



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C
11th May 2025.

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Friday - 9.00am
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Readings for this week - 11th May 2025.

Fourth Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
13: 14, 43-52.
Psalm - Ps 99: 1-3, 5.
Response - We are his people, the sheep
of his flock.
2nd Reading - Apocalypse 7: 9, 14-17.
Gospel - John 10: 27-30.

The Good Shepherd Who Knows and Loves Us

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks beautiful words of profound comfort and eternal promise: "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-29). These are not just poetic words—they are a divine guarantee, a promise made by God Himself. Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His sheep, who He loves infinitely.

Jesus makes it very clear that we are known. Not in a general or distant sense, but intimately. Jesus, who is God, knows every thought, every fear, every desire in our hearts. There is nothing hidden from Him. And despite knowing us completely—including our weaknesses and sins—He still loves us, with a true authentic life-giving love. This is the heart of the Gospel.

Jesus also calls us to *listen to His voice*. In a world filled with noise, distractions, and competing messages, Jesus' voice is the one that brings peace, clarity, and true life. He does not force us, He gently invites us saying, "Come to all of you who are weary and overburdened, and I will refresh you (Matthew 11:28). And when we follow Jesus, we follow the One who laid down His life for us. That's not just leadership—that's sacrificial, self-giving love.

Jesus also assures us of eternal life. Eternal life is not just something we hope for in the future—it begins now. It is life in relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's a life marked by love, peace, joy, and a deep sense of belonging. God, the Trinity, is our true comfort zone. Jesus assures us: "They shall never perish." When we belong to Jesus, nothing—no sin, no suffering, no evil—can separate us from His love.

And finally, Jesus says, "No one can snatch them out of my hand." This is our security. When we live in Christ, we are safe—not from suffering, but from separation. Even in trials, even in the darkest valleys, the Good Shepherd is with us, guiding us, holding us, loving us.

So let us renew our trust in Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Let us listen for His voice, follow His lead, and live the abundant life He offers—a life of love, joy, peace, and perfect communion with God and one another.

Happy Good Shepherd Sunday, and Happy Easter!

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

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!

Mother's Day Cake and Goodies Stall – Friday 9th May

Join us for a **Mother's Day Cake and Goodies Stall** at **Season's Aged Care, Mango Hill** on **Friday, May 9.**

We need your help! If you're able to:



The Week Ahead...

Thursday 15th May

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 16th May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Yr 8.

Saturday 17th May

4pm St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 18th May

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass
Sacramental Program, Information Session for First Holy Communion.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Sacramental Program, Information Session for First Holy Communion.

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

Please get in touch with Charles and Deborah at: operator-1@live.com or the Parish Office. Your assistance, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

Any baked goods are able to be dropped off to the Parish Office on Thursday 8th May between 8.30am—3pm or at Seasons on Friday 9th May between 8am—9am

All proceeds will go directly towards the building of our church. Thank you for your support!

Thank you!

Thank you very much to all those who assisted in the many and varying ways with the Parish Sausage Sizzle, last Saturday 3rd May.

Whether through offering donations of Supplies for the BBQ, offering Donations to aid with the cost of purchasing supplies, giving Time to cook and Serve on the day, or by stopping by to purchase a Sausage Sizzle and vote. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Welcome, Renay Condon as Acting Principal of St Benedict's Primary School

We are delighted to welcome and express our heartfelt gratitude to Renay Condon for accepting the position of Acting Principal at St Benedict's Primary School. Renay brings a deep passion for Catholic education and a clear commitment to building a strong, supportive community. Her genuine care for all members of the school and parish communities, and her dedication to their well-being makes her a very welcome addition to our team.

Please keep Renay in your prayers, asking that Jesus fills her with wisdom, strength, and love as she embarks on this exciting new endeavour. Let us all extend a warm welcome to her and support her in this very important role.

Financial Contributions to the Running of our Parish

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has generously contributed to the financial needs of our Parish. It enables us to carry out the important work of building and nourishing the people of God here in Mango Hill, North Lakes, and Griffin.

As you know, the running of the Parish requires significant financial resources. Our target for this year is \$150,000, which covers expenses for the Priest, Presbytery, Staff, Administration, Liturgies, Copyright, Resources, Insurance, Utilities, and Archdiocesan Levies. For **2024, our expenses have amounted to \$154,000**, while our **income has reached \$96,000**, resulting in a **shortfall of \$58,000**. We humbly ask for your continued support and invite you to consider joining our Planned Giving program if you are not already. Please contact Renae in the Parish Office, who will be more than happy to assist you.

