



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday
Ordinary Time, Yr C.
12th October 2025.**

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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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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Called to Live a Life of Thanksgiving

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus heals ten lepers, yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks and praise to God. All ten were healed physically, but only the one who returned in thanksgiving received something deeper: the fullness of life that comes from a relationship with Jesus. He alone hears the words, "Your faith has made you well."

How often do we find ourselves quick to pray when we need something, whether it be healing or help in other ways, but slow to return in thanksgiving when our prayers are answered? It's easy to make our prayers about requests, but Jesus shows us that a heart of gratitude is what truly makes us whole. Thanksgiving opens us to joy and peace because it directs our hearts and minds to God, the giver of all good things.

At each Mass we celebrate, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, we join the priest in praying, "it is our salvation always to give you thanks and praise." In other words, we are saved (we live life abundantly) when we live our lives giving thanks and praise to God.

Interestingly, the word **Eucharist** comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means **thanksgiving**. So, every Sunday, we gather at the altar to do just that, to give thanks to God for the countless gifts God lavishes upon us. In the Mass, we join Jesus in offering ourselves up totally to God, and in doing so, we are drawn into the Anointed One's mission of love: offering ourselves up for one another. Joining Jesus in pouring ourselves out for others.

The Eucharist is not just a ritual—it is a way of life. A life lived in thanksgiving becomes a life filled with joy, peace, and well-being. When we open our eyes to God's blessings and respond with grateful hearts, we are transformed. Like the healed Samaritan, we return to Jesus not just with words, but with our whole selves.

Let us not be among the nine who forget to return. Let us be the one who remembers. Let us live Eucharistic lives that flow from the altar and into every corner of our daily lives. Because when we live in gratitude, we don't just survive—we thrive!

Morning Tea After 8:30am Mass – This Sunday

"Love one another as I have loved you." – John 13:34

You're warmly invited to join us for **Morning Tea after our 8:30am Mass this Sunday.**

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with others, build friendships, and strengthen our parish community. To love one another as Jesus has loved us, we first need to **know** one another, and sharing a cuppa is a great place to start.

Whether you're a long-time parishioner or visiting for the first time, we'd love for you to stay and spend a little time together.

Let's grow in **communion**, both in faith and friendship. **See you after Mass!**

Youth Mass – Sunday, October 26 at 5:30 PM

All are welcome – come celebrate with us!

Join us for a special **Youth Mass on Sunday, October 26 at 5:30 PM**, where our amazing young people will take the lead in sharing their faith and gifts with the community. Youth will be serving in every ministry—from the **Music Ministry** to **Proclaiming the Word, Altar Serving**, and even as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**.

It's a beautiful opportunity to support and witness our youth in action, living their faith, serving with joy, and coming together in worship.

Want to get involved? If you're a young person, thirteen years or above, who would like to serve in one of these ministries, we'd love to have you! Please email **Liana** at: stbenniesyouthmass@gmail.com to sign up.

Stick around after Mass! All the Youth are invited to stay after for **pizza and drinks** - a great chance to hang out, meet others, and celebrate the evening together.

Great News!

Great news! We have the land locked-in for our church on the vacant block opposite the train station carpark. And we have engaged our architects. We will be having a Church Steering Committee meeting on Friday. I will have more to say about this next at the weekend Masses and in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, please pray that this building project goes well.

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:

**Readings for this week - 12th Oct 2025,
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in OT YRC.**

**1st Reading - Kings 5: 14-17.
Psalm - Ps 97: 1-4.
Response - The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
2nd Reading - St Paul to Timothy 2: 8-13.
Gospel - Luke 17: 11-19.**

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 16th October

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 17th October

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass together with Year 3 Students.

Saturday 18th October

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 19th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
Childrens Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

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: The initial meeting with the architects is scheduled.

Agenda Item 3 – Monthly Meetings

Actions and Timeframes:

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

Friday Masses

We will return to celebrating our Friday morning Mass at 9am from this **Friday October 10th**.

Printed Newsletters.

Please note, that over the coming few 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.

Call for Assistance- Fundraiser - Seasons Aged Care (Mango Hill) Bake Sale Friday 12th December, 9am to 1.30pm.

