



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A.  
1st February 2026.**

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

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**Readings for this week - 1st February,  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

**1st Reading - Zephaniah 2: 3; 3: 12-13.  
Psalm - Ps 145: 7-10.  
Response - Happy the poor in Spirit; the  
kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!  
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians  
1:26-31.  
Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12.**

***Living a Life of True Love and Hope***

This coming Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12) opens one of the most beautiful and challenging sections of Scripture: The Sermon on the Mount. This moment marks the true beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Matthew's Gospel. Matthew, more than the other three Gospels, is deeply concerned with showing how Jesus stands firmly within Israel's Jewish tradition while also bringing it to glorious fulfilment. Central to that tradition is the Law of Moses, the Torah (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Jesus does not discard the Torah, rather, he completes it, revealing its deepest meaning and purpose. With an authority even greater than Moses, Jesus offers a new way of living.

Just as the Torah shaped the life of Israel, the Sermon on the Mount is meant to shape the life of us, the Christian community. It is our guide for how to live, love, and hope.

The setting is important. At the end of chapter four, we see Jesus surrounded by crowds burdened by illness, suffering, and hardship. Seeing them, Jesus goes up the mountain, sits down like a teacher, and calls his disciples close. He teaches them not only for their own sake, but for the sake of the wounded world waiting below. The Sermon is training us for mission. It is the ultimate teaching for each and every one of us as Christians.

The Beatitudes that open the Sermon are not blunt commands or moral checklists. They are joyful invitations. Jesus paints a picture, a vision, of life lived in trust, compassion, humility, and mercy. These values may seem risky or impractical by worldly standards, but Jesus assures us they lead to true happiness. The word "blessed" here really means, "Congratulations!" — you're in a wonderful place, even if it doesn't look that way yet.

Living the Beatitudes means choosing a non-grasping, non-competitive way of life: being gentle rather than aggressive, merciful rather than judgmental, courageous in the face of injustice, and faithful even when it costs something. Yes, this way can make us vulnerable. But being vulnerable helps us to grow, for each Beatitude carries a promise — comfort, mercy, fulfilment, and the beautiful Kingdom itself. These promises point to God's faithful action. They tell us that living this way only makes sense if God is truly as loving and trustworthy as Jesus reveals — and Jesus assures us that God is.

That is why the Beatitudes are not naïve ideals but deep wisdom. They lead to a love, joy, peace, and contentment that God, Who loves us infinitely, wants more than anything for each and every one of us.

***Commissioning Mass for Our St Benedict's Teachers and Staff***

**At our 8:30am Mass this Sunday (February 1)** we will be blessing and commissioning the leaders, teachers and staff from both the Catholic schools in our St Benedict's Parish.

To welcome them and show our appreciation for them joining us, **please bring a plate** so we can have a lovely morning tea after Mass. Also, please pray that God will bless them abundantly as they answer God's call to give our students at both schools a high-quality Catholic education.

***A Reflection on Our Church Space and Our Life of Faith***

The **Second Vatican Council** made it very clear that **the liturgy belongs to all of us**. The Altar, in particular, is not the priest's table alone. It is the table around which all the baptised are gathered. The Council reminds us that the liturgy is "the summit and source" of the Church's life (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10), and through our baptism we all share in Christ's priesthood and are called to participate fully in what takes place there (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 14).

Also, the Council affirms that the Ambo and the Baptismal Font need to be permanent and prominent within the church. This is not about aesthetics, but about faith. When the Scriptures are proclaimed from the Ambo, it is Christ Himself who speaks to us (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7). The Word of God is living and active, and it deserves a place that reflects its dignity.

The Baptismal Font, too, holds a special place in our church. Each time we pass it, we are reminded of who we are and where our journey with Christ began. Through baptism, we are joined to Christ's life, death, and resurrection (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 6). Our whole Christian life flows from that moment.

At every Mass, Christ is truly present in four ways: in the Eucharist, in the Word, in the Priest who presides, and in the gathered community (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 7). Our church space is meant to help us become more aware of that presence and to draw us into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus.

