



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
Ordinary Time, Yr C.  
19th 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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**Parish Website:**

[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au)

**Parish Facebook Page:**

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

**St Vincent de Paul:**

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

**St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:**

[jpestbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto:jpestbenedicts@gmail.com)

**Readings for this week - 19th Oct 2025,  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in OT YRC.**

**1st Reading - Exodus 17: 8-13.**

**Psalm - Ps 120.**

**Response - Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and  
earth.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to Timothy 3:14 - 4:2.**

**Gospel - Luke 18: 1-8.**

**"Pray Always – With Trust, Humility, and Perseverance"**

This Sunday's first reading and Gospel speak powerfully to the heart of the spiritual life: **prayer**. In the first reading from Exodus, we encounter a striking image of Moses standing on the hill, arms raised in prayer, as the battle rages below between Joshua's army and the Amalekites. When Moses' hands are raised in prayer, Israel prevails. When he tires, he's supported by Aaron and Hur, who help him keep praying. It's a moving reminder that **we are never alone in prayer**. Our community can lift us up when we are weary.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow who refuses to give up until the unjust judge gives her justice. Jesus is not comparing God to the judge, but contrasting them: if even a reluctant judge gives in to persistence, how much more will our loving Father hear us when we cry out to Him day and night?

But we know the challenge: sometimes we pray and don't see the answers we hope for. Sometimes, the answer seems to be "no." In those moments, we can look to Jesus Himself, who in the Garden of Gethsemane prayed, *"Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me... but not my will, but yours be done."* This is the heart of Christian prayer: **persistence is important, but always with humility and trust in God, Who loves us infinitely.**

God is not a vending machine, nor is prayer about getting exactly what we want. It is about **growing in relationship with the One who loves us infinitely**, and Who always acts for our ultimate good, even when we can't see it. The cross was not the end of the story; it was the path to Resurrection, that is, being raised to full life in God.

So, let us continue to pray - faithfully, humbly, and persistently. Like Moses, let us rely on others when we are tired. Like the widow, let us not give up. And like Jesus, let us entrust ourselves completely to the Father's will, knowing that through the Paschal Mystery, **God has conquered sin and death, and will always raise us to full life in abundance immersed in the infinite love of the Trinity.**

***Becoming a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission***



As I shared in my homily at all Masses last weekend, we have just witnessed a historic moment in the life of the Church. From 2021 to 2024, Pope Francis has led the global Church in the **Synod on Synodality**. This was the journey of prayer, listening, dialogue, and discernment that culminated in two sessions in Rome.

The logo of the Synod, shown above, beautifully captures the spirit of this process. It portrays a diverse group of people walking together - young and old, clergy and laity - all moving forward under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It reminds us that

**the Church is not a building or an institution alone, but the People of God, journeying together.**

At the heart of the Synod are three key words:

**Communion:** We belong to one another in Christ. We are united, not by uniformity, but by a shared faith and love that celebrates our diversity.

**Participation:** Every baptized person has a voice and a role in the Church. We are each called to actively engage, listen, and contribute to the life of our faith community.

**Mission:** We are sent into the world to be witnesses of Jesus' love, bringing hope, healing, and the Good News of Jesus to all.

And of course, the foundation of it all is **Jesus Christ**, the Anointed One, who continues to give life to the world through His Body, the Church.

The Synod is not just something that happened in Rome. It is a call for **all of us**, here and now, to become a **more synodal Church**—a Church that listens deeply, includes all, and walks forward together in faith.

\* So, let us strive to live this out right here in our parish and community. Let us: Listen to one another with open hearts, especially those who feel unheard or on the margins.

\* Let us discern together what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Church today.

\* And let us work together in love and unity to carry out Jesus's mission of drawing all people into a life-giving and transforming relationship with Him.

May we be a Church where **no one is left out, and no one is left behind**—truly a synodal Church, walking together in the footsteps of Jesus, embraced by God.

**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,

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 23rd October

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### Friday 24th October

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass together with Year 12 Students.

### Saturday 25th October

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 26th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

## Save the Date...

### In October...

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

### Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder to our Communion Ministers: We ask you to kindly remember to bring your face mask with you, when you are rostered on for Communion Ministry Roster please. Thank you.

