



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Yr C.
20th July 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 - 20th July 2025,
Sixteenth Sunday in OT YRC.**

**1st Reading - Genesis 18: 1-10.
Psalm - Ps 14: 2-5.
Response - The just will live in the
presence of the Lord.
2nd Reading - St Paul to Colossians
1: 24-28.
Gospel - Luke 10: 38-42.**

Jesus is the Source of our Love

The Sunday Gospels from Luke at the moment are set in the context of Jesus travelling with His disciples to Jerusalem (the Cross). On this journey, Jesus gives His disciples lessons in discipleship. The Gospel of the "Good Samaritan" (last Sunday) and of Jesus' encounter with Mary and Martha (this coming Sunday) are very closely linked.

In both Gospels, Jesus makes the very clear point that discipleship is both connecting with Jesus and action, but action must flow from encountering Jesus. The Samaritan's compassion isn't just humanitarian—it echoes the heart of Jesus. And Mary's stillness isn't laziness—it's love.

We cannot pour out what we haven't received. We cannot truly serve Jesus in the poor, the lonely, the wounded, if we are not first nourished by sitting at His feet.

So, these Sundays ask us:

* Are we trying to serve Jesus without *being with Him*?

* Are we exhausted in ministry because we've forgotten to return to the Source?

To serve Jesus effectively, we must first connect with Jesus personally. Prayer is not a luxury or an escape; it is the wellspring of all mission. In our busy world, Mary's example might seem impractical, but Jesus says it is *essential*.

May we find time this week not just to walk the road of the Good Samaritan, but to first sit in the stillness of Mary. Who is loving God with all her heart, with all her soul, with all her strength, and with all her mind. Only then will our hands and feet carry not just effort, but the very love of Jesus into the lives of others, especially those who are doing it tough.

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 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.

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

Starting this Sunday, we will be journeying each Sunday for the next 4-6 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.

Thank you to our Bakers, Makers and Servers—Seasons Bake Stall.

Thank you to those who were generous with their Time and Talent to help with the Bake Stall held at Season's Aged Care last Friday. Your efforts in baking, making and serving were greatly appreciated.

Merlene's Savory Scones, Carmen's Choc Chip Cookies and Mary's Caramel Fudge were big hits for the day!

A special mention to Gary, Di and Renae for setting up the stall on Thursday and backing up to oversee the stall on Friday.

The proceeds raised on the day go directly towards the building of our church.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 24th July

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 25th July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, including Primary School Students from Grade 4.

Saturday 26th July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 27th July

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)

Save the Date...

In July...

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

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

** 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, and Friday 18th July.

We will return to 9am Friday Mass on the 25th July.

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 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 fantastic week, living a loving selfless life in the presence of the Lord, **Fr Bryan**.

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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.

Alternatively; Face Masks are available for sale from the Sacristy for \$1.00 each.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 26th July, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 27th July, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy
D'Souza, Sosefo Nasio

Sunday 27th July, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Ashley Oliver
Communion Minister: Ilaisa Setefano

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 - 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 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: 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!

Raffle #3 has been drawn and the winner was Elena (#10). Elena ever so generously donated her \$100 prize back to the Parish. Thank you so very much for your support Elena.

"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>

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 be required to hold/renew your Blue Card/Police Check, our Parish Office will be contact you directly. Thank you.

"Every conversation matters"
Safeguarding matters.



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

The importance of Dialogue – Dialogue was one of the five themes of our recent SOOT workshops. We came to realise that we could be better at dialogue. Often, we cannot even identify who we should be speaking to. For example, when we advocate for a Neighbourhood Centre in the area. The people who are most likely to benefit from a Centre are the marginalised in our community, yet, apart from Vinies, do any of us know where, or who, they are? We are dialoguing with State and local politicians, and officers of other Neighbourhood Centres, but have you any thoughts on how we might start to find who are the needy in our community and what help do they really need?

You might be saying, "Well, I have some answers to the question, but who do I tell?"

In the first instance, speak to any of the following, Bonni Vorstep, Losa Ah Colt, Margaretha Mortiaux, Marie Lition, Ricardo and Pauline Adams, or Ken Butler. Or drop us an email at the address below.

Parish Laudato Si Action Plan - We are tasked by the Archdiocese to prepare the Parish Laudato Si Action Plan. We want Parishioners to contribute to its preparation. Do you have any ideas on how we can involve all interested people?

You might now be saying, "Well what is the Parish Laudato Si Plan all about?" Look for our Power Points before Masses over the next few weeks. Better still, right now, go to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-work/laudato-si/> and check it out.

JP&E has a new email address - jpstbenedicts@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 jpstbenedicts@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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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

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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