This way of understanding worship also connects closely with the call of the **Synod on Synodality**, which invites us to grow as a Church marked by **Communion, Participation, and Mission**. We are not spectators, but a people walking together, listening together, and sent together to bring Christ to the world.

My hope in sharing all of this is very simple: that each of us might come to know Jesus more deeply, to encounter Him more personally, and to allow Him to shape our lives. If our church space helps us pray better, listen more attentively, and love more generously, then it is

## The Week Ahead...

### Thursday 5th February

St Benedict's Parish Newsletter - distributed via email, and also available on our Parish Website.

### Friday 6th February

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Saturday 7th February

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Sunday 8th February

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Friday Masses will resume February 6th at 9am.

Our Parish Mass celebrated together with St Benedict's School Students at 9am Friday morning's, will resume on the 6th February.

## Save the Date...

### In February...

- 1st - Commissioning Mass for St Benedict's Schools Staff in 8.30am Mass.
- 1st - Baptism Preparation and Celebration Morning.
- 15th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.
- 15th - Parish Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass
- 18th - Parish Ash Wednesday Mass, 7am and 7pm.
- 18th - Caritas, Project Compassion to begin.
- 20th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross, 6pm.
- 27th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross, 6pm.

### In March...

- 1st - Baptism Preparation and Celebration Morning.
- 6th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross, 6pm.
- 13th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross, 6pm.
- 15th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.
- 15th - Parish Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass
- 20th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross, 6pm.
- 27th - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross, 6pm.
- 29th - Palm Sunday.

servicing its true purpose.

Please know that I continue to hold you and your families in my prayers as we journey together in faith.

### Update on Our Church

On the evening of Tuesday January 20, we had a very fruitful Church Steering Committee meeting. We are at the stage of slightly modifying the latest architect plans and receiving a high-level pricing for the church. This pricing will be a very important part of our business plan that we will present to Archbishop Shane, who will hopefully give us the financial support we need to commence the building of our church as soon as possible. Please keep this very important project in your prayers.

### Our Christmas Raffle—Thank You!

Thank you to Di, Bobette, and everyone else who contributed to us raising \$1000 with our Christmas raffle. All proceeds go towards the building of our church.

I would also like to thank our Parishioners who kindly donated all of the prizes for the Christmas Raffle, your generosity is a blessing, thank you!

### Preparing for Lent—Lenten Resource

Archdiocesan Ministries Brisbane's Lenten resource is excellent. This year's Lenten resource is *The Journey Home*. It has been written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. Archbishop Mark is a very competent Scripture Scholar, which gives this resource a great richness of beauty and depth.

This resource is available at the Mass Centre for \$5.00 each.

### Preparing for the Lenten Journey -

### Ash Wednesday February 18 - Mass at 7am & 7pm

Lent is a time of preparation and reflection, as we draw toward the heart of the Christian faith—the Easter Triduum, which celebrates the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus. This season, lasting 40 days, offers a unique opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and renew our commitment to living the Gospel. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we open ourselves to transformation and spiritual growth.

**Prayer** is the foundation of our Lenten journey. It is a time to grow in our connection with God, allowing His presence to guide and strengthen us. As always, we have sourced a Lenten resource from Archdiocesan Ministries, which includes a Scripture reflection, a spiritual writing, reflection questions, and a prayer. **Our Lenten Resource is on sale at the Mass Centre at each of our Masses for \$5. Limited books left.**

Praying during Lent offers us a chance for deeper connection with God, offering a space to withdraw from daily distractions and encounter God more profoundly. Through prayer, we prepare to enter into the Paschal mystery with a renewed sense of awe and gratitude.

**Fasting** during Lent helps us detach from worldly comforts and refocus on spiritual nourishment. By fasting from food, habits, or distractions, we are reminded of our dependence on God and our commitment to self-discipline. This act of self-denial enables us to open our hearts to God's grace, fostering humility and mindfulness of the suffering Christ endured for our salvation.

