



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Twenty First Sunday in  
Ordinary Time, Yr C.  
24th August 2025.**

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**Friday - 9.00am  
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Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm**

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**Parish Facebook Page:**

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**Readings for this week - 24th August 2025.**

**Twenty First Sunday in OT YRC.**

**1st Reading - Isaiah 66: 18-21.  
Psalm - Ps 116.  
Response - Go out to all the world and  
tell the Good News.  
2nd Reading - Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13.  
Gospel - Luke 13: 22-30.**

**Gathered in God's Loving Embrace**

This coming Sunday's readings reveal the greatness of God's love and His desire to gather all people into His loving embrace. Through the prophet Isaiah, God declares: *"I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see my glory."* (Isaiah 66:18). This is not only a promise, but a vision of divine unity with God drawing all people into His loving arms.

God's love is not exclusive or limited, it reaches all nations. In Isaiah, we glimpse a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, where all people are called to become vessels of God's glory. We carry that glory by selfless love, that is, through living a life poured out for others, just as Christ poured Himself out for us.

This kind of love brings a deep joy and peace the world cannot give. It is a joy and peace that only God can give from God calling us and giving us the power to be art of something greater than ourselves—of proclaiming God's glory to the nations, bearing His light in dark places, and becoming light to all nations through lives of compassion, generosity, and witness.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the narrow door. This is a reminder that we cannot reach the heavenly feast without Him. He walks with us, teaches us, and leads us through His suffering, death, and resurrection. With His help, we are strengthened to pour out our lives in love, becoming lights to the nations.

God's love is super strong, and His faithfulness endures forever. Let us embrace Jesus in our lives, so we can go out to the world and proclaim this Good News with our lives, trusting that He will bring us all home to the feast of eternal joy.



## 2025 ANNUAL

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

My sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This weekend (August 23 and 24), our parish will support the Annual Catholic Campaign. This special campaign brings together all the parishes of the Archdiocese, to provide care and support for local ministries and people in need in our own communities.

Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, giving local families in dire need access to a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.

Please do take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope, which will be available at our Mass Centre this coming weekend. You can either pop it in the mail or return it next week. Of course, if you prefer, you can also fill it in today and place it in the collection, or scan the QR code on the envelope to make your gift online.

Thank you and God bless. Fr Bryan.

**Our Church**

Exciting news! We are moving closer to the building of our church. Please see below the action items from our recent meeting with Fr Peter Dillon (Vicar General), Patrick Lane-Mullins (Director of Building and Property), Mary Macuga (Director of Fundraising), Kate Andrews (Parishioner and member of our Fundraising Team), and I.

**Agenda Item 1: Land Swap:**

**Actions and Timeframes:**

Patrick Lane-Mullins to report to Fr Bryan that the proposal has successfully gone through the relevant committees by the end of August 2025.

**Agenda Item 2: Architectural Designs:**

**Actions and Timeframes:**

Patrick Lane-Mullins will come back to Fr Bryan at the end of next week regarding the outcome of his discussion with Sarah Rush and Bernard Rush regarding designs and costings.

**Agenda Item 3 – Monthly Meetings**

**Actions and Timeframes:**

Patrick Lane-Mullins to set up these monthly meetings once the designs are arranged.

**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 Week Ahead...

### Thursday 28th August

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### Friday 29th August

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

### Saturday 30th August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 31st August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Annual Catholic Campaign Envelopes to be returned to the Mass Centre Please.

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.

### 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.

### Congratulations to our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS! After journeying in preparation over the past number of weeks, our final group of Sacramental Children, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday after the 8.30am Mass. Please keep the Sacramental Children and along with their family and friends in your prayers. May we pray for these Sacramental Celebrations to be filled with joy and blessings

### 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.

### 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.** It ensures the daily functioning of the parish, allowing it to serve the community and continue its mission.

This includes Clergy expenses, Presbytery/Utilities expenses, Wages, Parish Office Rent and expenses, Mass Centre expenses and the cost of running various Parish Programs such as Sacramental Program and the RCIA.

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 terrific week everyone, spreading the Good News of God's love to the world,

**Fr Bryan.**

## Save the Date...

### In August...

24th - Children's Sacramental Mass, enrolment required.

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

### In November...

9th - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

9th, 16th & 30th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Mornings.

