



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Fifth Sunday of Easter,  
Year A.  
3rd May 2026.**

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**Mass Times:**

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

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**Parish Facebook Page:**

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

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**Readings for this week - 3rd May 2026,  
Fifth Sunday of Easter.**

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles  
6: 1-7.**

**Psalm - Ps 32: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19.**

**Response - Lord, let your mercy be on  
us, as we place our trust in  
you. Alleluia.**

**2nd Reading - St Peter 2: 4-9.**

**Gospel - John 14: 1-12.**

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict Parish

To be Christian, one must fully believe that Jesus is God, and live one's life in the Risen Lord. Jesus makes this very clear in this coming Sunday's Gospel, saying, "whoever believes in me believes in God. Whoever sees me sees God." Then most importantly, Jesus says, "whoever lives their life in me, will bear much fruit, and will have eternal life."

You see, in John's Gospel eternal life, which is life in the perfect love of the Trinity, starts now. For eternal life is living our lives in communion with God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And as Christian we live our lives in relationship with the Risen Jesus. Jesus is our wonderful companion on the journey of life, giving us life in abundance (John 10:10). And He gives us life through His infinite self-giving love coming to full expression in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Jesus is with us every second of everyday, loving us, and wanting the absolute best for us. Inviting us to turn to Him, so that we can see God's love in our lives. So that we can see all the wonderful blessings that God lavishes upon us. Such as our personal gifts. Our eyes to see all the beautiful things in God's marvellous creation. Our ears to hear the wonderful sounds, such as wonderful music, birds chirping, the voices of our loved ones.

When I was a younger priest, I can remember pointing out the blessing of our ears to a young mother. I asked her, "do you have children?" And she said with a rather firm tone, "Yes Father, four children below the age of seven." So, I said, "well maybe there are times when you won't see your ears to hear as a blessing."

Jesus will always help us to see other personal blessings too, such as our hearts to love, our minds to think, and our bodies which enable us to love and care for others.

Jesus will also help us to see the abundant blessings of all the wonderful people in our lives. Sisters and brothers, sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, our mates, and even complete strangers. And Jesus will always help us to see and be appreciative of the wonderful world in which we live, with the mountains and seas, the birds, the flowers and trees, beautiful sunrises and sunsets. The air we breathe, the food we eat, the water we drink. These are blessings, blessings, blessings.

And then, of course, there is our greatest blessing of all. Jesus, Who is with us always, helping us to see that we are fully loved. And helping us to pour ourselves out for others in love.

We can love each other by caring for the sick and dying. By reaching out to the poor and marginalised. By supporting those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We can also love each other by just simply showing interest in each other. Smiling and saying "hello!" Asking each other: "How are you going? How is your family? Is there anything I can do for you?"

Jesus assures us in this coming Sunday's Gospel that living our lives in Jesus, with Jesus in us, will help us devote our lives to loving and caring for each other, which is the absolute best life possible. For life lived in the love of the Lord, is life lived to the full. For according to St Peter, "we are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

Have a great week everyone, trusting in the Lord,

Fr Bryan

***Mary Butler's Beautiful Funeral Mass Saturday May 2 at 10am***

Let's come together as our St Benedict's family on Saturday May 2 at 10am in our Mass Centre to celebrate the Funeral Mass of our much-loved Mary Butler. In moments like these, the strength and kindness of our parish community shines so beautifully, as we gather to support one another in prayer and friendship.

We give thanks to God for the gift of Mary—her warmth, generosity, and gentle presence among us. We entrust her to God's loving care, trusting she now rests in His peace. We also ask God to hold close and strengthen us, Mary's family, loved ones, and many friends as we walk this journey together in faith, hope, and love.

May Mary now rest in the abundant love of the Good Shepherd, and may we continue to hear His voice, giving us all much needed strength and support at this very difficult time.

Vale Mary my friend. Vale.

***The Easter Season***

The Easter Season is the Church's great fifty-day celebration of the Resurrection, stretching from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Liturgically, it is marked by joy: the Paschal Candle burns brightly at every Mass, the Scriptures focus on the risen Lord appearing to His disciples, and the Church prays with a renewed sense of victory and hope. The liturgical colour is white - symbolising light, glory, purity, and triumph. It is the colour of Christ risen, no longer bound by death, but radiant with divine life.



## Parish Calendar

### The Week Ahead...

#### Thursday 7th May

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

#### Friday 8th May

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 3 students.

