



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

The Ascension, Year C 1st June 2025.

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Financially Sustaining our Parish into the Future

This coming Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension — the moment Jesus returned to the Father, not to leave us behind, but to empower us with the Holy Spirit. Jesus, before ascending, says, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). That promise wasn't just for the first disciples. It is for us — here and now.

Each of us is called to be a missionary disciple, a witness to Jesus' love in our families, workplaces, and community. At St Benedict's Parish, our mission is to be a faith centre where people are strengthened and nourished by the sacraments and the presence of Jesus. This isn't only for today — we are laying foundations that will serve future generations.

To help us realise this vision, we are grateful to announce the launch of the **Lockett McCullough Lawyers' Will Campaign** this weekend. This initiative will assist parishioners in including bequests to St Benedict's in their Wills, ensuring their legacy supports the future of our parish. Even more generously, for every Will prepared through this campaign, **Lockett McCullough will donate \$100 directly toward the building of our new church.**

This is a practical and powerful way to support the mission Jesus has entrusted to us — to establish a community centred on Him. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and with the help of initiatives like this, we move forward in faith, building a vibrant, sustainable parish.

Please pray for the success of this wonderful campaign, and also pray to the Holy Spirit for more inspirational campaigns like this to come into the future.

Let us embrace our calling, trust in the Spirit's power, and work together to make Jesus known — now, and for generations to come.

Celebrate Our Multicultural Mass and Feast – Pentecost Sunday, June 8th



Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples like tongues of fire, filling them with courage and uniting them across languages and cultures to proclaim the Good News to all nations. This sacred day reminds us that the Church is universal, a home for people of every language, race, and culture.

Fittingly, on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, at our 8:30am Mass**, we will celebrate one of our greatest strengths as a parish—**our rich multicultural community**. With over 25 nationalities represented, we are a living reflection of the Church's diversity and unity.

Join us for a **Multicultural Mass and Feast**, a joyful and vibrant celebration of our shared faith and cultural heritage. This promises to be the highlight of our parish year!

How you can participate:

In the Mass:

Cultural Gospel and Offertory Processions – In past years, we've had vibrant contributions from PNG and Tongan communities. If you'd like to lead or take part in a procession within the Mass, we'd love to hear from you!

Prayers of the Faithful – Offered in various languages. Once again, calling all interested participants.

Wearing traditional dress – Celebrate your heritage by dressing in your cultural attire.

Praying the Our Father in our native tongues – A powerful moment of unity in diversity, reflecting the disciples in the upper room on Pentecost.

In the Feast:

Share a dish from your culture – Bring a traditional meal to share after Mass as we gather for friendship and food.

If you would like to participate in any way, please email roeb@bne.catholic.net.au.

Let's come together, united in Christ, to celebrate the many cultures that make up our parish family. This is more than just a celebration—it's a joyful witness to the Holy Spirit alive in our midst!

Your support will make a meaningful difference and bring us one step closer to building our new church. Thank you in advance!

Welcoming our Sacramental Families

Our sacramental families will be joining us for our Masses over the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity attract people to a deeper relationship with Jesus. All you need to do is continue to show the incredible joy that Jesus gives us as we celebrate Mass. Continuing to be a beautiful welcoming and caring community.

Let us all keep our Sacramental Children, along with their families, in our prayers as they journey towards receiving their Sacraments over the coming months.

May Fundraising Efforts

Thank you once again to all those who contributed in various ways to our Parish Fundraising initiatives in May. Through these efforts we were able to raise; **\$1455.00** from the Sausage Sizzle and **\$1489.00** from the Mothers Day Bake Sale.

Readings for this week - 1st June 2025,

The Ascension.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
1: 1-11.
Psalm - Ps 46: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9.
Response - God mounts his throne to
shouts of joy: a blare of
trumpets for the Lord.
2nd Reading - Hebrews 9: 24-28; 10: 19-23.
Gospel - Luke 24: 46-53.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 5th June

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 6th June

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with the Primary School.

Saturday 7th June

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 8th June

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Pentecost Multi-Cultural Mass and Morning Tea

Sacramental Program, Preparation for First Holy Communion (enrolment required)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Save the Date...

In May...

