

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

Pentecost, Year C 8th June 2025.

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Place of Worship:

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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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Readings for this week - 8th June 2025,

Pentecost.

1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles

2: 1-11.

Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 31.

Response - Lord send out your Spirit and

renew the face of the earth.

2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans

8: 8-17.

Gospel - John 14: 15-16, 23-26.



Pentecost Sunday at St. Benedict: Celebrating Our Unity in Diversity

This Pentecost Sunday, St. Benedict Parish will come together to celebrate the birthday of the Church with a vibrant and Spirit-filled Multicultural Mass and Feast at 8:30am. Just as in Acts 2:1–11, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and people from every nation heard them speak in their own languages, we too will gather as a richly

diverse community, united by faith and enlivened by the Spirit.

The Scripture readings for the day will speak beautifully into our celebration. In Acts, we'll be reminded that the Spirit transcends all borders and languages. Psalm 104 will lift our hearts as we proclaim, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!" In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul teaches that though we are many parts, we form one body through the same Spirit. And in the Gospel of John, Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples—a breath that will continue to breathe life into our Church today.

Our Multicultural Mass will be a joyful celebration of the many cultures that make up our parish family. Parishioners are **encouraged to wear traditional dress** representing their heritage, adding colour, richness, and beauty to our shared worship. The liturgy will include music and prayers in multiple languages, offering a living witness to the unity we share in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

After Mass, we will continue the celebration with a **multicultural feast**. Everyone is warmly invited to **bring a dish from their cultural tradition** to share. Together, we'll enjoy flavours from across the globe—a foretaste of the heavenly banquet—and experience the joy of hospitality, community, and mutual appreciation.

Pentecost marks the birth of the Church and reminds us that it began with diversity and unity hand in hand. This Sunday, we will joyfully reflect that truth at St. Benedict Parish. Come and be part of this **absolutely wonderful occasion**. Let us open our hearts to the Spirit, and allow God to renew us, unite us, and lead us forward as one body in Christ.

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.

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.

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

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 12th June

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 13th June

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

Saturday 14th June

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 15th June

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Program, First Holy Communion (enrolment required)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Save the Date...

In June...

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

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

14th & 15th - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

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

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

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.

31st - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

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.

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

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 - Friday11th 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 <u>Christmas in July Themed</u> 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, filled with the Spirit, renewing the face of the earth,

Fr Bryan.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 14th June, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Mary Foronda
Reader 2: John-Paul Franzidis
Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 15th June, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Morton Howes
Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic,
Pierina Ziebarth and Juvenal

Sunday 15th June, 5.30pm

Commentator: TBA

Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Shiela Pereira
Communion Minister: Theresa Saad

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.



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!

Congratulations to our wonderful Father Bryan, who was the lucky winner of Raffle #1, Father generously donated the \$100 prize back to the Parish.



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. <u>Next is:-15th June.</u>

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

Our Lady of the Valley Men's Faith & Fellowship

Sunday June 15th, Commencing 10:30am
Come and be both inspired and challenged!

Guest Speaker: Deacon Paul Jensen \$ 20 (includes morning tea & lunch) St Mary's Community Centre Gatton

Enquiries: gatton@bne.catholic.net.au

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:-

<u>Confirmation</u> - 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.



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.

All are welcome and encouraged to join on Zoom at 6am each morning. Here is the link - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89203684379



"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 <u>10 week Bible Study Program on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm commencing on June 10th on zoom. Finishing on <u>Tuesday August 26th</u> with a 2 week break in between for the July school holidays.</u>

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.

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



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.

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). -

Join us for Five (5) enjoyable workshops starting on Sunday 15 June, concluding on Sunday 13 July. They start at 10am and always conclude by noon. All are Welcome so please feel free to join us.

Register your SOOT Attendance -

Scan the QR Code below, enter your details in the Registration Form, then email the form to us.

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@qmail.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











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@lockettmccullough.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.



<u>Smoke Free School</u>, 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/sRsTNvmnPu8GNmnr7

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





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