



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Sixth Sunday of Easter,
Year A.
10th May 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

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

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**Readings for this week - 10th May 2026,
Sixth Sunday of Easter.**

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles
8: 5-8, 14-17.**
Psalm - Ps 65: 1-7, 16, 20.
**Response - Let all the earth cry out to
God with joy. Alleluia.**
2nd Reading - St Peter 3: 15-18.
Gospel - John 14: 15-21.

Dear wonderful parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

As a person of faith, every now and again I find myself deeply moved by the infinite love of God. Last Saturday was, as we celebrated Mary Butler's Funeral Mass, one of those moments. To witness the love our St Benedict's Parish family has for Mary and Ken was truly overwhelming. I experience great consolation, and I thank you all for being part of such a wonderful moment.

My deepest desire is for each of you to experience the beauty and love of God in your lives, and seeing you gathered in such faith and unity at Mary's farewell confirmed for me that this is already happening among us.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and to those who were present in spirit.

In this Sunday's second reading, St Peter urges us to always be ready to give a reason for the hope that we have. That reason can be expressed in one word: Jesus. In Him, we find our hope, which is a hope that leads us into life with God, both now and forever. This of course is the best life possible. Jesus is not only our hope, but He is our love, our life, our everything. This was clearly true for Mary Butler, who lived life so abundantly in relationship with God.

So, please keep loving Jesus, my dear friends. As Jesus assures us in the Gospel this Sunday, if we love Him, the Father will love us, and Jesus will reveal Himself to us more and more. And the deeper we come to know Jesus, the richer our lives become, for, as John the Evangelist reminds us, God is Love.

Love fills us with joy, peace, and contentment. St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, eloquently expresses the end we achieve when we spend our lives loving Jesus and being loved by Jesus as a life of "tranquil joy." (Story of a Soul Ch4).

May that tranquil joy be yours this week and always. *Fr Bryan*

The Sacrament of Confirmation - Strengthened with the Holy Spirit

We continue to celebrate the radiant season of Easter, rejoicing in the Risen Lord. This Sunday the Church invites us to immerse ourselves more deeply into the mystery of God's life. The readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A) gently draw us into that living promise: that we are never alone, for God has placed His very Spirit within us.

In the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 8:5-17), we encounter a fascinating and pivotal moment in the early Church. The people of Samaria had already accepted the Word of God and been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Yet, something more was to come. The apostles Peter and John journey to them, lay hands upon them, and they receive the Holy Spirit. This moment is more than a historical detail—it is a window into the life of the Church and the unfolding of what we now know as the Sacrament of Confirmation.

From the beginning, the Church recognised that initiation into Christian life was not only about baptism, but also about the gift of the Holy Spirit in a personal and strengthening way. In those earliest days, Baptism and the laying on of hands were often celebrated together. Over time, especially as the Church grew and spread, these moments became distinct in the Roman Catholic tradition.

The bishop, as a successor of the apostles, would come to confirm the faithful, sealing them with the gift of the Spirit. So, Confirmation developed as a sacrament in its own right, being intimately connected to Baptism, yet highlighting the fullness of the Spirit's presence.

Jesus Himself prepares us for this gift in the Gospel of John (John 14:15-21) we hear this Sunday. He speaks tenderly to His disciples: "I will not leave you orphans." What a beautiful promise. The Holy Spirit is not an abstract force, but the very presence of God living within us. The Holy Spirit is our Advocate, our guide, our strength.

Confirmation is the sacrament in which this promise becomes deeply personal. Through the anointing with sacred chrism (with the words, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit) and the laying on of hands, we are sealed with the Spirit and sent forth to live as mature witnesses to Christ.

To say that Confirmation "completes" the Sacraments of Initiation - alongside Baptism and the Eucharist - is to say that it strengthens what has already begun. It roots us more firmly in our identity as sons and daughters of God. It equips us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and wonder and awe in God's presence. And from these gifts flow the fruits of the Spirit, which are - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live our lives in the infinite love of the Trinity, bearing this abundant fruit as we live our lives. Enabling us to rejoice in the Risen Lord, even in the midst of ordinary life. They shape how we speak, how we serve, how we forgive, and how we love.

This is why the psalmist's cry today rings with such meaning: "Let all the earth cry out to God



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 14th May

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

Friday 15th May

6am - St Benedict's Parish Pentecost Novena to begin.

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 8 students.

Saturday 16th May

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 17th May

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass

Children's Sacramental Information Session for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, please contact the Parish Office.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

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Save the Date...

In May...

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.

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.



with joy." The joy we proclaim is not superficial or fleeting. It is the deep, abiding serene joy of knowing that God is with us (within us) guiding us every step of the way, and giving us great support when we need it.

As fully initiated Catholics, born into the infinite love of the Trinity through Baptism, strengthened with the power of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation, and nourished with the Lord, Himself, in the Eucharist, may we join God in pouring ourselves out completely for others, transforming the world with God's infinite love.

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 15th at 6am** (the day after Ascension Thursday) concluding on the 9th day at **6am** on zoom on **Saturday 23rd May**, the day before **Pentecost Sunday May 24th**. 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.

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!

Fundraising Initiative for Building Our New Church

As we move forward with the vision of our new church and parish centre, a generous initiative from parishioner Raj Boobal Vincent offers a simple way to contribute.

Through **HavenPath Finance**, Raj provides trusted support in finding the right home loans, car loans, personal loans, and financial health checks tailored to your needs.

At no additional cost to you, 10% of the income earned from loans arranged for St Benedict's parishioners will be donated directly to our Church Building Fund.

This means your personal financial journey can also help build our shared spiritual home.

This is a practical and meaningful way to support the parish. If you are considering a loan or would value a financial check-up, **HavenPath Finance** is a wonderful option.

Together, we continue building a place of faith, connection, and mission for generations to come.

For more details, please contact Raj on:

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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, 21st June.

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. *Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out.*

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. 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.

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Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 16th May, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Mary Foronda
Reader 2: Sheila Pereira
Communion Minister: Gerard Davis

Sunday 17th May, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin
Reader 1: Morton Howes
Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic, Pierina Ziebarth and Andre Mascarenhas

Sunday 17th May, 5.30pm

Commentator: Judith Fernandes
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Zandra Farr
Communion Minister: Theresa Saad, Michael Fraser, Sheilah Ojuri.

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.



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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

Parish Collections - Weekends of 26/04 & 03/05/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1860.90

Building Collections:-

\$1844.50

Total Donations:-

\$5595.40 (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 Benedicts 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!



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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.