



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin*

**Pentecost Sunday,  
Year A.  
24th May 2026.**

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**Place of Worship:**

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

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

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[jpestbenedicts@gmail.com](mailto:jpestbenedicts@gmail.com)

**Readings for this week - 24th May 2026,  
Pentecost Sunday.**

**1st Reading - Acts of the Apostles  
2: 1-11.**

**Psalm - Ps 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34.**

**Response - Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the  
earth.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Corinthians  
12: 3-7, 12-13.**

**Gospel - John 20: 19-23.**

Dear wonderful parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

Pentecost Sunday is one of the great celebrations of our Catholic faith. It is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the birthday of the Church. Once again, this year our St Benedict's Parish community will celebrate this sacred occasion in a joyful and Spirit-filled way through our Multicultural Pentecost Mass and Feast at the 8:30am Sunday Mass.

At St Benedict's, we are richly blessed with parishioners from more than 24 different cultural backgrounds. What a gift this is for our parish family! In a world that can often be divided, our community stands as a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be, that is, many peoples, many cultures, many languages, but one in Christ Jesus.

The readings for Pentecost Sunday speak powerfully into our celebration. In the first reading (Acts 2:1-11), the Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples like a mighty wind and tongues of fire. People from every nation hear the Apostles speaking in their own languages and proclaiming the mighty works of God. This moment reveals that the Church was born multicultural from the very beginning. The Spirit gathers people together, not by erasing their differences, but by uniting them in God's love.

During our Mass, we will mirror that Pentecost scene in a special and prayerful way. The celebration will include **four different processions led by parishioners from various nations and cultures**, reminding us that all peoples are welcomed into the family of God. **The Prayers of the Faithful will be prayed in different languages**, and **together we will pray the Our Father in the many languages** represented in our parish community. It will be a moving experience of unity in diversity, a true glimpse of the universal Church gathered as one body through the Holy Spirit.

The beautiful words of this coming Sunday's Psalm, will echo in our hearts: "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." We pray that the Spirit may continue renewing our parish community with love, welcome, joy, and unity.

In our second reading from St Paul (1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13), we are reminded that although we are many parts, we form one body through the same Spirit. Every culture, every family, every person brings unique gifts to our parish. The Holy Spirit does not make us all the same. Rather, the Spirit weaves our many gifts and traditions together into one beautiful communion of faith.

In the Gospel for this coming Sunday (John 20:19-23), the risen Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and says, "Peace be with you." That same Spirit continues to breathe life into the Church today. Through the Spirit, Jesus calls us to go forth with courage, mercy, and hope.

We warmly encourage all parishioners to join in this wonderful celebration by **wearing traditional cultural dress** representing your heritage. The vibrant colours and traditions of our many cultures will add beauty and richness to our worship and remind us that every culture has a place in the heart of the Church.

Following Mass, everyone is invited to stay for **our Multicultural Feast**. Parishioners are encouraged to **please bring a plate of food from their cultural background** to share with others. This shared meal will be another beautiful expression of hospitality, friendship, and joy as we gather around the table as one parish family.

Please come along and celebrate this absolutely wonderful occasion. Invite your family, friends, and neighbours. Let us gather together in faith and joy as the people of God, united by the Holy Spirit, and rejoice in the extraordinary diversity that makes St Benedict's Parish such a vibrant and welcoming community.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come! *Fr Bryan*

***First Holy Communion Children and Families***

**We continue to warmly welcome our First Holy Communion children and their families as they continue their journey toward receiving their First Holy Communion.** Through Baptism they were welcomed into God's family; through Confirmation they were strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit; and now, **in the Eucharist, they will become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.** This is a sacred and joyful time for them, and for all of us as a parish community.

As parishioners, we are called to be authentic witnesses of Jesus by welcoming these children and families with warmth, encouragement, and love. Sometimes the most powerful form of spreading the Good News of Jesus is by simple Christian hospitality, that is, with a smile, a kind word, an invitation, a genuine sense that people belong. Our calling as Christians begins right here in our own parish community. We need to be a great community of love centred on Jesus, so that we can be great witnesses of Jesus to the world.