**Acts of Charity** invite us to live out the love of Christ by serving others. Lent calls us to a deeper compassion for the poor, the marginalized, and those in need. Through acts of kindness, we follow Jesus' example and prepare our hearts to celebrate His resurrection with joy and gratitude.

### The Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent 6pm

To enhance our preparation for our celebration of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter), the church offers us the devotion of **The Stations of the Cross** – a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. We will be praying the Stations of the Cross each **Friday during Lent at 6pm**. Concluding with **praying the Stations on Good Friday at 10am**. Please join us.

Have a great week everyone, as humble friends of the Lord, *Fr Bryan*.

### Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder

A gentle reminder to our Communion Ministers: We ask you to kindly remember to bring and wear 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 to arrange an appointment. Thank you.

## Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

### Saturday 7th February, 4pm

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey  
**Reader 1:** B-Jay Foronda  
**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran  
**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

### Sunday 8th February, 8.30am

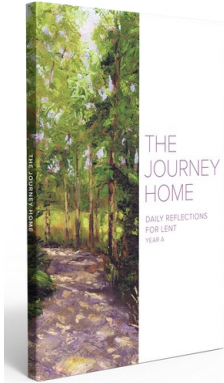
**Commentator:** Ronnie Vaipuna  
**Reader 1:** Zepher Vaipuna  
**Reader 2:** Angel Vaipuna  
**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna, Gabby and Sa Ikitau

### Sunday 8th February, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Xavier Campbell  
**Reader 1:** Geni Campbell  
**Reader 2:** Xanthi Campbell  
**Communion Minister:** Sheeja Alphonse, Claire Goss, Geni 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.

**A DAILY REFLECTION RESOURCE FOR  
LENT 2026**




This year Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new Lenten reflection resource called *The Journey Home*. *The Journey Home* has been written by our guest writer, Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, former Archbishop of Brisbane. With a background in studying Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, and many years of experience teaching scripture, we are delighted to offer this resource to you.

This resource is designed with both individuals and groups in mind, offering simple, easy-to-follow prompts for small group leaders to use each Sunday during Lent. Each weekday includes a beginning prayer, a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, some thoughts to provoke reflection and/or discussion and a closing prayer.


**The 2026 Lenten Resource Book is available to purchase for \$5.00 each at the Mass Centre.**

**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.*


**Congratulations to all of our  
Christmas Raffle Prize Winners!**



Luiz BB1, Kratz Y26, Joanne BB24, Jake BB65, Lene BB37, Renae BB45 and Malia YD31.

We thank you for your support in assisting us to raise funds which go toward building our St Benedict's Church.

**St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests**




Prayer requests are always welcomed and can be made in three ways to the Prayer Team.

- Written into the Prayer Request Book located on the timber stand in the Mass Centre entrance.
- Written and placed into the small wooden prayer box, in front of the Altar.
- 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.*



St Benedict's Parish, will be celebrating Mass for Ash Wednesday, 18th February, at 7am and 7pm. All are Welcome.

**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

*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:**

*Congratulations and Welcome  
into the Catholic Family*



On Sunday, 18th January, we joyfully welcomed into the Catholic Family,

**Sophia and Joseph.**

As Sophia and Joseph received the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

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

**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.

**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:-15th February.

**Children from the age groups of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend.**

**Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.**

**2025 Vinnies Toiletries Gift Packs—THANK YOU.** We wish to extend a sincere thank you to all those who were in a position to donate goods to the SVDP 2025 Toiletry initiative.

Working collaboratively with the St Benedict's Primary School. SVDP and our Parish, we were able to put many packs together that will go towards helping many people in need over the Christmas and New Year period.

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

*"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@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.



### Holy Cross Funerals Supporting Parishes for 25 years

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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:

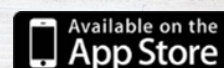
- \* **The Parish (Running) Collection**, which supports the expenses  
incurred for the day-to-day, efficient and effective running  
of the parish. (Leases, Wages, Supplies)
- \* **The Building (Church) Donation**, which supports our purchasing/  
building of assets, which include our future church,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