



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C.

22nd June 2025.

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Friday - 9.00am
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"I Tasted You and Now I Hunger for You." (St Augustine)

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter Jesus responding to the hungry crowd, not with irritation or dismissal, but with extraordinary generosity. Though the disciples see only scarcity—five loaves and two fish—Jesus sees an opportunity to give. He blesses, breaks, and distributes, feeding thousands with abundance left over. His desire is always to nourish, to satisfy, to give.

This miracle prefigures the deeper gift He would later give at the Last Supper: Himself. As we hear in this coming Sunday's second reading, St. Paul says that Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you." Then He took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." What began as a meal on a hillside finds fulfillment in the Eucharist—where Jesus gives not just bread, but His very Self as food.

In our first reading from the Book of Genesis, we glimpse another foreshadowing in Melchizedek, the priest-king who offers bread and wine and blesses Abraham. From the earliest pages of Scripture, God has been preparing to give us a priest and a king who would offer bread and wine that becomes life itself.

The Eucharist is the gift of all gifts. In it, Jesus offers His Body and Blood—not symbolically, but truly—because He knows only He can satisfy the deepest hunger of our hearts. His generosity is not limited to a meal in Galilee or a moment in Jerusalem. It continues at every Mass. Every time we receive the Eucharist, we are fed by the One who holds nothing back.

May we never take for granted this astounding gift. And may we, in receiving Jesus, become like Him—generous, self-giving, and ready to feed a hungry world.

Invitation from Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Dear brothers and sisters,

I write to you and your community to join in the Corpus Christi procession which will begin at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Sunday the 22nd of June 2025, commencing at 2:00 PM. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament will go from the Cathedral through the city streets, and then conclude with Benediction upon returning to the Cathedral.

Processions are an important part of Catholic life in many places around the world they have little pilgrimages which remind us that our life of discipleship it's a pilgrimage into God. The Corpus Christi procession has special meaning this Jubilee Year 2025 as we walked together as Pilgrims of Hope, with the Risen Lord as our companion on the way.

Groups are welcome to process under banners of their patronal or parish saints, as is often done in processions such as this.

On the weekend of the procession this year, there will be a pictorial display of Eucharistic miracles around the world in the Hanley room in the Francis Rush Centre. You are invited to view the display. This year there will also be a night vigil of Exposition and Adoration, commencing after the cathedrals 6:00 PM mass on Saturday evening 21 June and concluding before the Sunday 8:00 AM Mass on the day of the Procession. The feature will take place in Saint Stephens Chapel.

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

*As always in the Lord,
Archbishop Mark Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane*

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

We are grateful to have another opportunity to help with the fundraising towards our church building project! We are putting out the call for your help!

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

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.

One again the Parish Office is available for a drop off point on Thursday 10th July, 9am-2pm. All proceeds will go directly towards the building of our church. Thank you for your support!

Loving Like God in the Here and Now

Our **Justice and Peace Team** warmly invites all parishioners and friends to take part in a meaningful and enriching program developed by the **Archdiocese of Brisbane**, designed to help us learn to love others as **God loves us**.

This five-week series will begin on **Sunday, June 15**, following our **Sunday Masses**, and will explore how we can walk alongside one another—especially our sisters and brothers who are doing it tough—with hearts shaped by **Love, Encounter, Accompaniment, Inclusion, and Dialogue** (see advertisement in this newsletter).

Each session offers a chance to reflect deeply, share experiences, and grow together in our



Readings for this week - 22nd June 2025. **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.**

1st Reading - Genesis 14: 18-20.
Psalm - Ps 109: 1-4.
Response - You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
11: 23-26.
Gospel - Luke 9: 11-17.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 26th June

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 27th June

9am- St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with year 7 students.

Saturday 28th June

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 29th June

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Save the Date...

In June...

22nd - Children to receive First Holy Communion in a Sacramental Mass, enrolment required.

28th & 29th - Peter Pence Appeal.

In July...

6th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

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

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.

31st - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

In September...

21st - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

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

calling to be Christ's hands and heart in the world.

Let us come together as a community to discover what it means to love more like God, and to be a Church that truly listens, includes, and walks in compassion with others.

Getting to Know God through Scripture

In the Book of Genesis, we hear these very significant words: "So God created humankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them." (Genesis 1:27). This foundational truth reminds us that to know God is, in a real way, to know ourselves—who we are and who we are called to be.