#### Saturday 9th May

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

#### Sunday 10th May

Mother's Day

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

**\*\* Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 4th May for the Public Holiday**

### Save the Date...

#### In May...

2nd-4th - Labour Day long weekend.

10th - Mother's Day

15th -23rd- Holy Spirit Novena to commence.

17th - Children's Liturgy of the Word, in 8.30am Sunday Mass.

17th - Children's Sacramental Preparation begins (attendance by booking)

24th - Pentecost Multi Cultural Mass and Morning Tea

31st - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

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**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.

**Communion Ministers - Face Mask Reminder**  
A 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.

**Friday 9am Mass resumes this week, Friday 1st May.**

Let us join together with the St Benedict's School Community to celebrate 9am Friday morning Mass, resuming this **Friday 9am May 1st.**

During this season, the "Alleluia" returns and is sung with real gusto. Throughout Lent it was set aside, almost like holding one's breath. Now it bursts forth again as the Church's song of joy because Jesus is alive. The word itself expresses great exuberance, for death has been conquered.

To be a person of the Resurrection means to live with that same joy and confidence. It means we are no longer defined by fear, sin, or failure, but by the life of Jesus within us. The risen Jesus is not just a figure of the past; He is alive in us now. His grace lifts us, strengthens us, and quietly transforms our hearts day by day.

Easter invites us to live differently, to carry within us the very life of the risen Lord: alive, joyful, and full of hope.

### **Our Church Family Has Grown, Alleluia!!**

Over the weekends of the Easter season, we have now joyfully celebrated and welcomed eleven (11) Children/Infants through Baptism. So, together with the ten (10) beautiful people, who were fully initiated as Catholics at our Easter Vigil, we have grown as God's wonderful family.

The Risen Jesus' life is new in them, as they begin to live the faith that all of us in the Church profess. Their faces radiate the beauty of Jesus' Resurrection for all to see. In them, the Church is new.

I wish all the newly baptised, and those now fully initiated into the Church, a most Blessed and Happy Easter Season. Jesus is Risen! Indeed He is truly risen! Alleluia!!

### **Pentecost 9 Day Novena - 15th May to 23rd May**

**"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful. And kindle in them the fire of Your love."**

**Pentecost:** Once again as a parish to prepare for this important Feast Day, Pentecost Sunday, the birth of the Church, we are going to pray a 9 Day Novena to the Holy Spirit. All parishioners are encouraged to pray the Novena asking the Holy Spirit for World Peace.

A copy of the Novena will be sent out via email with the newsletter, or it can be found on the Parish Website notices. You can also join with others online at 6 a.m. to pray the Novena on Zoom.

Online the Novena goes for approximately 20 minutes each morning, starting on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6am** (the day after Ascension Thursday) concluding on the 9<sup>th</sup> day at **6am** on zoom on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, the day before **Pentecost Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us at **6am May 15-23** by clicking the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84508320621> Or pray the 9 day **Novena** daily using your email copy.



### **SAVE THE DATE:- Celebrate Our Multicultural Mass and Feast - Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, 8.30am Mass**



Pentecost marks the birth of the Church, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the disciples like tongues of fire, filling them with courage and uniting them across languages and cultures to proclaim the Good News to all nations. This sacred day reminds us that the Church is universal, a home for people of every language, race, and culture.

Fittingly, on **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th, at our 8:30am Mass**, we will celebrate one of our greatest strengths as a parish—**our rich multicultural community**. With over 25 nationalities represented, we are a living reflection of the Church's diversity and unity.

Join us for a **Multicultural Mass and Feast**, a joyful and vibrant celebration of our shared faith and cultural heritage. This promises to be the highlight of our parish year!

#### **How you can participate:**

##### In the Mass:

\* **Cultural Gospel and Offertory Processions** – In past years, we've had vibrant contributions from PNG and Tongan communities. If you'd like to lead or take part in a procession within the Mass, we'd love to hear from you!

\* **Prayers of the Faithful** – Offered in various languages. Once again, calling all interested participants.

\* **Wearing traditional dress** – Celebrate your heritage by dressing in your cultural attire.

\* **Praying the Our Father in our native tongues** – A powerful moment of unity in diversity, reflecting the disciples in the upper room on Pentecost.

##### In the Feast:

\* **Share a dish from your culture** – Bring a traditional meal to share after Mass as we gather for friendship and food.

If you would like to participate in any way, please email [roeb@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:roeb@bne.catholic.net.au).

