



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**The Thirtieth Sunday
Ordinary Time, Yr C.
26th October 2025.**

Parish Priest:

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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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St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

jpestbenedicts@gmail.com

**Readings for this week - 26th Oct 2025,
Thirtieth Sunday in OT YRC.**

**1st Reading - Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-14,
16-19.**
Psalm - Ps 33: 2-3, 17-19, 23.
**Response - The Lord hears the cry of the
poor.**
**2nd Reading - St Paul to Timothy 4: 6-8,
16-18.**
Gospel - Luke 18: 9-14.

God Calls us to be Humble

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a powerful parable about two men who go to the temple to pray. One is a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. It is a story with two contrasting hearts.

The Pharisee stands tall and confident. He thanks God, but only to highlight how good he thinks he is. He lists his religious practices and compares himself with others, claiming superiority. This, Jesus tells us, is *how not to pray*.

The tax collector, on the other hand, stands at a distance. He won't even raise his eyes. With a bowed head and a heavy heart, he simply says, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." And it's *his* prayer, not the Pharisee's, that reaches the heart of God. Jesus ends with a truth that cuts through pride: "*Those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.*"

This Gospel reminds us that God is not a huge fan of the proud, but encourages us to be humble – acknowledging that all of our gifts come from God, so it makes no sense for to be big-headed about them. Further, God calls us to use these gifts to help others, especially those who are in desperate need of God's love.

St Paul, writing to Timothy from prison (at the time of his pending death), speaks of his life as being "poured out" like a libation. St Paul devoted his whole life for the sake of the Gospel, not to gain status, but out of love for Jesus. He knew that even in suffering, "*the Lord stood by me and gave me strength.*" God is ever faithful.

When I hear confessions, I am often deeply moved. The more confessions I hear, the more I am humbled by the honesty and courage of those who come, trusting in God's mercy. These confessions remind me of how much I need God's mercy too.

God certainly does lift up the lowly, which Mary proclaimed in her great Song of Praise (The Magnificat) earlier in Luke's Gospel. And God fills the humble heart with a perfect love and peace that only God can give.

Let us come before God not with pride, but with humility and trust, acknowledging that all of our gifts come from God, and that God's generously gives them to us so that we can make the world a better place.

Memorial Mass – Saturday, November 29 at 9:00 AM

We invite you to join us for our **Annual Memorial Mass** on **Saturday, November 29 at 9 AM**, as we come together as a parish family to remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us, especially those who have died in the past year.

This Mass is a special opportunity to commend the souls of the departed to God's eternal care and to surround their grieving families with the comfort and support of our prayers. We especially encourage parishioners who have experienced the loss of a loved one this year to attend, as we ask God to embrace them in His eternal love and to bring healing and peace to all who mourn.

All are welcome. Whether you're remembering a recent loss or holding in your heart the memory of someone gone before, we hope you will join us in this beautiful and meaningful celebration of hope, remembrance, and prayer.

November – The Month We Pray for the Souls of Our Loved Ones

In the Catholic Church, the month of **November** is dedicated to **praying for the souls of the faithful departed**. Throughout the month, Catholics are encouraged to remember and pray for deceased loved ones, asking God to grant them eternal rest and peace. This tradition reflects our belief in the **communion of saints** and the power of prayer to assist souls on their journey to eternal life with God.

We have envelopes available at the Welcome Desk, as well as a Memorial Book, to put the names of our loved ones, who will be prayed for at each Mass.

We can pray for our loved ones in November at St Benedict's by:

Memorial Mass: All are invited to celebrate our Memorial Mass on All Souls Day, remembering the souls of our loved ones on **Saturday November 29 at 9am**.

Memorial Book and Candles: Please write the names of your loved ones, who are no longer with us, in our **Memorial Book**, so we can pray for them. Also, you are welcome to light a **candle** (battery operated) for your loved ones and place it on our stand.

Each Mass we celebrate during the month of November will be offered for our loved ones.

Mass Offerings: I will be celebrating Mass everyday throughout November and offering these Masses up for anyone who requests a Mass for their loved ones.

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**

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 30th October

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 31st October

NO 9am Mass.

Saturday 1st November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 2nd November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

Save the Date...

In October...

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

In November...

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

9th, 16th - 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.

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.

UPDATED—Friday Mass Schedule

There will be **no Friday Masses** on the following dates: **October 24, October 31, and November 7**. Our next Friday Mass will be celebrated on **Friday, November 14 at 9:00 AM**. We look forward to welcoming you then — **all are very welcome**.

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

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:- 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!

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.

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 centered always on Christ.

Have a wonderful week, proclaiming God's marvellous deeds to all the nations, **Fr Bryan**.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 1st November, 4pm

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

Sunday 2nd November, 8.30am

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

Sunday 2nd November, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Claire Goss
Reader 2: Angelito Kalaw
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony, Emarene Kalaw, Thelma Boobal.

