



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Yr C.
3rd August 2025.**

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Place of Worship:

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Mass Times:

**Friday - 9.00am
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**Readings for this week - 3rd August 2025,
Eighteenth Sunday in OT YRC.**

**1st Reading - Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23.
Psalm - Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17.
Response - In every age, O Lord, you
have been our refuge.
2nd Reading - St Paul to Colossians
3: 1-5, 9-11.
Gospel - Luke 12: 13-21.**

National Vocations Week August 3 to 10

God Calls Us to Live Meaningful Lives

Rudyard Kipling gave an address to the graduating medical class of McGill University in which he said: "You'll go out from here, and very likely you'll make a lot of money. One day you'll meet someone for whom that means very little. Then you will know how poor you are." (Leadership, Fall 1995, p. 21.)

Our heart has an infinite capacity to be loved, and the only One who can fill it is God. If we try to satisfy our yearning to be loved with anything else, then we will always left empty. Not only that, it is only the infinite love of God who enables us to love in life-giving ways, and thus live life abundantly.

The fool in the parable, which we hear told by Jesus in this coming Sunday's Gospel, tries to fill his heart with increased material wealth. Even when he had enough material wealth for a very comfortable life, he still wants more. Leaving him unfilled right up until he dies.

The fool was living a selfish, self-centred, and self-absorbed life, which resulted in living a meaningless life. He wasted his life! He was living a life according to his will, which resulted in emptiness and meaninglessness. This, of course, is **not** the life Jesus wants us to live.

Jesus tells us in John's Gospel that He came and lived among us, so that "we can live life, and live it to the full" (John 10:10). Giving us the opportunity to live a meaningful fulfilling life. Where we join Jesus in pouring ourselves out for others. Living a selfless life, where, in relationship with Jesus, we are always seeking the best for others. If we live this life, experiencing the infinite love of Jesus as much as possible, and allowing this selfless, self-giving love of Jesus to flow through us and into our relationships with each other, then, and it is only then, that we will be truly rich.

Answering God's Call with Joy!

Each of us is created by God with a unique purpose and discovering that purpose brings deep joy and peace. Vocations are God's invitation to live our lives loving and serving others in a particular way, and the Church celebrates four beautiful paths: priesthood, religious life, marriage, and the single life.

The call to the priesthood is a powerful way to give One's life completely to Jesus and His Church. Priests bring the sacraments to the faithful, preach the Gospel, and shepherd God's people with compassion. As Pope Francis, and now Pope Leo XIV said, "it is imperative that priests be joyful witnesses of life in Christ, in the hope to inspire countless others to grow in faith and holiness."

Religious life, whether as a sister, brother, or monk, is a radical gift of self to God. Through prayer, community, and service, religious men and women reflect the love of Christ in a world hungry for hope. Their joy is contagious, rooted in a deep relationship with Jesus.

Marriage is a sacred vocation where spouses become a living sign of God's faithful love - in building strong families, raising faith-filled children, and loving one another with generosity. In the Catholic Church, marriage is raised to the dignity of a Sacrament, where married couples reflect Jesus' love for His Church, and they live out this perfect love for each other in communion with Jesus.

Some are called to the single life, choosing to serve God and others with freedom and dedication. Whether temporarily or permanently, the single life is a very meaningful and grace-filled path where one can focus on building the Kingdom in unique and powerful ways.

No matter the vocation, we are all called to love—fully, freely, and joyfully. It is only God who enables us to love in this way. So, as we listen to God's call for us, let us trust that God is with us and will lead us to living life in abundance, being great witnesses to others.

Let us pray for one another to always listen and respond to God's call with courage and a generous heart, always saying, "*Here I am, Lord. I come to do your will*" (Psalm 40:8).

Our Mission - Building a Place of Worship

Pope Paul VI stated that, "*The Church exists to evangelise*" (Evangelii Nuntiandi). That is, each one of us who is baptised—we exist to evangelise. That is our mission, our purpose: to spread the Good News of Jesus to others.

Subsequent Popes—St John Paul II, Benedict XVI, Francis, and now our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV—have all echoed that same truth. They've called us, again and again, to take up this mission. And how do we do that? How do we become evangelisers in our everyday lives?

We start by taking to heart the advice of our patron, St Benedict, who urges us to "*listen with the ear of the heart*." That means to truly love listening to Jesus—to desire his Word, to let it shape our thoughts, our decisions, and our way of life.

Here in our own parish of St Benedict's, how can we answer that call? How can we spread the Good News, right here, right now?

One tangible way is through contributing to the building of our new church. This is not just about bricks and mortar. It's about mission. Contributing to the building of our church is a way to spread the Gospel in a real, visible, lasting way. It will be a place where generations will come to hear God's Word, to receive the Sacraments, to be spiritually fed, and build

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 7th August

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 8th August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, including St Benedict's School Students.

Saturday 9th August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 10th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
Sacramental Program, Preparation Mass.
(enrolment required)

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass
Sacramental Program, Preparation Mass.
(enrolment required)

communities of faith. It will be a launchpad for missionary disciples—you and me, and those who will come after us—equipped to go out into the world and bring the love of Jesus to others.

By contributing to the building of our church, we are answering the call to be people who love God completely, and therefore love our neighbour generously.

The world desperately needs people who live this way. People who listen to Jesus with the ear of the heart. People who love with the heart of Jesus.

It is only when we love like Jesus that the mission of the Church, the reason for our very existence, will be truly fulfilled.

Searching for missing Parish Pyx.

May we please ask that should any Parishioners be currently using one of the St Benedict's Parish Pyx (available on loan), please let Renae in the Parish Office know.

Should you no longer be needing the Pyx, please return it to the Parish Office or Sacristy as soon as possible, thank you.