## Parish Calendar

### The Week Ahead...

*Pentecost 9 Day Novena to take place throughout week (18-22).*

#### Thursday 28th May

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

#### Friday 29th May

**9am** - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 12 students.

#### Saturday 30th May

**4pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

#### Sunday 31st May

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish Multicultural Mass, Pentecost Sunday.

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

*Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.*

**5.30pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

### Save the Date...

#### In May...

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

### **No Friday morning Mass, this week - Friday 22nd May.**

With sad news of the passing of Dr Sally Towns (Leader of Brisbane Catholic Education), we will be unable to have our 9am Mass tomorrow morning (22/05/26), as I will be celebrating Dr Sally's Funeral in at the Cathedral.

May we keep Sally's family and friends in our prayers, as Sally is received into the arms of our Lord. May she rest in peace.

### **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.



### **Join the Celebration this Sunday! - 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:

- \*\* 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!

### **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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#### **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.

#### **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.

National Volunteer Week  
18-24 MAY 2026  
YOUR YEAR TO VOLUNTEER

#NVW2026

#### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2026**

CELEBRATES THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER WITH THE THEME 'CONNECTING COMMUNITIES'.

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SPIRIT OF CONNECTION AND THE TIRELESS WORK OF OUR **LOCAL SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES** WHO HELP KEEP OUR PARISHES, MINISTRIES AND SERVICES SAFE.



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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:- 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.

**Laudato Si Week (Care for Our Common Home). Starts this Sunday 17 May and runs to Sunday 24 May 2026.**

This week in May is the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Laudato Si' (Praise be to you, my Lord) encyclical, issued by Pope Francis in 2015. Laudato Si' Week is now part of the Catholic Calendar. Due to the request from the Vatican, which is supported by are Archdiocesan SYNOD24 Document, parishes (including ours) have Laudato Si' Action Plans. Right now, we are challenged by how best to communicate the Parish Plan to you.

We can explore real life examples. Do you remember Bishop Tim Norton's visit to us in July 2023? Bishop Tim publicly put his weight behind the protests against the loss of the internationally important bird habitats at Toondah Harbour, Cleveland. After many years of politicking, the Developer withdrew its application. The wetlands are safe, for the moment. This action from Bishop Tim exemplified the Pope Francis' call, to protect and advocate for the remnant areas of natural space from urban exploitation.

Another example is on our doorstep, (at Mango Hill Village), and you can participate. Through poor maintenance of the Saltwater Creek wetlands at Rothwell, and through rapid urbanisation of the Saltwater Creek catchment upstream, the groundwater table at Danzy Buchanan Park has permanently risen. Much of the park is now unusable. Mango Hill Progress Association has been lobbying Council since 2014 about this, to ensure this green space is protected from poorly planned development.

You can help protect our local environment (in accordance with Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si') simply by getting informed, or by showing your concern at the next Mango Hill Progress Association meeting on 20 February, at 7.30pm, where a new proposal will be discussed, and hopefully presented to Ward Councillor (and Deputy Mayor) Jodie Shipway. Venue: Mango Hill Community Hall, Cherside Road, Mango Hill Village.

Next JP&E meeting, Wednesday, 10 June 2026.

**Future meeting dates-** will be the second Wednesday of each month: 8 April, 13 May, 10 June etc. Please 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 .

#### 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.

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

#### Saturday 30th May, 4pm

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

#### Sunday 31st May, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Rochelle Martin  
**Reader 1:** AnneMarie Bostock  
**Reader 2:** Wendy Jones  
**Communion Minister:** John Vaipuna, Bobette Sindicic, Claire Goss

#### Sunday 31st May, 5.30pm

**Commentator:**  
**Reader 1:**  
**Reader 2:**  
**Communion Minister:**

Ministers to be confirmed for Youth Mass.

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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**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 - Weekends of 17/05/2026.

**Parish Collections:-**

**\$ 1065.80**

**Building Collections:-**

**\$ 1119.90**

**Total Donations:-**

**\$3605.70 (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!



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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.*