



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 5th 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 - 5th July 2026,
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

1st Reading - Zechariah 9: 9-10.

Psalm - Ps 144: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14.

**Response - I will praise your name for
ever, my king and my God.
Alleluia!**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
8: 9, 11-13.**

Gospel - Matthew 11: 25-30.

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish

In this coming Sunday's Gospel Jesus extends one of the most beautiful and tender invitations in all of Scripture: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." We desperately need to hear those words! So many of us carry invisible burdens, such as, anxiety, loneliness, disappointment, broken relationships, guilt, grief, and the relentless pressure to keep going. Jesus does not ask us to carry these burdens alone. Instead, He invites us to bring them to Him, to entrust them to His loving heart, and to discover the peace that only He can give.

St Augustine captured this longing perfectly when he wrote in his book *The Confessions of St Augustine*: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." Every human heart searches for happiness, meaning, and love. We often look for fulfilment in success, possessions, achievements or approval from others. Yet none of these can satisfy the deepest hunger of the human soul. Only Jesus can. Only in Him do we find the lasting love, peace and joy for which we were created.

This Sunday's Psalm is a hymn of joyful confidence and praise. It proclaims: "I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God." It reminds us that "The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love." Even when life is difficult, we have every reason to praise God, because his love never fails, and his faithfulness endures through every generation. Praise is not simply something we offer when life is easy, it is an act of trust that recognises God is always present, always faithful, and always working for our good and the good of the world.

Next Sunday, 12 July, our parish family has another wonderful reason to gather in joyful praise as **we celebrate the Feast of St Benedict**, our patron saint. I warmly and enthusiastically invite every parishioner, family and friend to join us for our **8.30am Feast Day Mass**, followed by a shared food celebration. St Benedict taught that every guest should be welcomed as Christ himself. His famous Rule calls us to practise generous hospitality, creating communities where everyone feels loved, valued and at home. What a beautiful opportunity this celebration provides for us to live that spirit together, where everyone has a strong sense that they belong here.

Whether you have been a member of the St Benedict's Parish family for many years or have only recently joined our community, you are most welcome. Please bring your family, invite a neighbour or friend, stay after Mass, enjoy good food, wonderful conversation and the warmth of our parish community as together we give thanks for God's many blessings.

May the Lord who gently invites us to come to Him, lighten every burden we carry, and fill our hearts with the love, peace, and joy that only Christ can give. Then, with joyful hearts, may we joining the psalmist in proclaiming: "I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God."

Have a great week beautiful people, rejoicing in the love of the Lord,

Fr Bryan

Friday Morning 9am Mass, 3rd July - Anointing Mass.

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.

**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!



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 9th July

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

Friday 10th July

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

Saturday 11th July

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 12th July

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

St Benedict's Feast Day Celebration - Morning Tea to follow 8.30am Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

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.

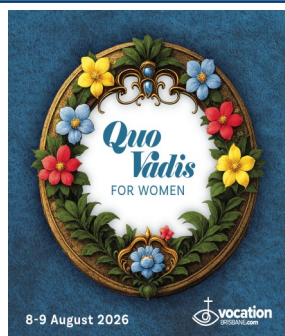
18th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

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.



Vocation Brisbane invites young women to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience.

Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you.

When:- 8th August to 9th August, 8.30am-3pm

Where:- Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre. Ormiston

More Info at—tickets.org.au - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations

Live in or Daily attendance available



Vocation Brisbane invites young men to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat.

Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you

When:- 31st July to 2nd August, 4.30pm -2pm

Where:- Holy Spirit Seminary

More Info at—tickets.org.au - Australia's Premier Ticketing System For Organisations

Live in or Daily attendance available



Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 5th July, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Ariella, Bento and Olivia.

As Ariella, Bento and Olivia receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends,

Ariella, Bento and Olivia,

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 Benedict's 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: Neville Williams, Paul Kraus, Gabrielle Harris.

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 2.

Saturday 11th July, 4pm

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

Sunday 12th July, 8.30am

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

Sunday 12th July, 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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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 21/06/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$883.90

Building Collections:-

\$806.55

Total Donations:-

\$2785.45 (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 Benedicts Catholic Parish Number- C11719697

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efforts for the St Benedict's Parish.

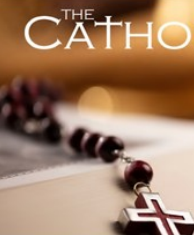
We are happy to share that we are now set up
with our own Containers for Change account,
perhaps you may consider donating to the Parish
through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank
you!



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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.*