We are unfortunately in a position where we have no more available Pyx to loan out to our Parishioners who are in need. Thank you so much for your help.

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

We will be journeying each Sunday for the next 3 weeks with our Sacramental children, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in August, joined by their families. Please pray for these children and their families, and as we always do, please make them welcome.



Save the Date...

In August...

- 3rd & 10th** - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation, enrolment required.
- 10th** - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning
- 14th** - Solemnity of the Assumption, Vigil 7pm.
- 15th** - Solemnity Mass, The Assumption 9am.
- 17th & 24th** - Children's Sacramental Mass, enrolment required.
- 17th** - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.
- 23rd & 24th** - Annual Catholic Campaign
- 31st** - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

In September...

- 7th** - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning
- 21st** - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.
- 21st** - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

In October...

- 5th** - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning
- 12th** - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)
- 18-19th** - World Mission Sunday Appeal
- 19th** - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

November

- 9th** - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)
- 15-16th** - St Vinnies Christmas Appeal
- 29th** - All Souls Memorial Mass 9am

Winter Bugs/Illness Awareness

With the health and wellbeing of our Parishioners and Community in mind; PLEASE may we refrain from coming to Mass if we have any cold or flu symptoms.

Whilst masks are not compulsory, we do ask that if you feel you need to attend Mass while showing symptoms please ensure you wear a mask, and sanitise our hands regularly to help prevent the spreading of the many Colds and Flus in our community.

We unfortunately continue to experience Parishioners and Friends coming down with COVID, RSV and Influenza. We wish them well.

Please, may we continue to keep each other and ourselves safe by :- * Stay home if you are sick or showing signs/symptoms of illness. * Feel free to bring and wear your face mask.

* Maintain good hand hygiene, by using the sanitizer provided. Thank you for your commitment, it is truly appreciated.

Two Collections at Mass

At our Masses we are 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, giving thanks to

God with all your heart, *Fr Bryan.*

Called by Name

National Vocation Awareness Week

3-10 August 2025



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Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder to our Communion Ministers.

With the current rise in COVID, RSV and Influenza cases, along with the general colds and flus brought on by Winter. We ask if you could kindly remember to bring your face mask with you, when you are rostered on for Communion Ministry Roster please.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 9th August, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey
Reader 1: B-Jay Foronda
Reader 2: Kay Corcoran
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 10th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna
Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna
Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna
Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Gabby and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 10th August, 5.30pm

Commentator: Tim Campbell
Reader 1: Xanthe Campbell
Reader 2: Geni Campbell
Communion Minister: Sheeja Alphonse

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.



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:-17th August. 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 - Please keep all of the children who are about to commence their Sacramental Journey by preparing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

First Holy Communion and Reconciliation - Please keep all of the children who have recently completed their Sacramental Journey by receiving their First Holy Communion in your prayers. May they be filled with



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: Leo Withoos.



St Benedict's Parish Vision Prayer

Father You are great, You are glorious, and You are wonderful in every way. Praising You O God, brings us great joy. Fill us with Your grace so that we can embrace Jesus in our lives.

Open the ears of our heart to build up Your Kingdom in the world by participating fully in the life and mission of our parish.

May we treasure our cultural diversity as we live full lives united in You, our Beloved.

Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, help us to welcome and encourage each other in the incredible life-giving love of Jesus.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.



"Isaiah Trusting God in Troubled Times" Tuesday's, 7pm.

Our Prayer Network has commenced a 10 week Bible Study Program on Tuesday evenings at 7pm from June 10th on zoom, finishing on Tuesday August 26th with a 2 week break in between for the school holidays. Should you be interested in joining, all are welcome, here is the zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89745623212>

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis

24 AUGUST 2025

2pm, Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint St, Inala

CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE

Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities for kids. All are invited to wear traditional attire.

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For more information contact Liliana Ortiz at ortizl@bne.catholic.net.au

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

The Holy Spirit blessing the JP&E Group. At the conclusion of the Signs of Our Times (SOOT) workshops many attendees were filled with renewed insights into their relationship with Jesus. In turn, this spilled into renewed examination of how we (JP&E) can relate with fellow SBCP parishioners, our wider community, and our fragile environment. We've felt a need to create better communication within our parish. How do we better engage and encourage participation? We know we need improvement with promotion, and now we are blessed with support from an IT expert, who will not only look at JP&E issues but also give ideas on how to better use technology. We questioned how we can create high interest for our other initiatives by our parishioners Last Saturday, we received the "Archdiocese of Brisbane Synod 24 Action Plans". This document notes the recent Plenary Councils and Synods into 8 decrees and 50 subsidiary, prioritised, action plans. It now gives us faith that we are moving in the right direction. We can see agreement between our present activities and some of the action plans:

- Strengthening partnerships between parishes, schools, communities and agencies,
 - Developing and implementing a strategic approach to mission in the digital environment,
 - Developing an integral ecology formation strategy,
 - Including a framework for measuring and reporting emission reductions in Laudato Si Action Plans
 - Developing a roadmap for a mission-focused church
 - Having communities and agencies share their ecological activities
- 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.

*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.

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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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matters"*
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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.

Safeguarding for Parish Ministry Roles.

The Archdioceses of Brisbane People & Culture Team, together with the Parish Volunteers Team are trying to assist Parishes by streamlining the Safeguarding lodgment/renewal/training process for all of our Parishioners who are required to maintain Blue Cards, Police Checks & Safeguarding Compliance/Training for their Ministry Roles within the St Benedict's Parish.

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 be required to hold/renew your Blue Card/Police Check, the Archdiocese P&C/Volunteers Team (Brent Hunter) will be in contact. Please feel free to contact Renae also if you have questions. Thank you.

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