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:-16th November.
Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.

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!

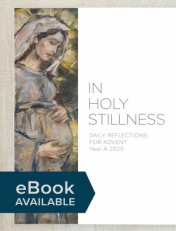
Please save the date, for the **Season's Aged Care (Mango Hill), Bake Sale** on Friday, 12th December. We would love to hear from you if you are able to **Provide baked goods or other treats.** These items will be sold to raise funds which shall go toward the funds needed to build our St Benedict's Church.

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!



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.**

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.

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"
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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, Malcolm Lochlan.



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

2025 Vinnies Toiletries Gift Packs. Our JP&E Group along with our Parish SVDP volunteers and the St Benedict's Primary School children 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 the Primary School, our Justice, Peace & Ecology Group and our St Vincent de Paul Volunteers then the list follows:-

2025 Items for collection:-

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.

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@lockettmcgullough.com.au.

With offices located at the Gold Coast, Toowong, Hamilton,
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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>



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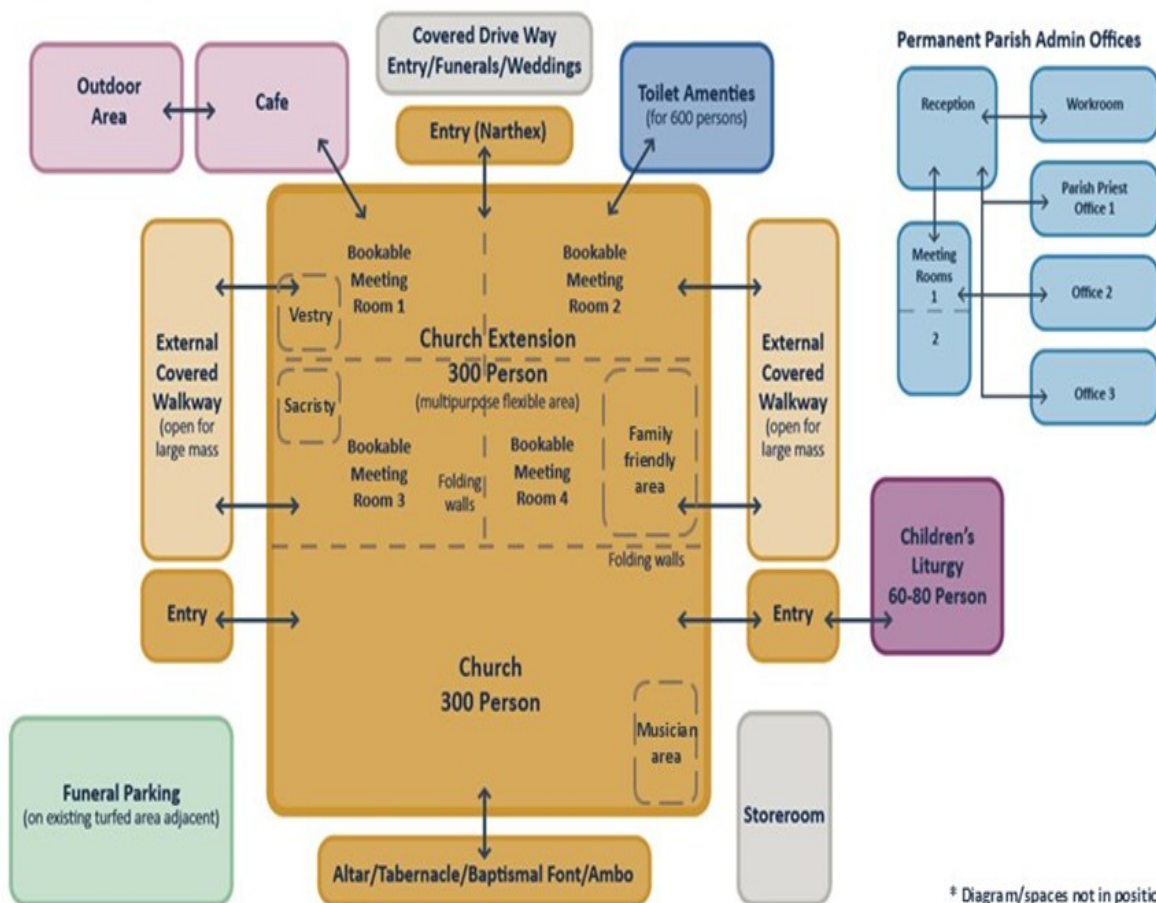
Smoke Free School, A reminder to all Parishioners and Friends that
smoking is not permitted within school grounds. The law relating to
school land applies at all times - during and after school hours, on
weekends and during school holidays.

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

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

