



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 19th July 2026.**

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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 - 19th July 2026,
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

1st Reading - Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19.

Psalm - Ps 85: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16.

**Response - Lord, you are good and for
giving.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 26-27.**

Gospel - Matthew 13: 24-43.

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish

What a terrific celebration we shared last Sunday as we honoured our Patron, St Benedict. My heart is filled with gratitude to God and to every one of you who made our Feast Day celebration such a joyful and prayerful expression of our faith.

Our 8:30am Mass was beautiful. Thank you to our incredibly talented Music Ministry, whose inspiring leadership lifted our hearts and minds to God in prayer. A special thank you to our Tongan community for leading the reverent Gospel Procession and to our Filipino community for the beautiful Offertory Procession. Together, they reflected the richness, diversity and unity of our parish family, reminding us that although we come from many cultures, we are one in Christ.

My sincere thanks also go to everyone who helped make the celebration such a success: the organisers, those who coordinated our wonderful hospitality, everyone who generously brought a plate to share, those who served the food, and all who stayed afterwards to enjoy fellowship and build friendships. Your generosity created far more than a shared meal, it strengthened our parish as a community.

St Benedict begins his Rule with the beautiful invitation: "**Listen carefully, my child, to the master's instructions, and attend to them with the ear of your heart.**" Listening with the ear of the heart means opening ourselves to God's voice so completely that His Word transforms the way we think, speak and live. St Benedict knew that this transformation rarely happens in isolation. It happens in community, where we encourage one another, pray together, serve together, and lovingly challenge one another to become more faithful disciples of Jesus. Last Sunday's celebration was a wonderful witness to that Benedictine vision. We were clearly a community united in worship, hospitality, joy and love, helping to transform the world by first allowing God to transform us.

This weekend we also welcome the many families beginning our Confirmation journey over the next five - six weeks. To all the parents, thank you for presenting your children to receive this extraordinary gift of the Holy Spirit. Through Confirmation, they will be strengthened with the Spirit's gifts and sent forth to be courageous witnesses of Jesus Christ, bringing His light into our homes, schools and wider community.

As a parish family, we too have an important mission. Many of these families are not regular participants in Sunday Mass. This is our opportunity to welcome them with genuine warmth and the joyful spirit of St Benedict. A welcoming smile, a kind conversation, and the authentic witness of lives centred on Christ can speak more powerfully than words alone. Together, let us encourage one another to grow in faith, to deepen our friendship with Jesus through the Eucharist each Sunday, and to invite others to discover the peace, hope, and abundant life that only God can give.

May St Benedict continue to teach us to listen with the ear of our hearts, to cherish the gift of Christian community, and to become missionary disciples who joyfully draw more and more people into the loving embrace of Jesus and His Church.

God bless you all. Fr Bryan

Our Call to be More like Jesus Each Day

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:24-43) presents us with one of Jesus' most thought-provoking parables - The Wheat and the Weeds. At first glance, it appears to be a story about separating good people from bad people. Yet, like with all Scripture passages, Jesus invites us to reflect much more deeply. The field is not only the world around us; it is also the landscape of our own hearts and minds. Within every disciple there is both wheat that God is cultivating and weeds that threaten to choke the life of grace.

This reality is captured powerfully by the great Russian writer and Christian dissident **Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn**. After spending years imprisoned in the brutal Soviet Gulag labour camps for criticising Joseph Stalin's regime, Solzhenitsyn came to a profound spiritual insight. In his great book *The Gulag Archipelago*, he wrote: "*The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either—but right through every human heart.*" Those words perfectly describe today's Gospel. The struggle between good and evil is not simply "out there"; it is within each of us.

We all recognise the weeds in our own hearts: pride, resentment, lust, selfishness, impatience, gossip, and indifference. Yet God has also planted within us the wheat of faith, hope, love, generosity, compassion, purity, and forgiveness. The wonderful message of Jesus is that God never gives up on us. He patiently nurtures the good He has sown, allowing His love to transform us little by little into the people He created us to be.

This Gospel also reminds me of the inspiring teaching of St John Paul II on the **universal call**



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 23rd July

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

Friday 24th July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 25th July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 26th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish 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 July...

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.

to holiness. He reminded us, the Church, that holiness is not reserved for priests, religious, or a few extraordinary Christians. Every baptised person is called to become a saint. Whether we are parents, grandparents, students, workers or retirees, our vocation is the same, and that is, **to become more like Jesus each day.**

Holiness is not perfection, it is faithful cooperation with God's love. Every sincere prayer, every act of forgiveness, every work of charity, every celebration of the Eucharist, every encounter with another person, and every choice to love rather than judge allows the wheat within us to flourish while the weeds gradually lose their grip.

Our patron, St Benedict, understood this well. His Rule begins with the invitation to "listen with the ear of your heart." As we listen attentively to God's voice, we become more aware of the weeds that need God's healing and the virtues of faith, hope, and love that He desires to cultivate. Holiness is not achieved in one dramatic moment but through thousands of faithful choices made each day.

In a society that often measures success by wealth, status, or popularity, Jesus reminds us that the true measure of life is love. As a parish family, may we encourage one another on the path to holiness, becoming missionary disciples whose lives reveal Jesus to our community.

May St Benedict teach us always to listen with the ear of our hearts, and may God's patient grace bring each one of us to the abundant harvest of God's Kingdom.

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.

Journeying with our Children Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

We will be journeying each Sunday for the next 4-6 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.

Archdiocesan Alpha Journey

COME & SEE

Wednesday, 29 July 2026
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

Join the Archdiocesan Alpha Journey where we make and form missionary disciples together.




Scan for more info

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 & 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.

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 4.

Saturday 25th July, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 26th July, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Andrea Thomas
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy D'Souza, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 26th July, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Liana Sadumiano
Communion Minister: Laisa Setefano, Raj Boobal, Isabel Alphonse.

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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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 05/07/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$999.20

Building Collections:-

\$680.50

Total Donations:-

\$2849.70 (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

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efforts for the St Benedict's Parish.

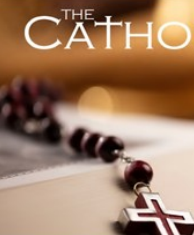
We are happy to share that we are now set up
with our own Containers for Change account,
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through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank
you!



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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.*