



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A.
15th February 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
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Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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**Readings for this week - 15th February,
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

**1st Reading - Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20.
Psalm - Ps 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
Response - Happy are they who follow
the law of the Lord!
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians
2: 6-10.
Gospel - Matthew 5: 17-37.**

Our Lenten Journey - Ash Wednesday 18/02/26 - 7am & 7pm Mass.

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.

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.

We did source 100 copies of the Lenten resource from Archdiocesan Ministries, which includes a Scripture reflection, a spiritual writing, reflection questions, and a prayer. We sold these copies. If you would like to purchase the Lenten resource, The Journey Home, you can do so through the following link:

[\(ELECTRONIC Version \) eBook - Lent 2026 - The Journey Home – Archdiocesan Ministries](#)

Alternatively, you are welcome to phone Archdiocese Ministries on 07 3324 3440.

Our Prayer Network has also organised a Lenten Group at 7pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent on zoom, and an exciting Deanery Lenten Retreat. Please see below for more details.

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.

Caritas gives us the opportunity to support communities less fortunate than us through Project Compassion. For more details on Project Compassion for this year, please see below.

Ash Wednesday by Elizabeth Harrington.

Wednesday 14th February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by the Church as days of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday.

In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old.

Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat.

The practice of fasting and abstinence aims at leading us to interior conversion by making us more disciplined and more charitable. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, the practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert.

The ashes that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and remind us of the need to repent our failings.

St Benedict's Lenten Groups on Zoom - from Wednesday 25/02/26, 7pm.

Prayer is the foundation of our Lenten journey, and the oxygen for the spiritual life. 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 (formerly Evangelisation Brisbane), 'The Journey Home' written by Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. This resource includes a Scripture reflection, a spiritual writing, reflection questions, and prayer.

Our prayer Network will be leading a Prayer Group on Zoom on all Wednesdays during Lent at 7pm starting on Wednesday February 25. Here is the link for the Wednesday Prayer Group: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83564701456>

I encourage you all to come along. All are welcome!

A Wonderful Deanery Lenten Retreat - Saturday March 14, 12pm-3:30pm at St Benedict's Parish.

You are warmly invited to a special Deanery Retreat at St Benedict's Parish, 22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill, on Saturday March 14, 12:00pm–3:30pm, including afternoon tea.

Our Retreat Director will be Father Kevin Gonsalvos (OFM Cap), a Capuchin priest who has faithfully served God by directing retreats and preaching the Gospel in more than 20

The Week Ahead...



Wednesday 18th February

7am - St Benedict's Parish, Ash Wednesday Mass.

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Thursday 19th February

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

Friday 20th February

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass together with Grade 4 students.

6pm - St Benedict's Parish Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21st February

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 22nd February

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In February...

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.

25th - St Benedict's Parish Prayer Network Lenten Group - detail to follow.

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.

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29th - Palm Sunday.

countries around the world. Father Kevin brings with him not only deep insights of God, but the lived experience of a Franciscan whose heart burns with love for Jesus and His Church.

The theme of our retreat is "St Francis as Alter Christus" — St Francis as 'Another Christ.'

St Francis of Assisi so conformed his life to Jesus that people saw Christ reflected in him. Through prayer, humility, poverty of spirit, love for the poor, and joyful obedience, St Francis became a living image of the Gospel.

In his own time, St Francis helped revive Catholicism. His radical trust in God and joyful witness drew countless men and women back to the heart of the Church. So many desired to follow his way of life that he established not only the Franciscan Order for religious men and women, but also a Third Order for lay people, enabling ordinary Christians living in the world to embrace a Franciscan spirituality in their daily lives. **That same call is before us today.**

This retreat aims to equip us spiritually to become the "St Francis" of our own time — women and men so deeply united to Jesus that others are drawn into relationship with God through us. The heart of this renewal begins not with activism, but with contemplation. St Francis spent long hours in prayer before the Crucified Lord. It was there that his heart was transformed. It was there that he received the grace to serve.

