



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**The Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time, Yr C.
16th November 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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God Cherishes Us!

Jesus, in this coming Sunday's Gospel (Luke 21:5–19), doesn't promise an easy life. He tells His followers that they'll be hated, rejected, and even dragged before rulers because of His name. Yet right in the middle of that warning, He gives a promise of deep hope: *"Not a hair on your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."* Jesus is saying that even when everything seems to fall apart, God will look after us, for His love endures forever.

I'm often inspired by, and have great gratitude for, the sacrifices that fellow Christians have made throughout history that enables me to live my faith today. They have mocked, imprisoned, and killed simply for believing in Jesus, yet they never let anything get in the way of living their faith, not even death. Their courage and faith built the foundation for us to live our faith freely today. Because they stood firm, the message of Christ's love kept spreading, one heart at a time.

The lives of these courageous martyrs is a reflection of Jesus' own life. He, too, faced betrayal, pain, and death, but He never stopped loving. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus shows us that life is stronger than death, and love is stronger than hate. The early believers followed His path, trusting that even if their bodies were broken, their souls were infinitely safe in God's hands.

We may not face the same dangers they did, but we are still called to stand firm in our faith, especially when it's hard. Their example reminds us that every act of courage, forgiveness, and love keeps Christ's light shining in the world. And just like them, we can rest assured knowing that we are, and always will be, cherished by God, and in the end, not even a hair on our heads will perish.

Bake Stall at Season's Aged Care – Christmas Market Friday, December 12

We have a great opportunity again to come together and serve the community, while at the same time raising much needed funds for the building of our new church.

We're calling on all parishioners to roll up their sleeves and bake for this wonderful cause, our spiritual home.

Please join us for our **Bake Stall at Season's Aged Care Christmas Market**, as I have said, is a **huge fundraiser** supporting the **building of our new church**. **How to help:**

- **Bake:** Cakes, slices, biscuits, or any of your favourite homemade treats.
- **Drop off:** At the **Parish Office** on **Thursday December 11**, or at **Season's Aged Care** at **3pm Thursday** or on **Friday morning**.

Let's come together as one to make this fundraiser a success and build a beautiful home for our faith.

Friday Mass Schedule– November/December - Final Friday Masses for 2025

As we near the end of the year, we'll celebrate our last two Friday Masses together:

- **Friday, November 14 – 9:00 a.m.** led by Year 7
- **Friday, November 21 – 9:00 a.m.** led by Year 1

All are warmly invited to join us as we give thanks for the blessings of 2025 and celebrate our faith as a school community.

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

**Readings for this week - 16th Nov 2025,
Thirty-Third Sunday in OT YRC.**

1st Reading - Malachi 3: 19-20.
Psalm - Ps 97: 5-9.
Response - The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.
2nd Reading - St Paul to Thessalonians 3: 7-12.
Gospel - Luke 21: 5-19.

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 20th November

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

Friday 21st November

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 22nd November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 23rd November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass



Save the Date...

In November...

16th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning.

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.

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 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.

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** (provided over previous weeks) 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 great week everyone, in communion with Jesus, Fr Bryan.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 22nd November, 4pm

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

Sunday 23rd November, 8.30am

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

Sunday 23rd November, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Liana Sadumiano
Communion Minister: Laiza 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.



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!



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.



Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 16th November, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Arnan and Samuel.

As Arnan and Samuel receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends, Arnan and Samuel, experiences God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Gail Tarrier, Joy and Russell Darby, Natalia Humpries, Erin Stillman, Mike and Joy Gibbs

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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.*

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.

"Every conversation matters"
Safeguarding Matters





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,
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)

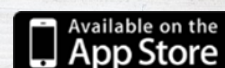
* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/
building of assets, which include our future church, office,
and an adult faith formation/gathering space.

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