



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**The Solemnity of Sts Peter
and Paul, Year C.
29th June 2025.**

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Readings for this week - 29th June 2025.

The Solemnity of Sts Peter and Paul.

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
12: 1-11.
Psalm - Ps 33: 2-91.
Response - The Lord set me free from all
my fears.
2nd Reading - St Paul to Timothy
4: 6-8, 17-18.
Gospel - Matthew 16: 13-19.**

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul: Lives Poured Out in Love and Witness

As we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the readings for today speak powerfully of two men who poured out their lives in service to God and to others. Though very different in background and personality, St Peter and St Paul shared one mission: to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and lead others into the freedom of God's love.

In this coming Sunday's first reading, *Acts 12:1-11*, we see Peter imprisoned for preaching Christ, rescued miraculously by an angel. His life is constantly at risk, yet he continues to lead and guide the early Church. In this coming Sunday's Gospel, *Matthew 16:13-19*, Jesus calls Peter the "rock" upon which He will build His Church. Despite his failures, Peter's deep love for Christ makes him the foundation of a new community grounded in mercy, truth, and faith. In our second reading for this Sunday, St Paul is writing from prison, nearing the end of his life. "I am already being poured out as a libation," he says, knowing his death is near. Yet he is not defeated. St Paul trusts that "the Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom." His life, too, is poured out for the Gospel, especially in his mission to the Gentiles.

Both apostles died as martyrs under the emperor Nero, bearing witness to the love of Christ in the face of cruelty and death. Their courage challenges us today: to live not for ourselves, but for God and for others. In a world where self-centredness damages relationships and isolates hearts, St Peter and St Paul show us another way.

They remind us that true freedom comes not in grasping for control, recognition, or empty pleasure—but in giving, forgiving, and loving sacrificially. This kind of life heals our families and communities, restoring the relationships so often fractured by selfishness and pride.

St Peter, the steadfast rock, and St Paul, the tireless missionary, call us to be courageous in faith and generous in love. May we follow their example, offering our lives in the same spirit of service, for the glory of God and the good of those around us.

Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us.

Peter's Pence Appeal

Catholics around Australia are being encouraged to support the Peter's Pence appeal on the feast of St Peter and St Paul, Sunday June 29.

Donations to the appeal, which goes back to medieval times, support Pope Leo's mission, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, and peace.

Peter's Pence also aims to support a range of charities that bring aid and comfort to the poor, children, families, the elderly, the marginalized, victims of war and natural disasters, refugees, and migrants.

The Vatican's Secretariat for the Economy, which publicly reports on donations, describes Peter's Pence as 'the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their shared concern with the Successor of Peter in addressing the necessities of the Universal Church and to help those most in need'.

Please be prepared for the Peter's Pence collection this coming Sunday. We will be having a retiring collection at the end of each of our Masses.

THE APPOINTMENT TO BRISBANE—OF BISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

For many reasons I welcome the appointment of Bishop Shane Mackinlay as my successor in Brisbane where he will be a distinguished addition to the line of Archbishops.

Bishop Shane has shown himself an unusually gifted man in his years as priest in Ballarat and Melbourne and as bishop in Bendigo and beyond.

He has a fine mind, and he will bring intellectual firepower to his ministry as Archbishop and to public debate in Queensland and Australia. He will be able to dialogue intelligently with a culture which at many points is distant from Christian understandings.

He is also an experienced pastor who knows how to listen and who through his time as Master of Catholic Theological College in Melbourne remained a Parish Priest near Ballarat. As bishop, he has been able both to shepherd the Diocese of Sandhurst and to accept responsibility on the global stage.

He deals well with both the big picture and the nuts and bolts, which is why he is a capable administrator. That will serve him well in a diocese as large and as complex as Brisbane.

Temperamentally, he is not easily flustered, having about him a poise that makes him a good driver in heavy traffic. That too will serve him well as Archbishop at a time when the traffic can be heavy.

At 60 he is also of the right age and maturity to assume greater responsibility not only in Brisbane and Queensland but nationally and internationally.

As we look to the installation on 11 September 2025, I have no doubt Bishop Shane will bring these gifts and fresh energies to the Archdiocese of Brisbane, where he will be creative in pursuing the path of synodality into the future God is preparing. I am grateful to Pope Leo for this wise choice of a new Archbishop, and I commend Bishop Shane to you and your prayers as he prepares for this new mission.

+Mark Coleridge 18 June 2025

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 3rd July

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 4th July

No 9am Mass.

Saturday 5th July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 6th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

** IMPORTANT NOTICE **

Friday Mass Changes in coming weeks.

Please note:- There will be no 9am Friday Mass for the weeks of the School Holidays, 4th and 11th July.

We will return to 9am Friday Mass on the 18th July with an Anointing Mass for Parishioners.

Save the Date...

In June...

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)

Our St Benedict's Feast Day Mass 8:30am July 13 - Please bring a Plate

On Sunday July 13 at our 8:30am Mass, we will be celebrating St Benedict's Feast Day. We invite all parishioners and their friends to come along and join us in celebrating. This Mass will be followed by morning tea.

It would be great if our wonderful parishioners could bring a plate to cater for our morning tea. **If you are bringing a plate, please let our Parish Secretary, Renae, know for catering purposes.**

Please come along to celebrate our feast, and invite as many as you like, for all are WELCOME!

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 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.

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.

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, with the Lord who sets us free from our fears, **Fr Bryan**.



Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 5th July, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney
Reader 1: Sharon Hickey
Reader 2: Nancy D'Souza
Communion Minister: Joseph D'Souza

Sunday 6th July, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Andrea Thomas
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 6th July, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Claire Goss
Reader 2: Erwin Perez
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony

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.



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:-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.



Planned Giving Envelopes 2025/2026—Gentle reminder for those who give to 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. Should there be Parishioners wishing to support the Parish financially via Planned Giving, please contact the Parish Office.

St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed and can be made in three ways to the Prayer Team.

1. Written into the Prayer Request Book located on the timber stand in the Mass Centre entrance.
2. Written and placed into the small wooden prayer box, in front of the Altar.
3. Or via email to ranthony52@hotmail.com.

A new prayer request will be needed after 4 weeks.

Should you wish you have a name placed in the prayer requests in the Parish Newsletter, please email the Parish Office by email.



Please remember in your Prayers.

Those who are Unwell: Gail Tarrier, Joy and Russell Darby.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Marj and Neville Williams, Paul Kraus, Gabrielle Harris.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Geraldine Reidy, Leo Withoos.



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!

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 2025.

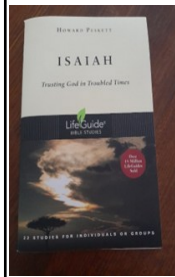
SVDP held their annual Winter Appeal last weekend, and wish to offer Great Thanks to those who were in a position to give to a worthy cause. If you were not able to donate last weekend, but would like to do so, donations are also welcome via bank transfer should you be able, account details are below.

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>

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>



LIMITED TIME OFFER

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, Toowoong, Hamilton, Albany Creek, and Noosa, the firm provides flexibility by offering to meet you at your location for document signing.

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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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