15-16th - St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

29th - All Souls Memorial Mass 9am

### In December...

7th - Parish 8th Anniversary Celebration - Morning Tea/Sausage Sizzle, after 8.30am Mass (NB - no 5.30pm Mass)

12th - Seasons Aged Care North Lakes- Bake Stall.

24th - Christmas Eve Masses, 6pm and 9pm

25th - Christmas Mass, 8.30am

### 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 5.

### Saturday 30th August, 4pm

**Commentator:** Jeanette Kearney

**Reader 1:** Marianne Davis

**Reader 2:** Maffy Vaz

**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 31st August, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna

**Reader 1:** AnneMarie Bostock

**Reader 2:** Wendy Jones

**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna, Sosefo Nasio & ET Mataele

### Sunday 31st August, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** TBC

**Reader 1:** TBC

**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. 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.



### 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:-21st September.  
**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.

### Sacramental Programs at St Benedicts Parish.

We encourage families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments or for those seeking further information about our Annual Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email. Eligibility to receive the Sacraments:-



**Confirmation** - children in Grade 3 and above having already received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible. The Program takes place through out the months of July and August each year.

**First Holy Communion (Eucharist) & Reconciliation** - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received their Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible. The Program takes place through out the months of May and June each year.

*We continue to keep all of the children and families that have taken part in the Sacramental Programs at St Benedict's Parish in 2025 in our prayers. May Gods love & peace be with you always.*

### 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, Natalia Humpries, Erin Stillman.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

**Our Dear Recently Departed:** Bob Reardon, Regina Dupa, 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 10<sup>th</sup> on zoom, finishing on Tuesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 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>

### Reconciliation - available by appointment.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available by appointment prior to the 4pm Saturday Mass and the 5.30pm Sunday Mass. Please contact the Parish Office.



### Be blessed and bless others with your gift

The Annual Catholic Campaign asks us to make a sacrifice to support the works of the Church in our local community. Your gift will help lift the burden from the shoulders of those in dire need, and is a way of ensuring that as many as possible can come to the feast of the Kingdom which God has prepared for all.

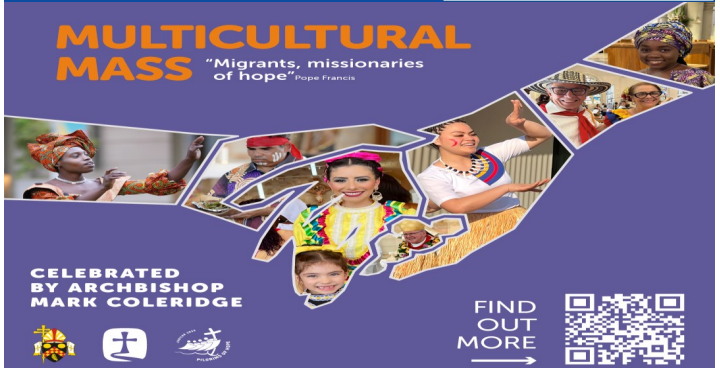


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One Church - One Mission - One Community

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### MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



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**24 AUG 2025**

2PM, QUEEN OF VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 54 FLINT ST, INALA

### Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

**2025 Vinnies Toiletries Gift Packs.** We mentioned strengthening our partnerships between parishes, schools and communities in previous weeks. We have been given the perfect pathway to start a dialogue to once again collect toiletries for Vinnies to distribute this Christmas. Mrs O'Hanlon, the Primary school's Acting APRE, has confirmed the support of the Grade 6 cohort once again.

The St Vinnies volunteers from our own parish are right behind the initiative, and this year we will join forces with the St Vincent de Paul Deception Bay Conference where Sonya O'Leary, the President, has confirmed not only their support, but their help with storage and packing to ensure we get the right goods in the right bag for each family.

We are still waiting on the "shopping list" for 2025, and will advise asap, to give you the opportunity to snap up bargains in the next few months if you are in a position to help with a wonderful cause.

**Next Meeting.** We will hold our next meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, 10th September 2025, in the School Hall. All are welcome

**JP&E has a new email address - [jpestbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

**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@lockettmcullough.com.au](mailto:admin@lockettmcullough.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.

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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



Protecting children is  
**EVERYBODY'S  
BUSINESS**

**Queensland Child Protection Week. 7 - 13 September 2025**

**QUALITY CARE,  
STARTS HERE.**

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- Medication management

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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.

### Holy Cross Funerals Supporting Parishes for 25 years

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