.  
Gospel - Luke 6: 38-45.**

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

### Wednesday 5th March

**7am** - St Benedict's Parish, Ash Wednesday Mass.

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### Thursday 6th March

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### Friday 7th March

**9am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass. With Yr 6.

**6pm** - St Benedict's Parish, Stations of the Cross.

### Saturday 8th March

**1pm-4pm** St Benedict's Parish Lenten Retreat.

**4pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 9th March

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

*Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning*

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

deeper compassion for the poor, the marginalized, and those in need. Through acts of kindness, we follow Jesus' example and prepare our hearts to celebrate His resurrection with joy and gratitude.

### **The Stations of the Cross – Fridays 6pm**

To enhance our preparation for our celebration of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter), the church offers us the devotion of **The Stations of the Cross** – a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. We will be praying the Stations of the Cross each **Friday during Lent at 6pm**. Concluding with **praying the Stations on Good Friday at 10am**. Please join us.

### **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.

### **Friday Masses will resume this Friday February 28.**

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

May God bless you always, *Fr Bryan.*

## **Save the Date...**

### *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.

**16th** - St Benedict's, Children's Liturgy of the Word to recommence at 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.

### **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**

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

## **Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.**

### Saturday 8th March, 4pm

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey

**Reader 1:** TBA

**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 9th March, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** Zepher Vaipuna

**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna

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

### Sunday 9th March, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Tim Campbell

**Reader 1:** Xanthe Campbell

**Reader 2:** Geni Campbell

**Communion Minister:** Sheeja Alphonse



### Children's Liturgy of the Word is coming back!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin on **Sunday 16th March**, in 8.30am Mass.

**Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.**

Children's Liturgy of the Word, will take place on the 3rd Sunday of each Month (excluding April).



St Benedict's Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Ash Wednesday, 5th March, at 7am and 7pm. All are Welcome.

#### **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, may 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/delinked'. Should you have any questions please contact our Office.

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.



#### **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.



### **Congratulations and Welcome into the CATHOLIC FAMILY**

This coming Sunday, 2nd March 2025, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

**Olivia, Amira, Chloe, Oscar and Flynn.**

As Olivia, Amira, Chloe, Oscar and Flynn receive the Sacrament of Baptism, with us at St Benedict's Parish;

May we pray that Olivia, Amira, Chloe, Oscar and Flynn, together with their family and friends, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



### **Year 7 for 2027**

Applications Close  
**Friday, 4 April 2025**

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#### **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](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, Thomas Cafferty, Joy and Russell Darby.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Our Dear Recently Departed:**



#### **Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.**

##### **Project Compassion 2025**

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. If you are in a position to do so, please consider taking home a Project Compassion donation envelope, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable.

Any donation you may be able to offer this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need.

Donating is a little different this year: donate one single amount any time during Lent, by the use of the envelopes at the Welcome Table, then drop it into the collection boxes, or, ideally, scan the QR code on the posters at the front and back doors of the Mass Centre and donate electronically. Alternatively, you are also welcome to donation by calling: 1800 024 413 or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**COLLECTION OF SHIRTS FOR THE MEN'S SHED**, please, if you have any new men's shirts for the annual Men's Shed appeal. We will start collecting after Ash Wednesday.

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)

*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 23rd February 2025.**

**Plate Collection & Envelopes:-**

Building (Church) - \$672.50  
Parish (Running) - \$1097.25

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

Building (Church) - \$864.00  
Parish (Running) - \$1142.00

**Totals:-**

**Building (Church) = \$1536.50**  
**Parish (Running) = \$2239.25**

*'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