Sacred Scripture is the greatest source we have for deepening our understanding of God. While not the only way we come to know God, Scripture offers us the clearest window into God's heart, God's promises, and God's call in our lives.

To help us journey deeper into this understanding, our **Prayer Network** is offering a **ten-week Scripture study** focused on the **Book of the Prophet Isaiah**. Isaiah is often called the "Fifth Gospel" because of its profound prophecies about the coming of the Messiah and its rich theological insights.

See the add in this newsletter for the session dates and times. You can join us on via the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745623212> allowing you to join from the comfort of your home and connect with fellow parishioners on this spiritual journey.

Whether you're new to Scripture or have been reading the Bible for years, this study will offer something meaningful for everyone. Come and discover how the Word of God can shape your understanding of who God is—and who we are called to be.

Journeying with Our St Benedict's Children Making Their First Holy Communion

How good is it when the Sacramental families join us for Mass each year? I wish they would come to Mass every Sunday.

Our First Holy Communion children are now ready to receive Jesus for the first time on the next two Sundays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped the children's journey this year. The St Benedict's Sacramental Team, thank you for assisting the children at our Masses, during their Sacrament of Reconciliation evening, and on the day of their First Holy Communion. Thank you to Rafael, who each year volunteers to take beautiful photos of the children to remember their very special day. Thank you to the parents for enrolling and journeying with your children in receiving the awesome Sacraments that Jesus gives us. And lastly, but not least, thank you to the children who are receiving your First Holy Communion. Thank you for your great enthusiasm in embracing the journey to receiving such a wonderful gift. You will certainly be in my prayers, and I ask all St Benedict's Parishioners to please pray for these wonderful children and their families. May God bless you always.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2025/2026

Parishioners who currently contribute to our Parish Planned Giving via Parish Envelopes, the 2025/2026 envelopes are available to collect at the Mass Centre Welcome Table.

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

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.

Have a wonderful week, with the One Who truly satisfies, **Fr Bryan.**

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 5.

Saturday 28th June, 4pm

Commentator: Jeanette Kearney
Reader 1: Marianne Davis
Reader 2: Maffy Vaz
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 29th June, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna
Reader 1: AnneMarie Bostock
Reader 2: Wendy Jones
Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Sosefo Nasio & ET Mataele

Sunday 29th June, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBC
Reader 1: Susan Black
Reader 2: Amelda AhColt
Communion Minister: Losa AhColt

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



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!



Children's Liturgy of the Word – is THIS WEEK—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:-20th July. Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.

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.



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.

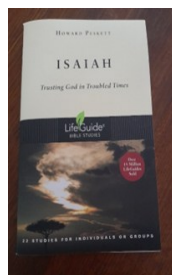


St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2025.

SVDP held their annual Winter Appeal last weekend, and wish to offer Great Thanks to those who were in a position to give to a worthy cause. If you were not able to donate last weekend, but would like to do so, donations are also welcome via bank transfer should you be able, account details are below.

Thank you for your donation. We are blessed to offer comfort and support to families in need.

Northlakes Vinnie's bank details BSB 064 786 A/C 100027061



"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> Should you be interested in joining, and all are welcome, here is the zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745623212>

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"HE WHO FOLLOWS ME WALKS NOT IN DARKNESS" - JOHN 8:12



2PM SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE — Changes to Blue Card Requirements for Safeguarding Parish Ministry Roles.

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 for our Parish or hold particular roles in accordance with Archdiocese guidelines. Should you require to hold or renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will contact you directly. Thank you.

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

SOOT Program 2025 (Signs of Our Times). -

Last Sunday with a small but enthusiastic and committed group of parishioners we started the 2025 SOOT Program. Each workshop is meaningful on a stand-alone basis. We would love to see you this Sunday for the "Encounter" workshop. It starts at 10am in the College staff room, just beyond St Benedict's statue. Conclusion by noon. The Program concludes Sunday 13 July.

Help Please!!!! We are seeking assistance from a patient, generous, skilled person, who would be prepared to run a 1 hour PowerPoint coaching workshop for our JP&E team, and any Parish members who may also like assistance, please? JP&E is OK at running car maintenance workshops, but getting the best out of our software can really beat us. If you are able to offer some time and help, please reach out to the JP&E Group at Mass or drop a note to our email. Thank you!

JP&E has a new email address - jpestbenedicts@gmail.com.

The old email address is inactive. Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out to the JP&E Group on jpestbenedicts@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>



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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
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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

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/sRsTNvmnP8GNmnr7>

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



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