30th - Holy Spirit 9 Day Novena to begin via Zoom, 6am.

In June...

1st - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

1st & 8th - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation, enrolment required.

8th - **Pentecost Celebration - with a Multi-Cultural Mass** and Morning Tea

15th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

15th & 22nd - Children to receive First Holy Communion in a Sacramental Mass.

In July...

6th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

13th - St Benedict's Feast Day Celebration following 8.30am Mass.

20th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

20th & 27th - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation, enrolment required.

In August...

3rd & 10th - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation, enrolment required.

10th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

15th - Solemnity Mass, The Assumption 9am & 7pm

17th & 24th - Children's Sacramental Mass, enrolment required.

17th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

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.

Caritas Receipts for 2025 Project Compassion

Thank you once again to those who were able to contribute towards the Project Compassion Campaign 2025. For those who gave by cash and asked for a receipt, they are available from the Mass Centre from this weekend. Those that contributed via Credit Card or Cheque, your receipts will be sent to you directly from Caritas once they have completed their processing.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2025/2026

For our Parishioners who currently contribute to our Parish Planned Giving via Parish Envelopes, the 2025/2026 envelopes have been received and will be available for collection from this weekend, at the Mass Centre.

Envelope are also available for those who generously nominated this method as their preferred way of giving in the recent Pledge drive.

Please see the Welcome Table at the front of the Mass Centre and search for your name on the top or front of the box. Thank you so much.

We do have some extra Giving Envelope packs, should there be Parishioners wishing to support the Parish financially in this way, please contact the Parish Office and we can send some to the Mass Centre for your collection.

Parish Weekly Newsletter via Email.

Receiving our weekly Parish Newsletter via Email is a wonderful way to keep up to date with the varied ministries and events happening in and around our Parish and the Archdiocese.

If you are not currently receiving our Newsletter via email and would like to, please contact the Parish Office so we can set you up in our Database to receive them electronically.

The Newsletter is also uploaded to our Parish Website every Thursday.

We do have very limited access to printing a small amount of the Newsletter most weeks, however our preferred method to share information is via email.

Christmas in July - Bake Sale Fundraiser - Friday 11th July, 9am to 1.30pm at Seasons Aged Care.

We are grateful to have another opportunity for the fundraising support of our church building project!

Join us for a **Christmas in July Themed Cake and Treats Stall** at **Season's Aged Care, Mango Hill** on **Friday, July 11th**.

Once again we are putting out the call for your help! If you're able to:

Serve on the day, or Provide baked goods or other treats,

Please get in touch with Renae in the Parish Office.

Your assistance, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

All proceeds will go directly towards the building of our church.

Thank you for your support!



Have a great week everyone, empowered by the Holy Spirit to embrace Jesus always,

Fr Bryan.

Parish Fundraising- \$5 Lucky Numbers.

Support our Parish Fundraising by purchasing a \$5 Lucky Number.

Numbers are available from the Mass Centre this weekend. All funds raised will go directly back to our Church.

Good Luck!



Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 7th June, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey
Reader 1: B-Jay Foronda
Reader 2: Kay Corcoran
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 8th June, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna
Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna
Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna
Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 8th June, 5.30pm

Commentator: Tim Campbell
Reader 1: Xanthe Campbell
Reader 2: Geni Campbell
Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse

Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap, or arrange a swap please. Thankyou for your assistance.

Pentecost - 9 Day Online Novena

Pentecost: As a Parish, a beautiful Sunday Morning Multi-cultural Mass followed by a wonderful feast is to be held on June 8th to celebrate **Pentecost Sunday**, the birth of the Church.



For 9 days to celebrate and prepare for this important Feast Day, each year the Prayer Network holds a 9 Day, **6am start, Holy Spirit Novena** on zoom, that goes for approximately 20 minutes each morning of the 9 days.

The Novena will begin on Friday, May the 30th at 6am and after the 9 days will finish at 6am on zoom on Saturday 7th June.

If you would like to be part of this Novena but are not able to attend the 6am sessions, the **Novena** will be **recorded** each day and sent out by email to parishioners. The link to join in the Novena will be in next week's parish newsletter.

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.

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 - Please keep all of the children who are about to complete their Sacramental Journey by receiving their First Holy Communion in your prayers over the coming weeks. May they be filled with Blessings and Joy.