Let's come together, united in Christ, to celebrate the many cultures that make up our parish family. This is more than just a celebration—it's a joyful witness to the Holy Spirit alive in our midst!

Your support will make a meaningful difference and bring us one step closer to building our new church. Thank you in advance!



### Sacraments at St Benedicts Parish.

#### Baptism at St Benedict's.

We invite all families wishing to have children (up to 12 years) Baptised into the Catholic Faith at St Benedict's, to please contact the Parish Office for information and available dates for our Baptism Preparation and Baptism in 2026.

#### Children's Sacramental Programs

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 for Confirmation 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 the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible.

The Program takes place throughout the months of May and June each year.

#### RCIA and RCIT

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and The Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens (RCIT, 13-18 years) Programs run annually. The program runs for approx. 12-15 weeks from November through to Easter the following year, with a small break over the Christmas & New Year period.

We welcome anyone who may be interest to please reach out to the Parish Office for further information about our RCIA & RCIT Programs.



#### 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:- 17th May.

Children from the ages of Prep to Grade 4 are welcome to attend. Children younger than Prep, age are welcome to attend and must be accompanied by an adult. Thankyou

### Please remember in your Prayers:

**Those who are Unwell:** Joy & Russell Darby, Natalia Humpries, Erin Stillman, Mike & Joy Gibbs.

**All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Colin Larter

**Our Dear Recently Departed:** Mary Butler



#### 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.



#### Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard.

##### The South Brisbane Men's Shelter -

Collection of men's shirts. Thank you for your great generosity – 16 shirts and many socks and underwear donated. We will pass these to the shelter in the next week.

**Care for our planet** - Reduce our use of plastic food wrap. If you are over 65 years old you might remember a world without plastic food wrap. We survived, didn't we?

Pauline and Ricardo Adams conducted a workshop to skill us in making beeswax impregnated calico wrappers. These wraps can be used over and over, greatly reducing plastic pollution. Look out for the video before Masses in the next few weeks. We will show you how. Here is the training team.

**Future meeting dates**- will be the second Wednesday of each month: 8 April, 13 May, etc.

Meeting for April will be at a Ken and Mary's house, reach out to Ken Butler for details.

**JP&E email address** - [jpestbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto:jpestbenedicts@gmail.com). Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out.



#### Congratulations and welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 3rd May, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

**Kristen.**

As Kristen receives the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

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



#### Archdiocese of Brisbane - The Catholic Church in South East Queensland

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

#### Saturday 9th May, 4pm

**Commentator:** Sharon Hickey  
**Reader 1:** B-Jay Foronda  
**Reader 2:** Nancy D'souza  
**Communion Minister:** Joseph D'souza

#### Sunday 10th May, 8.30am

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

#### Sunday 10th May, 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.



### 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 Jody also if you have questions. Thank you.



### Registering your details with our Parish- Email & Census.

We encourage our Parishioners to keep the Parish Office up to date with your family details. Please find our Census Cards on the Welcome Table at the Mass Centre. Please complete and submit to the office so we can register/update your contact details. This will also assist us to send out our weekly Parish Newsletter via Email to you. Receiving the Newsletter is a wonderful way to keep up to date with the varied ministries and events happening in and around our Parish. You are also welcome to email the Parish Office your information.

The Newsletter is uploaded to our Parish Website every Thursday.

## Holy Cross Funerals Supporting Parishes for 25 years

Contact our experienced and friendly staff to assist with your pre-planning or funeral needs.

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www.holycrossfunerals.com



**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

### Parish Collections - Weekend of 19/04/2026.

Parish Collections:-

**\$1376.05**

Building Collections:-

**\$853.65**

Total Donations:-

**\$3429.70 (total incl T&G)**

*We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously donated in support of the life and mission of the St Benedict's Parish.*

*We thank you for your continued support.*

### 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.

### Containers for Change at St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Parish Number- C11719697

There are many ways to support the fundraising efforts for the St Benedict's Parish.

We are happy to share that we are now set up with our own Containers for Change account, perhaps you may consider donating to the Parish through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank you!



### \*\*\* Final Collection of Caritas Envelopes \*\*\*

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION**  
Thank you to those who have kindly dropped the Caritas Project Compassion Envelopes into the Mass Centre.

**We ask that any further donations wishing to be made via the envelopes, please be dropped off to the Mass Centre no later than Sunday 26th April, please. 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.*