



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Yr C.
7th September 2025.**

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

Email: roeb@bne.catholic.net.au

Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.**

Mass Times:

**Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm**

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[https://www.facebook.com/
StBenedictsCatholicParish/](https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsCatholicParish/)

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1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

jpestbenedicts@gmail.com

Readings for this week - 7th Sept 2025,

Twenty Third Sunday in OT YRC.

**1st Reading - Wisdom 9: 13-18.
Psalm - Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17.
Response - In every age, O Lord, you
have been our refuge.
2nd Reading - St Paul to Philemon
9-10, 12-17.
Gospel - Luke 14: 25-33.**

Let's put Jesus at the Centre of our Lives

Many people baptised as Catholics don't seem to put Jesus at the centre of their lives. They seem to invest their time, talents, money, energy, thoughts, emotions, and enthusiasm to: family, work, study, keeping fit, looking after one's pet, social media, partying, household chores, watching television, eating, holidays, looking after the children/grandchildren, playing sport, commuting, and discipleship. All of these are important aspects of our lives, but there's something radically wrong with this arrangement where discipleship appears to be just one compartment in a very busy life, and something that can be easily discarded. In fact, time with Jesus in prayer can be one of the lesser priorities in one's life.

Jesus in this coming Sunday's Gospel says, "none of you can be my disciple unless you give up all your possessions" (Luke 14:33). This is another way of Jesus saying, "to be my disciple, you need to put me at the centre of your life."

The authentic disciple of Jesus puts Jesus is at the very center of one's life, everything else flows from this relationship with Jesus. Jesus, our Lord, is the one to whom we ascribe ultimate worth. This is why we prioritise our relationship with Jesus through structured prayer (Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Meditation, Mass, Prayer before Meals, Bible Study, the Rosary etc.) and non-structured prayer (remembering Jesus' presence and inviting Him into every aspect of our lives - whether that be at home, at work, on the sporting field, at the gym etc.)

As people of faith, we bring Jesus into every aspect of our lives, so our overall lives can be enriched by our relationship with Jesus, and that others can encounter the life and love of Jesus through us. For as Jesus tells us through this coming Sunday's Gospel, unless Jesus becomes the ultimate priority and centre of our lives, then we cannot be Jesus' disciples. On the flip side of this, if we do put Jesus at the very centre of our lives, then people will be drawn into the love, peace, and healing of God through us.

2025 Annual Catholic Campaign

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you to all who generously donated money towards this year's Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the important local ministries in our Archdiocese. I know from my experience with all these ministries that your money will contribute significantly to building up God's reign in the world.

May God bless you abundantly. Fr Bryan.

Our Church—update

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.

Update: The land swap documentation scheduled to take place by September 20.

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.

Update: We are organising a meeting with the architects within the next two weeks.

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



The Week Ahead...

Thursday 11th September

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 12th September

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Students from the St Benedict's Schools

Saturday 13th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 14th September

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

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.

Printed Newsletters.

Please note, that over the coming six (6) weeks we are unable to provide printed newsletters at the Mass Centre.

This is a great opportunity for those wishing to receive the Parish Newsletter to contact the Parish Office and register their details. Registering your details is a great way to receive all of our Parish news and updates via our correspondence distribution list. The Parish Newsletter is emailed out every Thursday, it is also available on the Parish Website and the Parish Facebook page.



Save the Date...

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

Have a great week everyone, placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, **Fr Bryan.**



Let us gather in thanksgiving for Archbishop Mark Coleridge as he leads his last Mass before retirement.

**11.30am on
Saturday 6 September 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 13th September, 4pm

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

Sunday 14th September, 8.30am

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

Sunday 14th September, 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:-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.**



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU
AND PROTECT YOU,
MAY THE LORD SMILE ON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU,
MAY THE LORD SHOW YOU HIS FAVOR
AND GIVE YOU HIS PEACE.

NUMBERS 6:24-26

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Farewell Mass for Archbishop Mark Coleridge

On **Saturday 6 September 2025**, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Mark Coleridge at **11am at the Cathedral of St Stephen**. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the Hanly Room. All are welcome to attend as we celebrate his service and leadership as Archbishop of Brisbane for over 13 years.

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.

Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

2025-2026 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT—SIGNS OF HOPE ON THE EDGE. Please spend just a few minutes looking at the Statement at: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Social-Justice-Statement-2025-2026-FINAL.pdf>

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 additional \$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
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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

QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

7 - 13 September 2025 #qldchildprotectionweek



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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