



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C
18th May 2025.

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Readings for this week - 18th May 2025.

Fifth Sunday of Easter.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
14: 21-27.
Psalm - Ps 144: 8-13.
Response - I will praise your name for
ever, my king and my God.
2nd Reading - Apocalypse 21: 1-5.
Gospel - John 13: 31-35.

"Love One Another as I Have loved You!"

Jesus gives us a new commandment twice in John's Gospel: "Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 13:34, John 15:12). This is a love where one pours oneself out in love for others. This is the Christian love.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel Jesus goes on to say that people will know that we are His disciples by the selfless love we have for each other. A community who selflessly loves and cares for each other, in relationship with Jesus, is a community that thrives.

Over the past few weeks, we witnessed this love beautifully expressed within our St Benedict's Parish community. Our Sausage Sizzle and Bake Stall, organised to raise funds for the building of our church, was more than just a fundraiser—it was a living example of the love Jesus spoke of. So many parishioners came forward to serve, to cook, to bake, to set up and clean up, and to simply be present in friendship. It was deeply heart-warming for me to see such unity and joy in service of others for the common goal of building a permanent place of worship to nourish our faith and, hopefully, to nourish the faith of many others as we journey into the future.

Thank you all for your generosity, your time, and your love. We are truly Jesus' disciples in action. May God bless you all abundantly as we continue to build—not only our church—but the kingdom of God, together.

We Have a New Pope!!

I saw Australia's Cardinal, Cardinal Mykola Bychok, interviewed after the election of our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV. Cardinal Bychok was asked, "Was the movie "Conclave" an accurate representation of an actual Conclave?" Cardinal Bychok answered this question brilliantly saying, "There was a glaring omission in the movie. Prayer! There was a lot of praying by the Cardinals in the actual Conclave. There was very little praying in the movie."

I found Cardinal Bychok's response very reassuring. The Cardinals were putting God at the centre of their very important decision in electing the next Pope. My initial impression is that God has chosen the right Pope through these Cardinals.

Pope Leo XIV is an Augustinian priest, who was a missionary and bishop in Peru for 20 years. In his initial address to the world, I could not be more impressed. Here is the English transcript of his address. Enjoy!

Peace be with you all!

Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who laid down his life for the flock of God.

I too would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all nations, to the whole earth.

Peace be with you!

This is the peace of the risen Christ—a disarmed peace and a disarming peace, humble and persevering. It comes from God, God who loves us all, unconditionally.

We still keep in our ears that weak, but always courageous voice of Pope Francis, who blessed Rome. The Pope who blessed Rome gave his blessing to the world, to the whole world, that morning of Easter Sunday.

Allow me to continue that same blessing.

God loves us. God loves you all. And evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Therefore, without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us go forward.

We are disciples of Christ. Christ precedes us. The world needs his light. Humanity needs him as the bridge to be reached by God and his love.

Help us too, then, each other, to build bridges—with dialogue, with encounter—uniting all of us to be one people, always in peace.

Thank you to Pope Francis.

I also want to thank all my brother Cardinals who have chosen me to be the successor of Peter and to walk together with you as a united Church, always seeking peace, justice, always trying to work as men and women faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear, to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.

I am a son of Saint Augustine, an Augustinian, who said: With you I am a Christian, and for you a bishop. In this sense, we can all walk together toward that homeland which God has prepared for us.

To the Church of Rome—a special greeting. We must seek together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive—like this square with open arms—everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.

And allow me also a word, a greeting to all those, in a particular way, to my beloved Diocese of Chiclayo:

[In Spanish]

To all those and in a particular way to my beloved diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, where a faithful people has accompanied their bishop, has shared their faith. So much, so much to continue being a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 22nd May

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 23rd May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Yr 12.

Saturday 24th May

**** No 4pm Mass for the College Musical.**

Sunday 25th May

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

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

To all of you, brothers and sisters of Rome, of Italy, of all the world, we want to be a synodal church, a church that walks together, a church that always seeks peace, always seeks charity, always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer.

On the Day of Supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii, Our Mother must always walk with us, be close, help us with her intercession and her love. Now I would like to pray with you, let us pray together.

[In Italian]

From Italy, from all over the world, we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that walks together, a Church that always seeks peace, always seeks charity, always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer. Today is the day of supplication to Our Lady of Pompeii.

Our Mother Mary always wants to walk with us, to be close, to help us with her intercession and her love. So I would like to pray together with you.

Let us pray together for this new mission, for the whole Church, for peace in the world, and let us ask for this special grace from Mary, our Mother. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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 from this Sunday (May 18). 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.

**** No 4pm Mass on Saturday, 24th May ****

A reminder that the St Benedict's College are holding their 2025 Musical on the 23rd and 24th May.

There will be no 4pm Parish Mass on Saturday the 24th. Sunday Mass will proceed as usual at 8.30am and 5.30pm on Sunday 25th May. All are Welcome.

We wish the St Benedict's College Community all the very best for a wonderful show.

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, loving one another as Jesus has loved us, *Fr Bryan*.

Save the Date...

In May...

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

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

18 & 25th- Children's Sacramental Program Preparation, enrolment required.

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

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

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 Multicultural 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.

29th- Peter Pence Collection Weekend.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Sunday 24th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas

Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas

Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas

Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Sosefo Nasio

Sunday 24th May, 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. Or arrange a swap please. Thank you very much for

**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.



**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.

**Inner Healing Retreat with Fr Sam Samuel VC -
Saturday 24th May, 9.30am to 3.30pm.**

Holy Cross Church, 110 Nottingham St Kippa Ring. Free Admission, BYO Food. For further details please call - 0432833439



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.



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

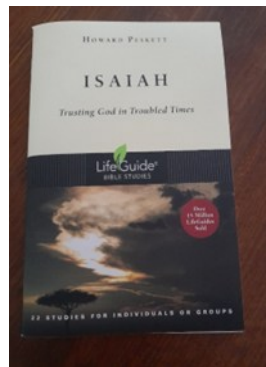
Cost: \$55 per person

To find out more or to register, please visit tinyurl.com/pop25May.

Places are strictly limited.



**"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 in the newsletter in coming weeks.

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.

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

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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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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