### 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.

servicing 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](mailto: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!

As I mentioned at all our Masses last weekend, we are at an exciting and significant moment in the life of our parish — we are building a new church. This is more than a construction project; it's an opportunity to shape a sacred space that truly reflects **who we are as a community of faith** and who we are becoming as a **synodal Church**.

We have engaged an architect to help bring this vision to life, and an **initial brief** (please see image on page 5 of our Newsletter) for the new church has been developed. This document outlines the practical needs, design elements, and theological vision for the space. Now is the time for us, as a parish community, to **reflect together**:

\* **Does this brief support us in becoming a synodal Church — a Church of Communion, Participation, and Mission?**

\* **Will our new church building help us build community, foster meaningful participation, and be equipped for mission in the world?**

\* **Is it a place where all feel welcome, included, and spiritually nourished?**

\* **Does it allow for listening, prayer, celebration, outreach, and hospitality — the marks of a living and Spirit-filled Church?**

The Synod has reminded us that **the Church is not only a building**, but when we do build, it must reflect our identity and calling as the **People of God on the journey together**.

I invite each of you to take part in this stage of the process. Your reflections, hopes, and insights are vital.

Please email your suggestions and feedback to: [roeb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:roeb@bne.catholic.net.au)

Let's ensure that our new church building is not only beautiful and functional — but that it truly serves our mission as a parish to be a community shaped by **Communion, Participation, and Mission**, guided by the Holy Spirit, and centred always on Christ.

### Friday Mass Schedule

We will once again join together to celebrate Friday morning 9am Mass this week (17/10) and next week (24/10).

We will then have a two (2) week hiatus on Friday's 31/10 and 07/11.

We will come back together on Friday 14/11 for 9am Mass with the Year 7 Students.

### Printed Newsletters.

Please note, that we are still without the ability 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!

*Have a wonderful week everyone, trusting in God, Fr Bryan.*



## Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

### Saturday 25th October, 4pm

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

### Sunday 26th October, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Thessa Ikitau  
**Reader 1:** Andrea Thomas  
**Reader 2:** Chrislyn Shaji  
**Communion Minister:** Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Tissy Mathew

### Sunday 26th October, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Chris Molina  
**Reader 1:** Theresa Saad  
**Reader 2:** Liana Sadumiano  
**Communion Minister:** Laisa Samoa, Raj Boobal, Isabel 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.



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!

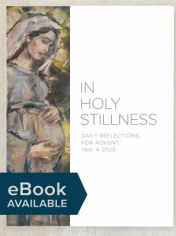


**Children's Liturgy of the Word – 3rd Sunday of the Month**

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.**

**Marian Retreat, with Fr Sam Samuel (Director of Divine Retreat Centre)**

When - Saturday 25th October, 9.30am to 3.30pm  
 Where - Holy Cross Church (110 Nottingham St Kippa Ring)  
 Free admission, No registration required, BYO Food and Drink.  
 For further information please feel free to contact 0432833439.

*“Every conversation matters”*  
**Safeguarding Matters**



Congratulations and welcome into the Catholic Family  
 This Sunday, 19th October, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family, **Harrison.**

As Harrison. receives the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;  
 May we pray, that together with family and friends, Harrison, experiences God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

**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:** John Kirby



**Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.**

**2025 Vinnies Toiletries Gift Packs. Our Wishlist has arrived!!!!**

Our JP&E Group along with our Parish SVDP volunteers will be collecting items at the Mass Centre. Bags will be provided at the entrance to the Mass Centre for Donations to be placed. Collections will be taken up to the end of November.

Should you have any questions please contact the JP&E or SVDP on the email addresses within our newsletter, alternatively reach out to Ken Butler or Kay Corcoran at the Mass Centre.

This is a wonderful initiative run collaboratively by our Justice, Peace & Ecology Group and our St Vincent de Paul Volunteers.

