



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 2nd August 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 - 2nd August 2026,
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

1st Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-3.

Psalm - Ps 144: 8-9, 15-18.

**Response - The hand of the Lord feeds
us: he answers all our
needs.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 35, 37-39.**

Gospel - Matthew 14: 13-21.

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

This week we celebrate **Brisbane Catholic Education Week**, giving thanks to God for the tremendous gift of Catholic education throughout our Archdiocese.

Catholic schools are places where young people are formed not only in knowledge and wisdom but also in faith, hope and love. They are communities where the Gospel is lived each day and where children are encouraged to discover the person of Jesus and His call to discipleship.

We give thanks for our principals, teachers, school officers, administration staff, chaplain, and volunteers whose dedication and witness shape the lives of thousands of young people. Above all, we acknowledge parents as the first and most important educators of their children in the faith. Your partnership with our schools and parish is invaluable.

May the Lord continue to bless our Catholic schools, strengthening them in their mission of forming young people who will build a more Christ-centred, compassionate, just, and hope-filled world.

We are in the full swing of our **Sacramental Program**. Our parish family is delighted to continue to journey with our children as they continue their preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

Thank you to our wonderful parents for embracing your responsibility as the first teachers of the faith. Through your love for Jesus and others, prayer and example, you are planting seeds that will bear fruit for a lifetime.

To our children, thank you for your enthusiasm, curiosity and openness to God's love. Your journey inspires our whole parish.

Heartfelt thanks to our outstanding Sacramental Team, whose talent, generosity, dedication, and joyful service make this important journey possible. Your commitment reflects the love of Jesus and enriches our parish community immeasurably.

Finally, thank you to every parishioner who supports our young people through your encouragement and prayers. Faith is always handed on within a community, and together we help our children encounter the living Christ.

As Confirmation draws near, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will fill each child with His gifts of wisdom, understanding, right judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence and wonder. May they come to know Jesus not simply as someone they learn about, but as their closest Friend and faithful Companion throughout their lives. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them to live courageously as joyful disciples of Jesus.

This Sunday's Gospel tells the familiar story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. This miracle is about far more than providing food for a hungry crowd. It helps us to get to know Jesus more deeply, and of how much He loves us and generous to us.

The story begins with compassion. After hearing of the death of John the Baptist, Jesus withdraws to a lonely place, showing the beautiful humanity of the Word made flesh. Yet when the crowds follow Him, He does not send them away. Matthew tells us that Jesus was "moved with deep compassion." Before He performs any miracle, Jesus first sees the people. He notices their pain, their hunger, and their longing. This reminds us that our relationship with God always begins with God's loving initiative. Long before we seek Jesus, He seeks us. Long before we speak to Jesus, He looks upon us with mercy and love.

The disciples see only limitations. "We have only five loaves and two fish." Their eyes are fixed on scarcity. Jesus invites them to see differently. He asks them to bring what little they have and place it into His hands.

This is the heart of being a disciple of Jesus, God does not ask us to possess extraordinary gifts before following Him. He simply asks us to offer what we have. Our time, our talents, our kindness, our prayers and even our weaknesses become instruments of God's love when surrendered to Jesus.

Matthew deliberately describes Jesus taking the bread, blessing it, breaking it and giving it to the disciples. Sound familiar? These are the very actions we recognise at the Last Supper and at every celebration of the Eucharist. The miracle points beyond itself to the great gift of the Mass, where Jesus continues to feed His people with His own Body and Blood.

Every Sunday we gather around the Lord's table carrying the joys and burdens of our week. We come hungry—for peace, forgiveness, strength, hope and love. Christ meets us there. Through His Word He speaks to our hearts. Through the Eucharist He gives us His very life.

Notice also that Jesus involves the disciples in the miracle. They distribute the bread to the crowds. God's blessings are never meant to be kept for ourselves. Having received Christ in the Eucharist, we are sent into the world to become His hands, His voice and His compassionate presence for others.

The Gospel ends with everyone being satisfied and twelve baskets left over. God's generosity is always abundant. His grace is never exhausted. His love is never diminished by being shared.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 6th August

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

Friday 7th August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass with Year 11 students.

