



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 28th June 2026.**

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Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm**

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**Readings for this week - 28th June 2026,
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

**1st Reading - Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16.
Psalm - Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19.
Response - For ever I will sing the
goodness of the Lord.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
6: 3-4, 8-11.
Gospel - Matthew 10: 37-42.**

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish

What a joyful and grace-filled time we have shared as a parish community over the past fortnight! Last Sunday we celebrated our second and final group of children receiving their First Holy Communion, becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church. It was a beautiful celebration of faith, family, and community as these young people received Jesus, the Bread of Life, for the very first time.

Deep within every human heart is a hunger that nothing in this world can fully satisfy, that is, the hunger to be completely loved, accepted, and cherished. In the Holy Eucharist, Jesus gives Himself to us as the Bread of Life, nourishing us with His infinite love. As we grow closer to Him, we discover the infinite joy and peace that only God can give.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Sacramental Team - Di, Renae, Kerrin, and Bobbette - for the countless hours of preparation, organisation, and encouragement they provided throughout the program. We are deeply grateful for your dedication and faith-filled service.

A special thank you also to Jody and her daughter Bethany, who helped organise the children on the day and who picked up the delicious celebratory vanilla sponge cake. Your kindness added a wonderful touch to the celebration and helped make the occasion even more memorable and special for our children and their families.

We are also incredibly grateful to Rafael, Ada, and Alyssa, whose photography captured so many precious moments. Their beautiful photographs will provide lasting memories of this very special milestone in the children's faith journey.

And it would be remiss of me if I failed to thank our marvellous musicians and singers - Liana, Edmon, Helen, Liam, Violet, Jonas, Jay, Lily, and Robin - whose talent and joy fully uplift our celebrations, raising our hearts and minds to God in song. Thank you!

Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers. May they come to receive Jesus regularly in Holy Communion, growing ever closer to Him and discovering more deeply the infinite love He has for each of them.

This Sunday's readings invite us to place God at the very centre of our lives. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us with words that can initially sound confronting: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." Jesus is certainly not telling us to love our families less. Rather, He is inviting us to love God more than anything else, because it is God who is the source of all love. When God comes first, He empowers us to love our family, children, friends, and neighbours more deeply and more generously than we ever could on our own.

The Trappist monk and spiritual writer Thomas Merton beautifully expressed this truth when he wrote: "If we give ourselves totally to God in faith, we come to realise that God gives God's Self totally to us." This was a point I emphasised in my homilies last weekend. Through Jesus, Emmanuel (God with us) we are never alone. God, who is Love, accompanies us every step of life's journey. As Jesus promises, He remains with us "always until the end of time" (Matthew 28:20).

St Paul, in this Sunday's second reading, reminds us that Christian discipleship involves dying to ourselves so that we may truly live for God. This is not about losing life but discovering life in its fullness. When we let go of selfishness, fear, resentment, and pride, we make room for God's love to flourish within us. In doing so, we become more fully alive.

We see this same spirit reflected in the First Reading. The woman and her husband generously welcomed the prophet Elisha into their home. Their openness to God's messenger brought unexpected blessings, including the gift of a son. Their story reminds us that whenever we welcome God into our lives and homes, He blesses us abundantly.

I warmly invite everyone to our **Anointing Mass on Friday 3 July** at 9:00am. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick continues the healing ministry of Jesus in our world today. Through this sacrament, Jesus brings healing and strength to the whole person - body, soul, and spirit. Whether facing illness, advancing age, surgery, or simply the burdens of life, all are welcome to receive this beautiful sacrament.

As we continue our journey together as St Benedict's Parish, may we always remember the words of this Sunday's Psalm: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." May God's goodness fill your hearts with hope, may His love strengthen your faith, and may His presence bring you Tranquil joy. Together, let us continue singing of His goodness with joyful hearts, confident that the Lord walks beside us and blesses us abundantly each day.

Have a great week everyone, forever singing the goodness of the Lord,

Fr Bryan



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 2nd July

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

Friday 3rd July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, Anointing Mass.

Saturday 4th July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 5th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.
5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In June...

28th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

In July...

5th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

11th - **St Benedict's Feast Day**

12th - **St Benedict's Feast Day, Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass.**

19 & 26th - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation for Confirmation (attendance by booking, please contact Parish Office)

19th - Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass

In August...

2, 9, 16th & 23rd - Children's Sacramental Program Preparation for Confirmation (attendance by booking)

9th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

15th - **Solemnity of The Assumption**, Mass 9am and 4pm.

16th - Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass

30th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

In September...

6th - Father's Day.

20th - Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass.

In October...

4th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

18th - Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass.