**2025 Items for collection:-**

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|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Soap         | Deodorant     | Shampoo and Conditioner |
| Toothpaste   | Body Lotion   | Hair Brush and Combs    |
| Lip Balm     | Sunscreen     | Feminine Products       |
| Face Clothes | Shaving items | Insect Repellent        |
| Mens Talc    | Pamper Packs  | Make Up Head Bands      |

**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](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.*



### 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:

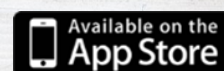
- \* **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses  
incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running  
of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- \* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/  
building of assets, which include our future church,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



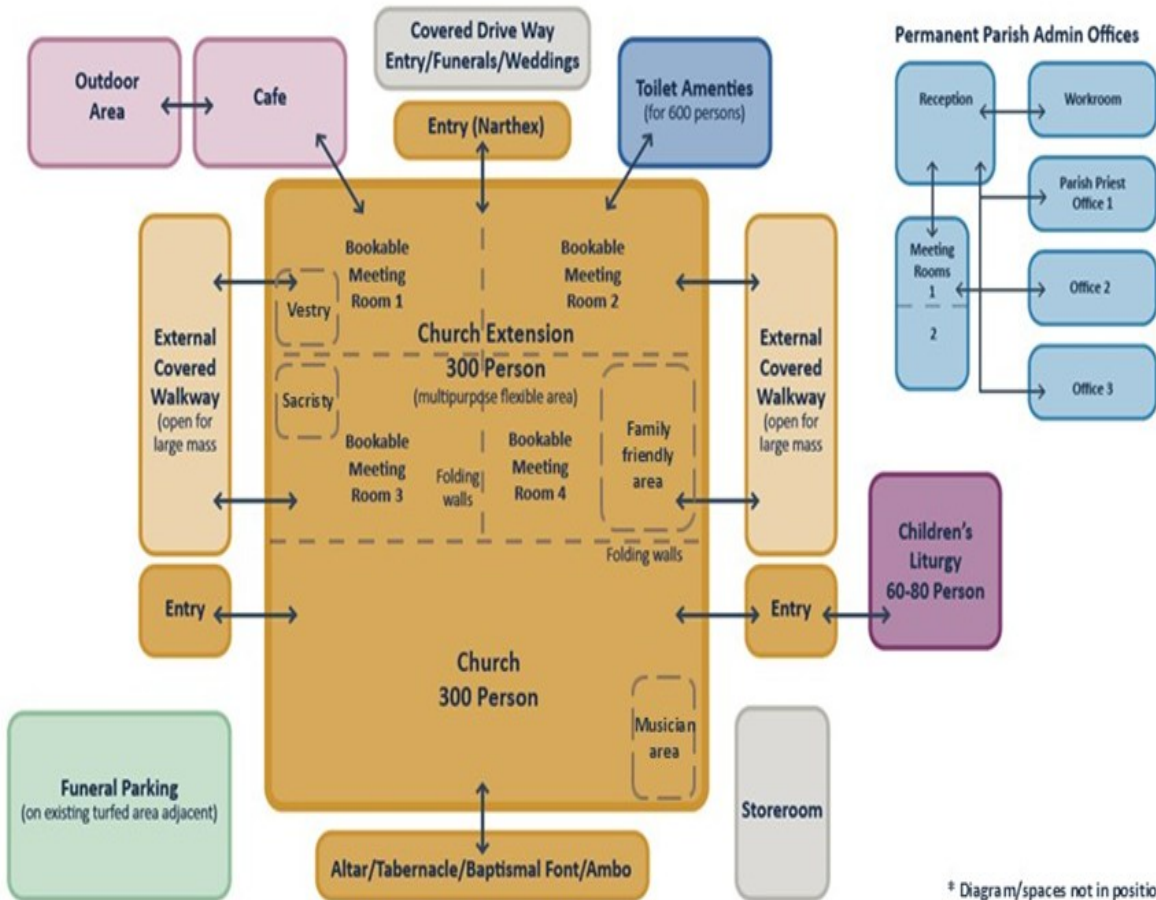
**Smoke Free School**, A reminder to all Parishioners and Friends that  
smoking is not permitted within school grounds. The law relating to  
school land applies at all times - during and after school hours, on  
weekends and during school holidays.

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

# PROPOSED BRIEF

## SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS DIAGRAM



\* Diagram/spaces not in position or to scale

### PROPOSED ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

RETURN BRIEF

OCTOBER 2025



Macksey Rush Architects