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 and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: Maureen Redman, Geraldine Reidy, Leo Withoos.



Children's Liturgy of the Word – 3rd Sunday of the Month



Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place in Sunday 8.30am Mass on the third Sunday of each the Month. Next is:-15th June.

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

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Will Campaign Partnership with St Benedict's Parish

Lockett McCullough Lawyers is excited to share our partnership with St. Benedict's Parish in support of building your church. We are proud to launch a Will Campaign commencing 1 June and continuing through to 31 August 2025. Through this campaign, we will offer parishioners wishing to leave a bequest to the parish, discounted pricing of \$440 including GST per Will. In addition to your lasting legacy, our firm will donate an addition \$100 per Will made under this Campaign to St Benedict's Parish.

To take advantage of this offer, you can reach out by calling (07) 3264 7692 or emailing admin@lockettmcclough.com.au.

With offices located at the Gold Coast, Toowong, Hamilton, Albany Creek, and Noosa, the firm provides flexibility by offering to meet you at your location for document signing.

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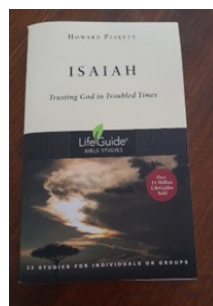


Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This coming Sunday, 1st June,
we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,
Lilah, Samuel, Spencer, Oliver & Leonardo.

As Lilah, Samuel, Spencer, Oliver & Leonardo receive the Sacrament of Baptism us at St Benedict's Parish; May we pray, that together with family and friends, Lilah, Samuel, Spencer, Oliver & Leonardo, experience God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

"Isaiah Trusting God in Troubled Times" - Bible Study Program, commencing Tuesday 10th June, 7pm.



The St Benedict's Parish based Prayer Network will be commencing a 10 week Bible Study Program on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm commencing on June 10th on zoom. Finishing on Tuesday August 26th with a 2 week break in between for the July school holidays.

The booklet that will be used "Isaiah Trusting God in Troubled Times" by Howard Peskett is available for purchase online from <https://www.koorong> or by phoning Koorong direct on 33874677. The booklet cost is \$16.99 plus \$3.50 postage. For phone or online orders this number 165968 can be quoted and online can be placed where the title usually goes. Get in early with your order so you don't miss out. The link to join the Bible Study will be shared in coming weeks.

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

SOOT Program 2025 (Signs of Our Times). - Five enjoyable workshops starting on Sunday 15 June, concluding on Sunday 13 July. They start at 10am and always conclude by noon. A light morning tea is provided. This is the third cycle, each time it is refreshed. The content focusses on how to live our lives charitably, and effectively, in concert with Jesus' teachings. The takeaways spill over into how we live and can make better decisions in our daily lives.

"Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home". In May, 2015 Pope Francis proclaimed an encyclical letter, "Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home". This highlighted the fragility of the creation around us, social injustices in that setting, and exhorted us to care for this present gift and our fellow man. Five of our group attended an workshop last weekend. It confirmed that Pope Leo XIV will continue to drive that demanding message, and accordingly, our JP&E activities will continue to be built around that.

Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out to the JP&E Group on stbenedictsjp@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 Catholic Parish.
We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging.
May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

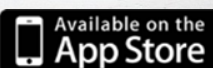
Help us keep you up to date.

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 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**:

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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 on school land before or after Mass of a weekend as a matter of safety. Thank you

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**. Our Planned Giving is required to meet the financial cost of running the Parish and raising funds to build our Church.

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 at all possible increase your financial support.

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**
2. **Credit Card**
3. **Giving Envelopes**

On our Parish Pledge Card we will have an opportunity to support:

- * **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, office, 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.

2025 Parish Ministry Assistance Drive.

Please scan the QR Code below or alternatively click the link below, to enter your details to the google form.

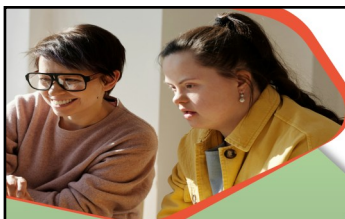
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Paper copies of the forms will also be available from the Mass Centre at the Welcome Table.



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