The Building and Funding of Our Church

We are truly blessed with a vibrant community of faith. However, for this faith to flourish, we need a physical space to gather, worship, and grow together. However, to build our Church we do need to contribute to the funding of this church. The total cost of the new Church is \$6 million, and we are grateful to the Archdiocese of Brisbane for providing an interest-free loan to help us make this a reality. This loan will be repaid over the next **40 years**, meaning we need to raise **\$150,000 each year** to meet our financial obligations.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all those who have already contributed to the **Building Fund**. **Last year, we raised over \$90,000**. If you are able to contribute periodically, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please contact Renae in the Parish Office for assistance in setting up your contribution.

Your contributions are not just financial gifts, but acts of faith and love, enabling us to sustain our mission and further the work of the Lord. God bless you all.

Expired/Cancelled Credit Cards – Please Let Us Know

We appreciate all of our Planned Givers, and thank you for your contributions. If you contribute to the Parish through regular Credit Card payments, we kindly ask that you check if your card details need to be updated. When a Credit Card transaction is declined, we incur an additional fee, which we would like to avoid. To prevent this, please ensure that your Credit Card details are updated with the Parish Office before your card expires. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated, as it helps us avoid unnecessary costs and continue focusing on the important work of the Parish.

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.

Have a great week everyone, living life in abundance with the Risen Lord, *Fr Bryan*.

Save the Date...

** Caritas - Project Compassion envelopes to be returned by Sunday 11th May please.

In May...

8/9th - Drop off day for Baked Goods - Fundraising Event - Season's Bake Sale.

9th - **Parish Fundraising Event** - Season's Market Day, Bake Sale.

11th - Mother's Day.

11th - JP&E Meeting, 7pm - Mass Centre

18th- Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

18th- Children's Sacramental Program Preparation to begin.

23rd & 24th - St Benedict's College Musical.

24th - **NO 4pm Mass**, due to St Benedict's College Musical in the School Hall.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 17th May, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: TBA

Reader 2: John-Paul Franzidis

Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 18th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario

Reader 1: Morton Howes

Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic, Pierina Ziebarth and Juvenal

Sunday 18th May, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBA

Reader 1: Seema Masih

Reader 2: Shiela Pereira

Communion Minister: Theresa Saad





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:-18th May.
Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.

WATCH THIS SPACE!

St Benedict's Parish, Pentecost Multi-Cultural Mass—8th June, 8.30am.

Celebrating the rich diversity of cultures in our St Benedict's Parish Community, coming together as one.
 A great celebration of who we are as a Parish.

Archbishop's Vocation Dinner for Men

The Archbishop's Vocation Dinners are evenings that provides space for those discerning their vocation to gather and connect. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vocational discernment journey to provide insight and wisdom into your own discernment and your current questions.

When: Thursday 22 May 2025
Where: Wynberg, New Farm

Please consider who you might recommend this event to and pass on the information.
 Expressions of interest should be received by email to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au by 14th of May. Places are strictly limited and may be filled before this time.

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.

Powerhouse of Prayer

Join Archbishop Mark Coleridge for Powerhouse of Prayer, a day of learning the art of prayer through teaching, practice, and reflection. Inspired by his apostolic document Lamps Ablaze, this event will explore how true prayer begins with listening—creating space for God's presence before we speak.

Discover how being with Jesus in prayer shapes our lives and mission. Whether you're deepening your prayer life or just beginning, this day will equip and inspire you to pray with greater depth and confidence.

When: Saturday 31 May 2025, 9am-3pm
Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston
Cost: \$55 per person

To find out more or to register, please visit tinyurl.com/pop25May.
 Places are strictly limited.

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.

"Isaiah Trusting God in Trouble 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 in the newsletter in coming weeks.

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.

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

Project Compassion 2025—Returning Appeal Envelopes

Thank you to all those who are in a position to be able to donate to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal for 2025. We thank all those who have donated online and through the envelopes available at the Mass Centre in the lead up and through Easter.

We do ask that All Caritas Australis Project Compassion Envelopes please be returned to the Mass Centre for collection no later than Sunday 11th May, thank you.

Collection of Shirts for the Men's Shed—Thank you.

We offer great thanks and appreciation to those who were in a position to donate Men's Shirts left at the Mass Centre leading up to and during Easter. Thank you again.

Next JP&E Meeting:- Wednesday 14th May, 7pm.

SOOT PROGRAM 2025:- Stay tuned for information about the 2025 Sign of our Times Program, starting Sunday 15th June.
 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 and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Colin Larter.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Maureen Redman, Geraldine Reidy.

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**:

<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**. 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.

<https://forms.gle/sRsTNvmnPu8GNmnr7>

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



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



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