Saturday 8th August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 9th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Attendance by booking with the Parish Office.

Save the Date...

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.

In November...

1st - All Saints Solemnity.

8th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

15th - Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass.

28th - **Memorial Mass for All Souls**, 9am.

29th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

In December...

3rd - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary.

As we gather for the Eucharist this weekend, may we place our lives into the hands of Jesus with confidence. He can take whatever we offer—however small—and transform it into a blessing for many. Nourished by His Word and His Body, may we leave our Sunday celebration renewed in faith and eager to share His love with everyone we meet.

May God bless you and your families to constantly acknowledge Jesus' loving and healing presence throughout the coming week.

Fr Bryan

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

We will be journeying each Sunday for the next few weeks with our Sacramental children, as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in August, joined by their families. Please pray for these children and their families, and as we always do, please make them welcome.

 22-23 August 2026	 22-23 August 2026
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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) who may be interested in learning and becoming 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. The weekly gatherings will continue up to and concluding at, Easter 2027.

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2-9 August 2026



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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.
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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 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:- 16th Aug.

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: Neville Williams, Paul Kraus, Gabrielle Harris, Marge Larter.

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.

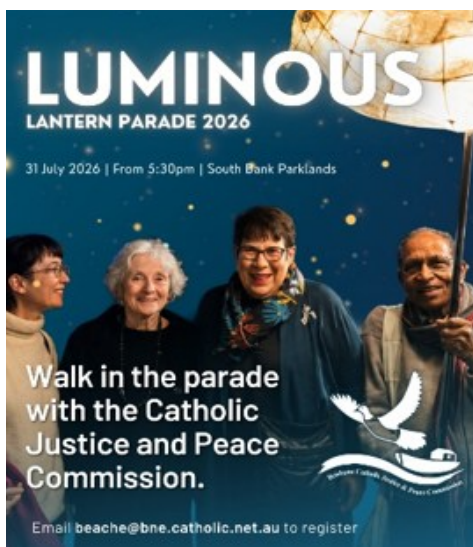
Support Multiculturalism:- tomorrow night, Friday 31 July. Join with the members of the Parish JP&E Group at Southbank Parklands, Little Stanley Street at 5.30pm. Coffee stop afterwards!

St Benedicts is blessed to be one of the most multi-cultural Parishes in the Archdiocese. This is one of our greatest strengths. This gathering is a celebration and welcome to all new Australians who live in Brisbane. Over the years it has become an important and powerful celebration of multiculturalism for those who feel uncertain of their position in our Brisbane community. This welcome and acknowledgement is vital today, more than ever.

All are most welcome to join us on Little Stanley Street in South Bank. The Catholic Justice and Peace Commission has a sign and dove lantern. Please contact Emma Beach on—(beache@bne.catholic.net.au) if you can't find us. Come by yourself or bring friends and family. It is a joyous and significant opportunity. Call Ken or Marie or Losa for more information.

Change of date The gathering with Emma Beach at Bracken Ridge is now on Saturday 15 August, not Saturday 1 August (as previously advertised).

Be a Disciple – Inspire Others Our JP&E SOOT Program over the last few years was very successful. Emma Beach has invited us to conduct a demonstration session at her quarterly meeting at Bracken Ridge on Saturday morning, 15 August. We will repeat a session like we conducted in the School rooms. **BUT**, we need to bring people who can pass the word from their own experience. **SO**, please, if you participated in one of our sessions, would like to relive the experience, and chat to others about it, and have a cuppa, please do join us. Speak to Marie, Losa, Bonni, or Ken. Transport available.



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.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 2.

Saturday 8th August, 4pm

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

Sunday 9th August, 8.30am

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

Sunday 9th August, 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 stream-
lining 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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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 19/07/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1048.35

Building Collections:-

\$837.45

Total Donations:-

\$2980.80 (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

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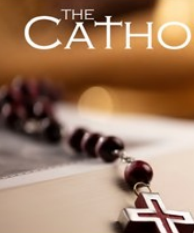
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we
gather for the St Benedict's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of
this land.*