



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Yr C.
31st August 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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Our Call to be Humble

This coming Sunday's readings invite us into one of the most foundational and transformative Christian virtues: humility. In a world often driven by recognition, status, and self-promotion, God calls us to a different path, that is, the path of humility.

In the first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus we hear God's profound wisdom:

"My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favour with God." (Eccles 3:17-18, 20).

Humility is not self-deprecation or denying our gifts. True humility is recognizing that all we have—our talents, resources, and our very lives—are gifts from God, entrusted to us not for our own glory, but for the good of others.

Our patron saint, St Benedict of Nursia, in his Rule, describes humility as the foundation of the spiritual life: *"The first step of humility is that a person keeps God before their eyes and never forgets it."* (Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 7: On Humility).

Humility begins with awe, acknowledging that God is the source of everything. It reorients our hearts away from pride and toward gratitude, reverence, and service.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus challenges the status-seeking of the Pharisees at a dinner and offers this kingdom truth: *"For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."* (Luke 14:11).

Jesus goes even further to illustrate humility in action: *"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind."* (Luke 14:13).

The invitation is clear: we are not called to serve only those who can return the favour or increase our reputation, but to give generously to those who cannot repay us, those on the margins. This is what discipleship looks like: humble service that mirrors the love of Christ.

St Augustine said: *"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels."* (St Augustine, Sermon 293, On the Nativity of St John the Baptist) If pride distances us from God, humility draws us near. When we serve others, especially the poor, the broken, and the forgotten, we are not just helping them; we are meeting Christ in them and allowing God to transform us.

To live humbly is to live with open hands and an open heart, offering what we have for the good of the world. It is to find joy not in recognition, but in communion with God and neighbour.

And the promise is beautiful: *"You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."* (Luke 14:14). But even more than that, in this life we will experience the deep peace and flourishing that comes from living in the love of God, walking humbly with our God, and glorifying Him with our lives.

So let us embrace Jesus this week and always, striving to grow in humility, to recognize our gifts as sacred, and to pour them out in love, especially for those who are doing it tough.

2025 Annual Catholic Campaign

My sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last weekend our parish held an appeal for the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. Thank you to everyone who responded generously to Archbishop Mark's call for support.

If you didn't get a chance to make a gift last week, there is still time. If you took the envelope home, **please pop it in the mail or put it in the collection this coming Sunday at Mass.** You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au

Your tax-deductible gift will be put straight to work by funding the vital Catholic agencies in our local community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to approach me after Mass.

Thank you and God bless.

Fr Bryan.

Another Successful Year Journeying with the Sacramental Children & their Families

As we come to the end of another Sacramental year, I offer huge thanks to our **wonderful Sacramental Team, Renae, Di, and Julie**, for their incredible ministry and graceful dedication. This year, over **130 children** in our parish received the beautiful Sacraments of **Confirmation and First Holy Communion**—a true blessing and milestone in their journey of faith.

This would not have been possible without the **love, care, and commitment** of our Sacramental Team, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes and walked closely with each child and family. Their **faith-filled witness, gentle guidance, and willingness to go the extra mile** made this journey not only possible but deeply meaningful. Thank you for your generous hearts and for saying "yes" to this important ministry.

Thank you also to the **parents and sponsors**, who faithfully supported their children throughout the preparation. Your presence, encouragement, and example greatly enriched the grace received by the children, reminding them that faith is something nurtured in love and lived out in community.

Readings for this week - 31st August 2025.

Twenty Second Sunday in OT YRC.

1st Reading - Ecclesiasticus 3: 17-20, 28-29.

Psalm - Ps 67: 4-7, 10-11.

Response - God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading - Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24.

Gospel - Luke 14: 1, 7-14.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 4th September

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 5th September

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 6th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 7th September

Father's Day

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Thank you also to all our parishioners, who prayed for the children, and journeyed with them each Sunday as great witnesses of the faith. And last, but not least, thank you to the children, who embraced the journey with great enthusiasm. I pray that you live blessed lives, guided and enlightened by the Holy Spirit to embrace Jesus in your lives, always experiencing His incredible love and peace. And may Jesus' love and peace flow through you to offer great healing and love to a somewhat broken world. May God bless all the above abundantly.

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.

Still 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.



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.

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.

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.

Save the Date...

In August...

31st - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

In September...

7th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

14th - Safeguarding Sunday.

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

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 6th September, 4pm

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

Sunday 7th September, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Erika Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Bobette Sindicic

Sunday 7th September, 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.



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.



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.**



QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7 - 13 September 2025 [qldchildprotectionweek](https://www.qld.gov.au/child-protection)



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Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 31st August,
we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Eden, Evie, Isla, Pedro, Rafael and William.

As Eden, Evie, Isla, Pedro, Rafael and William.
receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at
St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends,
Eden, Evie, Isla, Pedro, Rafael and William,
experience God's happiness, joy and love,
now and always.



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

Social Justice Sunday – 31 August 2025. We must never forget Jesus' mission for us, to serve the marginalised and disadvantaged in our community. That is what Social Justice Sunday sets out to highlight. We will be seeing a video at Mass by Archbishop Tim Costelloe that empathises about how difficult it can be for us to do this. Have a sneak peek here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PfYAxV6BLvs&t=3s> Tuck the message in your mind, and contemplate how you might be able to help someone in an even small way. Sometimes these things can be life changing.

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.

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>



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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.

To take advantage of this offer, you can reach out by calling
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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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Queensland Child Protection Week. 7 - 13 September 2025

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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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