18th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

Congratulations to our children making your First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of our children who have received their First Holy Communion this year. We ask all our parishioner to keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers, as the children received Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion with great reverence and joy. May God bless you all always.

Enrolments for the Sacramental Program of Confirmation in 2026 - Close Friday 3rd July.

Should there be any families or friends wishing to enrol children in the Sacramental Program to receive their Confirmation in 2026, please reach out to the Parish office as soon as possible please.

Enrolments for the Sacramental Program of 2026/2027 (Confirmation received in 2026, First Holy Communion received 2027) will close this coming Friday 3rd July. Thank you.

New Planned Giving Envelopes 2026/2027

Parishioners who currently contribute to our Parish Planned Giving via Parish Envelopes, the 2026/2027 envelopes will be available to collect at the Mass Centre Welcome Table. Please look for your name on the boxes.

Envelopes are also available for those who may wish to contribute to our Parish Planned Giving via this method to place in the collection plate with cash. We do have some extra Giving Envelope packs, should there be Parishioners wishing to support the Parish financially in this way, please contact the Parish Office and we can send some to the Mass Centre for your collection.

We thank all of our Planned Givers for their generous financial support of the St Benedict's Parish, every little bit helps, and it is appreciated greatly.

Our St Benedict's Feast Day Mass and Morning Tea, 8:30am July 12th - Please bring a Plate



On Sunday July 12 at our 8:30am Mass, we will be celebrating St Benedict's Feast Day.

We invite all parishioners, their families and their friends to come along and join us in celebrating. This Mass will be followed by morning tea.

It would be great if our wonderful parishioners could bring a plate to cater for our morning tea.

Please let the Parish Office know if you are able to bring a plate to share, thank you.

Please come along to share a cuppa and celebrate our feast, and invite as many as you like, for all are WELCOME!



Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 28th June, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family, **Callie.**

As Callie receives the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's; May we pray, that together with family and friends, Callie, experiences God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

RCIA & RCIT Program 2026/2027- Adults and Teens wanting to Become Catholics



St Benedict's Parish is reaching out to adults (18 years and above) or teens (13 years to 17 years) interested in become Catholics; please feel free to contact the St Benedict's Parish Office for information, timelines & outlines on the RCIA & RCIT Program 2026/2027.

The Program is scheduled to begin Wednesday 4th November 2026 gathering weekly. There is a break over Christmas and New Year, resuming February 3rd 2027. Weekly gatherings will continue up to and concluding at, Easter 2027.

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.



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 throughout 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, 18yrs and above) and The Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens (RCIT, 13-17 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 interested, 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:- 19th July.

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: Marj Williams

Our Dear Recently Departed:



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.

One purpose of the Justice Peace and Ecology Ministry is to help promulgate to the Parish important words from the Holy Father. Our major challenge is still to "Get the Laudato Si message out." In the extensive 2015 Encyclical of Pope Francis, "On Care for Our Common Home" he exhorted everybody to care for our planet, and told how the real losers in environmental degradation are the marginalised and poor. The encyclical is a very readable Vatican document, click: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Each one of us can help make a change, but we must look beyond the four walls of our church.

Emma Beach, Archdiocese Executive Officer, helped us finalise our Parish Laudato Si Action Plan. It is now very simple to follow. We will be presenting the plan to Father and then to the Parish in the next few weeks.

Emma holds regular meetings for all northside parishes at Bracken Ridge. We usually have 3 or 4 participants. Last Saturday's discussions focused on:

- Laudato Si' Week actions and plans for 2027
- Integral Ecology in the Life of the Family document - how to use in the future
- Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas
- Catholic participation in encouraging the signing of the Fossil Fuel Treaty.

Afterwards, Emma said, "There was so much we covered and so much we could discuss more. Our next Northside Gathering is on the 1st August. **Please invite others from your communities to mark this time in their calendar.**" Anyone is welcome, contact Ken if you are interested.

Future meeting dates- will be the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm: 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September etc. The June 10th Meeting will be at the Butler's. Please 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.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 1.

Saturday 4th July, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney
Reader 1: Sharon Hickey
Reader 2: Kay Corcoran
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 5th July, 8.30am

Commentator: Werner Mascarenhas
Reader 1: Andre Mascarenhas
Reader 2: Ninon Mascarenhas
Communion Minister: Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Chrislyn Shaji.

Sunday 5th July, 5.30pm

Commentator: Raymond Anthony
Reader 1: Claire Goss
Reader 2: Angelito Kalaw
Communion Minister: Dorothy Anthony, Emarene Kalaw, Thelma Boobal.

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 14/06/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$817.15

Building Collections:-

\$993.30

Total Donations:-

\$2865.45 (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.