We are once again grateful to have an opportunity to help with the fundraising towards our church building project! We are putting out the call for your help!

Please save the date, for the **Season's Aged Care (Mango Hill), Bake Sale on Friday, 12th December**.

We would love to hear from you if you are able to **Provide baked goods or other treats**. These items will be sold to raise funds which shall go toward the funds needed to build our St Benedict's Church.

I ask that you please get in touch with Renae in the Parish Office. Your assistance, as always, will be greatly appreciated.

Once again the Parish Office will be available as a drop off point on Thursday 11th December, 9am-3pm.

Thank you for your support!

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, rejoicing in the Lord, **Fr Bryan**.



Save the Date...

In October...

5th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

12th - Parish Morning Tea (after 8.30am Mass)

18-19th - World Mission Sunday Appeal

19th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.

19th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning

26th - St Benedict's Youth Mass, 5.30pm

In November...

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

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

15-16th - St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

16th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.

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.

21st - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.

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

25th - Christmas Mass, 8.30am

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.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 18th October, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Mary Foronda
Reader 2: Sheila Pereira
Communion Minister: Denise Rapkins

Sunday 19th October, 8.30am

Commentator: Charles D'Rosario
Reader 1: Morton Howes
Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic,
Pierina Ziebarth and Juvenal

Sunday 19th October, 5.30pm

Commentator: Judith Fernandes
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Zandra Farr
Communion Minister: Theresa Saad,
Michael Fraser, Sheilah Ojuri.

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.



Congratulations to Ronnie!
 Ronnie is the latest winner of the Lucky Number Raffle, drawn last Sunday morning.
 Ronnie has ever so generously donated the \$100 Prize back to the Building of our Church.
 Thank you Ronnie, and may God Bless you!

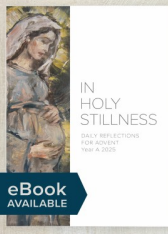


Children's Liturgy of the Word – 3rd Sunday of the Month

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place in Sunday 8.30am Mass on the third Sunday of each the Month. Next is:-19th October.
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 uploaded to our Parish Website every Thursday also.
 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.



The Advent Prayer Resource for 2025 will be available to purchase from the Mass Centre in the coming weeks.
 Please keep an eye out at the Mass Centre in the coming weeks, **copies are available to purchase for \$5.00 each.**

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 and 2026.



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, Mike and Joy Gibbs

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas and Theresa Blacker, Allan and Myrtle Spiller.

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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 have been mentioning in previous weeks the importance of strengthening our partnerships between parishes, schools and communities.

We have been given the perfect pathway to start a dialogue once again in regard to collecting toiletries for Vinnies to distribute this Christmas.

With the support of the St Benedict's Primary School, together with our St Vinnies volunteers from our local conference, our parish are right behind the initiative.

This year we will join forces with the St Vincent de Paul Deception Bay Conference where their President, has confirmed their support and assistance with storage and packing items to ensure we get the right goods in the right bag for each family.

We are expecting the "shopping list" for 2025 any day now, so please keep an eye out for the list at the Mass Centre this weekend.

Next Meeting. We will hold our next meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, 12th November, 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.*

The Cathedral of St Stephen presents

Jubilee!

Celebrating 25 years of the Jubilee Pipe Organ

Sunday 26th October
3.00pm

Hear the Cathedral come alive in a kaleidoscope of sound!

Works by Dubois, Gigout, Bach & Gabrielli

Undercover parking will be available
Please join us after for light refreshments in the Hanly Room.

Get your tickets by scanning the QR Code or visit www.trybooking.com/DFJYM

Christopher Trivilis, Organist, joined by the Brisbane Baroque Brass



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.**

Safeguarding for Parish Ministry Roles.

The Archdioceses of Brisbane People & Culture Team, together with
the Parish Volunteers Team are trying to assist Parishes by stream-
lining 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.

Extended 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@lockettmcclough.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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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.

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:

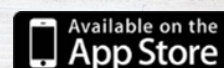
- * **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses
incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running
of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- * **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/
building of assets, which include our future church, office,
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.

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>



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