



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe, Yr C.  
23rd November 2025.**

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

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**Parish Facebook Page:**

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

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**Readings for this week - 23rd Nov 2025,  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.**

**1st Reading - Samuel 5: 1-3.**

**Psalm - Ps 121: 1-5.**

**Response - Let us go rejoicing to the  
house of the Lord.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to Colossians  
1: 12-20.**

**Gospel - Luke 23: 35-43.**

***Our King Loves Us and Lifts Us Up***

The last Sunday of each liturgical year the Church celebrates the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925 to respond to growing secularism and atheism. This Solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Jesus is a King who doesn't come down from the Cross to save His own life. He stays on the Cross, giving up His life for us out of love. The Cross is Jesus' throne that reveals a love strong enough to suffer and to save us.

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, taken from Luke, Jesus hangs on the cross, while people mock Him saying, "if you are a King save yourself." And everyone around Jesus mocks Him, even one of the criminals being hanged with Jesus, but amid all this hatred we see a love beyond all telling.

When we look at Jesus on the Cross, we see Love waiting for us. He is the King who does not force Himself on us, but patiently waits for us to turn to Him. Just like He waited for the good thief.

The two criminals beside Jesus represents two ways of looking at life. One chooses bitterness, demanding a miracle. The other chooses trust, saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." This reminds us that Jesus' Kingship shines brightest when wounded people return to Him in humility.

Many earthly kings show power by dominating. Christ the King shows power by lifting others up. Jesus' Kingship is not about escape but embrace. It is not about punishing but forgiving.

Jesus does not wait for perfect people. He waits for turning hearts. No matter how late, how broken or how lost we feel, Christ the King whispers to each and every one of us the same promise He gave to the good thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

***Welcome Father Tom Elich***

This weekend we have Fr Tom Elich celebrating our Masses. Fr Tom is an excellent Liturgist, who is gifted in deepening our encounter with Christ, through life-giving liturgies (Masses etc). Fr Tom is aware that we are in the process building a church, and he will be touching on the design of our worship space to facilitate full, active participation in our celebration of Masses. Please make Fr Tom welcome.

***Final Friday Mass for 2025***

As we near the end of the year, we'll celebrate our last Friday Mass together this 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 with the school community.

We will resume our Friday 9am Mass at the resumption of school in 2026.

***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.

***\*\* Important Request - Candles for those passed in the last 12 months\*\****

For those who shall be attending the Memorial Mass on Saturday 29th November at 9am, that have lost a loved one in the past 12 months; if you could please email the Parish office ([admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au)) prior to 3pm Thursday 27th November and provide the Name and date of the passing of your loved one. This will assist us to be able to provide a candle for you in remembrance of your dearly departed, a family member will then process in with the candle when your loved ones name is called at the beginning of Mass. **\*\*Please note that candles are provided for those who have passed within that last 12 months only. Thank you.**

***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.

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 27th November

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter sent out via email.

### Saturday 29th November

9am - St Benedict's Parish, Memorial Mass.

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 30th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass

### \*\*\* Parish Office Closure during December & January\*\*\*

The Parish Office will be closed from 3pm Thursday 27th November, and will reopen at 8.30am Monday 17th December.

We will be closed for Christmas & New Year from 12pm Wednesday 24th December and reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 27th January.

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.

### **Call for Assistance — 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** on **Friday morning 12th.**

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



## Save the Date...

### In November...

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

### In January...

1st - 9am, New Years Day Mass for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

11th - Parish Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass

18th - Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass

18th - Baptism Preparation and Celebration Morning.



### **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.

*Have a great week everyone, rejoicing in the Lord, Fr Bryan.*

### **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.

## Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 5.

### Saturday 29th November, 4pm

**Commentator:** Jeanette Kearney  
**Reader 1:** Marianne Davis  
**Reader 2:** Maffy Vaz  
**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 30th November, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna  
**Reader 1:** AnneMarie Bostock  
**Reader 2:** Wendy Jones  
**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna, Sosefo Nasio & ET Mataele

### Sunday 30th November, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Emarene Kalaw  
**Reader 1:** Michael Diaz  
**Reader 2:** Rukshan De Alwis  
**Communion Minister:** Seema Masih, Violet Kalaw, Xanthe Campbell.

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.



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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place in Sunday 8.30am Mass on the third Sunday of each the Month. Next is:-21st December.  
**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!



**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.**



**Advent Program 2025:-** As we draw closer to Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of Our Saviour Jesus, joining with others for an online Advent Program is another way to prayerfully approach this beautiful season.

St Benedict's Advent Program runs for 4 weeks online, for one hour each Wednesday at 7pm. The Program begins on Wednesday evening the 26th November and continues, on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

To be part of this Wednesday evening Program use the following zoom link to join in:- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85684103683>

**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**



**The Sacrament of 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

**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, **\*\*\* TBC \*\*\***, 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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www.holycrossfunerals.com



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:

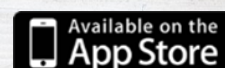
- \* **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses  
incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running  
of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- \* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/  
building of assets, which include our future church,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