



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 26th July 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 - 26th July 2026,
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

1st Reading - Kings 3: 5, 7-12.

Psalms - Ps 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130.

Response - Lord, I love your commands.

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 28-30.**

Gospel - Matthew 13: 44-52.

Discovering the Greatest Treasure

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish

Over the past three Sundays, our Gospel readings from Matthew have taken us on a wonderful journey through seven of Jesus' parables about the Kingdom of Heaven. We have heard of the Sower, the Wheat and the Weeds, the Mustard Seed, the Yeast, the Treasure Hidden in a Field, the Pearl of Great Price, and the Fishing Net. Together, they paint a beautiful picture of what happens when we allow God to reign in our hearts and minds.

Jesus reminds us that the Kingdom of God is not simply a place we hope to reach one day. It begins here and now whenever we open our lives to his powerful presence. As God's love takes root within us, it quietly transforms us from the inside out. Like the tiny mustard seed that grows into a great tree, or the yeast that raises an entire batch of dough, God's powerful presence can accomplish extraordinary things through seemingly small acts of faith, kindness, forgiveness and love.

Of course, the Christian life is not about becoming perfect overnight. The parable of the wheat and the weeds reminds us that goodness and weakness continue to exist side by side within every human heart. We all experience temptation. We all fall short. We all make mistakes. Yet the wonderful news of the Gospel is that our failures never have the final word.

God is infinitely patient. Whenever we turn back to him with sincere hearts, He welcomes us home with open arms. His mercy is greater than our sins, His love stronger than our failures, and His grace always offers us a new beginning. Every day is another opportunity to begin again.

Perhaps the most joyful of all these parables is the story of the treasure hidden in a field, together with the pearl of great price. Jesus tells us that when someone discovers this treasure, they are so overwhelmed with joy that they gladly sell everything else to possess it. They are not acting out of duty or obligation. They have simply discovered something so beautiful, so valuable, that nothing else compares. ***That treasure is life with God.***

To know Jesus, to experience His forgiveness, His friendship, His peace and His unconditional love is the greatest treasure anyone can ever discover, and it gives one a life of serene joy. Nothing the world offers - success, wealth, popularity or possessions - can satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart as God can.

When Jesus reigns within us, we discover a serene joy that circumstances cannot take away, a hope that survives life's trials, and a peace that remains even in the midst of suffering.

This is the invitation Jesus places before each of us. He does not ask us to give up lesser things, or things we find ourselves obsessed with, to make us miserable. Rather, He invites us to let go of whatever keeps us from receiving something infinitely greater: life lived in communion with Him.

As we continue our journey of faith, may we never stop searching for that treasure. And having found it, may we treasure our relationship with Christ above everything else. For there is no richer life than a life lived with God reigning in our hearts and minds. It is there that we discover who we truly are, who we are created to become, and the lasting peace and joy for which every human heart longs.

Have a great week everyone, with abundant blessings in relationship with Jesus, our lord, our God, our Everything,

Fr Bryan

Friday Morning Mass July 24th - Cancelled

Unfortunately, due to illness, there will be no Friday morning Mass this week. Fr Bryan is currently recovering from the flu and has been advised to rest.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and prayers. Please keep all who are unwell in your prayers, and we look forward to celebrating Friday Mass together next week.

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.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 30th July

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

Friday 31st July

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass with Primary School for St Benedict's Feast.

Saturday 1st August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 2nd August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Preparation Retreat Morning
8.30am - 11.30am

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...

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.

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.

New Planned Giving Envelopes 2026/2027

A gentle reminder for Parishioners who currently contribute to our Parish Planned Giving via Parish Envelopes; the 2026/2027 set of envelopes are 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.



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.

Archdiocese of Brisbane -
The Catholic Church in South East
QLD

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.

22-23 August 2026



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National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



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where we make
and form
missionary
disciples together.



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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 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.

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 1st August, 4pm

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

Sunday 2nd August, 8.30am

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

Sunday 2nd August, 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 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 12/07/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$782.95

Building Collections:-

\$781.80

Total Donations:-

\$2464.75 (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,
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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.*