True contemplation leads to action. When we encounter Christ deeply, we are moved outward in love — particularly toward the sick, the poor, and the marginalised. The more we gaze upon Jesus, the more we recognise Him in those who suffer.

Our world today longs for authentic witnesses. It longs for Christians whose lives radiate peace, joy, humility, and compassion. Through this retreat, we will be invited to renew our friendship with Jesus and to allow Him to shape us into instruments of His mercy and healing.

Above all, this afternoon will be a time of *communio* — deep communion with God and with one another. As a deanery community, we gather not simply for a talk, but for shared prayer, reflection, and friendship. In slowing down together before the Lord, we allow Him to strengthen the bonds between us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please mark the date in your calendars and join us for this grace-filled opportunity. Come hungry for God. Come open to renewal. Come ready to be sent forth in perfect peace.

Let us ask the Lord to raise up in our time saints like Francis — and perhaps, through His grace, to begin that work in us.

The Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent – from Friday 20/02/26, 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.

Caritas - Project Compassion for 2026.

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

If you are able, please consider donating today. You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes and envelopes available at the Mass Centre or by calling: 1800024413 or by scanning the QR code on the back page of Newsletter (also at the Mass Centre), or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Thank you for standing with Caritas, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

Important—Update on Building Our Church and Finances.

This week I met with our Architects to do some 3D modelling for our church. We are now going to send these models off to a Quantity Surveyor who will give a high-level costing. This will be added to our Business Plan, and I will organise a meeting with Archbishop Shane and Father Peter Dillon (Vicar General) to request funding.

Please note, we (the parishioners) need to contribute financially towards the running of our Parish and the building of our church. At present, our collections are a major concern for the Archdiocese (last weekend Parish Collection: \$700, and Church Building Collection: \$600).

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 4.

Saturday 21st February, 4pm

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

Sunday 22nd February, 8.30am

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

Sunday 22nd February, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Liana Sadumiano
Communion Minister: Laisa Setefano, 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.

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This will inhibit acquiring the funding required for the building of our church. Our Business Plan is also sourcing revenue from leasing out our church multi-purpose space during the weekdays.

Date Claimer – Sunday March 1 After Our 8:30am Mass

Do you have an interest in St Francis of Assisi?

Would you like to know how you can follow Christ in the footsteps of St Francis in your everyday life?

Deacon Adrain Eldridge of the Secular Franciscan Order will be presenting a talk on St Francis, his life and spirituality in the school hall on Sunday 1st March 2026 following the 8:30am Mass.

All are welcome.




Welcome to Our Parish Team

It is with great joy that I welcome Jody Gearon to the St Benedict’s Parish Team as our new Parish Administration Assistant. Jody joins Renae, our Parish Secretary, and me in the shared ministry of serving our parish family and supporting all that happens in the life of our parish.

Jody will be in the office on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please join me in warmly welcoming Jody to our Parish Team, and please keep us in your prayers.

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.



Have a great week everyone, living our lives in the peace and love of the Lord, **Fr Bryan.**

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.




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.




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.



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: Lyn Kellerher



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 would like to receive the weekly Newsletter in a Thursday via email, please contact the Parish Office so we can set you up in our Database.

Lenten Retreat with Fr Sam Samuel (Divine Retreat Centre)

When:- Saturday 28th February 9.30am to 3.30pm
Where:- Holy Cross Church, 110 Nottingham St Kippa Ring.
Notes:- Admission is Free, No Registration required, BYO Food.
For enquires please call 0432 833 439

Northern Rivers Deanery - Lenten Retreat. 12pm - 3.30pm Saturday 14th March.

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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 streamlining 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.



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

Stay tuned for future meeting and initiative details.

Next Meeting - The next meeting will be advised in coming newsletters.

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.*

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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

*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.



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Project Compassion Donations 2026 How do we donate?

This Lent, like in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home. You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the envelopes, or by calling:- 1800 024 413 or by scanning the QR Code, or by going online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

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