



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 16th 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 - 16th August 2026,
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

**1st Reading - Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7.
Psalm - Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6, 8.
Response - O God, let all the nations
praise you!
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
11: 13-15, 29-32.
Gospel - Matthew 15: 21-28.**

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

Before I write about this coming Sunday's beautiful gospel, I need share a slight hiccup I had yesterday. In the early hours of Wednesday morning I slipped on wet tiles and fell heavily on my left side breaking my femur near the hip socket. Long story short, I am to undergo an operation Thursday morning (this morning) and I am out of commission for the next two weekends. My apologies to the Sacramental families for having to postpone the children's Confirmations.

Now, to this coming Sunday's Gospel. One of the most beautiful characters in Matthew's gospel is the Canaanite woman, who Jesus encounters in this coming Sunday's Gospel. This wonderful lady challenges us to look deeply at what real faith looks like.

As a deeply loving mother, she comes to Jesus desperate for her daughter, who is being tormented by a demon. The loving mother is not prepared to walk away. Her daughter needs healing, and nothing - not rejection, silence, or even her own pride - is going to stop her.

What is particularly beautiful is that this woman recognises who Jesus truly is. She calls him "Lord" and "Son of David" - a title identifying Jesus as the promised Messiah. Even though she is a Canaanite and therefore an outsider to the Jewish people, she sees something in Jesus that others sometimes fail to see. She recognises the presence and power of God. Hopefully, we do too.

Her love for her daughter gives her extraordinary courage. She is willing to humble herself completely, even accepting the image of a dog beneath the table, because she knows that even the smallest gift of Jesus' mercy is enough.

Jesus ultimately highlights her faith: **"Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted."** And her daughter is healed.

What a wonderful example the Canaanite woman is for us. Faith is not about having all the answers. It is simply refusing to give up on God. Please, my sisters and brothers, never give up on God, for God never gives up on us. When someone we love is hurting, when life seems impossible, or when our prayers seem unanswered, the Canaanite woman reminds us: **keep coming to Jesus, keep trusting, keep praying, and don't let pride stand in the way of grace.**

Her persistence became the pathway to healing. May we have a faith like hers - a faith courageous enough to ask, humble enough to trust, and persistent enough to never give up.

Have a great week my beautiful friends, loving Jesus,

Fr Bryan

8.30am Mass—Sunday 16th August—Will be Celebrated.

We are very grateful for Fr Graham Gatehouse, who will be celebrating our 8.30am Mass this Sunday, 16th August. Thank you Fr Graham.

As communicated yesterday, we are unfortunately unable to celebrate our other Masses across the weekend.

Annual Catholic Campaign — We Are One Church Family

Next weekend, **22–23 August**, we will join with every parish across the Archdiocese of Brisbane to support the Annual Catholic Campaign.

I really want to encourage everyone in our parish to take a moment to think about what this Campaign means. It is not simply another appeal for money. It is an opportunity for us, as a parish family, to reach beyond ourselves and make a difference in the lives of people who need our help, care and support.

When we give to the Annual Catholic Campaign, our generosity becomes part of something much bigger than any one parish. Together, we help strengthen the Church and support people in our own communities who are facing some of life's greatest challenges.

The Campaign supports the holistic **formation of our future priests**. Our seminarians are not simply studying to become priests. They are being formed spiritually, pastorally, emotionally, and humanly so that they can one day serve God's people with generous hearts. We want our future priests to be men who know Jesus deeply and who can walk compassionately alongside people in every circumstance of life.

The Campaign also enables us to **care for our elderly and retired priests**. These wonderful men have given so much of their lives to the Church. They have baptised our children, celebrated our marriages, accompanied us through illness and grief, celebrated countless Masses and been there for us when we needed them. Now it is our turn to care for them.

The Campaign also provides **children in need with access to a Catholic education**, giving young people opportunities to learn, grow, and discover their God-given dignity and potential.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Please note scheduled Masses may change in coming weeks.

Thursday 20th August

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

Friday 21st August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass with Year 3 students.

Saturday 22nd August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 23rd August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In August...

15th - Solemnity of The Assumption.

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.

6th - St Benedict's Parish Anniversary Celebration Morning Tea after 8.30am Mass.

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

20th - Children's Choir Practice for Christmas Eve Family Mass.

24th - St Benedict's Christmas Eve Mass 6pm (Family Mass), 9pm (Vigil Mass).

25th - St Benedict's Christmas Mass 8.30am.

And importantly, it gives hope to people suffering physically and emotionally. There are people in our communities carrying burdens that we may never see. We have people experiencing loneliness, grief, illness, financial hardship, or emotional pain. Sometimes what they need most is to know that somebody cares.

And that's really what this Campaign is about: care, compassion and hope.

Every gift matters. You may not feel that your contribution is very large, but when thousands of Catholics across the Archdiocese each give what they can, those individual acts of generosity become something extraordinary.

So, please take a Campaign brochure and giving envelope this coming Sunday at Mass. You can either pop your envelope in the mail or place it in the collection at Mass over the next two weekends.

The weekend of 22-23 August will be our official Campaign weekend, and we will hear Archbishop Shane's homily promoting the Campaign, and sharing more about the wonderful work it supports throughout our Archdiocese.

I know that there are always many demands on our generosity, and I am incredibly grateful for the generosity you already show here at St Benedict's, especially as we raise money for the building of our church. But I also know the wonderful heart of this parish. We are a parish that cares about people. We don't simply talk about being a Christian community, we try to live it.

So, if you are able, please give because behind every dollar is a person.

That is, a future priest being formed to serve God's people. An elderly priest who once gave his whole life to us. A child being given an opportunity to flourish, and a person who is hurting and needs someone to say, "You are not alone. We are here for you."

And perhaps that is the greatest gift we can give - not simply money, but hope.

Thank you, as always, for your extraordinary generosity and for the beautiful way you continue to make St Benedict's a parish where people know they are loved, welcomed and cared for.

Together, let us continue to be the hands, heart and compassion of Jesus in our world.

22-23 August 2026



Care for retired and elderly priests

Your gift to The Priests Foundation ensures that priests who have spent their lives in service to God and our community are themselves supported with care and dignity when they retire or become unwell.

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Help form tomorrow's priests

With your gift, you help prepare future priests for ministry, fostering faith, humility, collaboration and service, at a time when leadership in the Church matters deeply.

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Women of The Way Retreat 9-11th October. BOOKINGS OPEN NOW!

Treat yourself to some quality time with God to reflect and recharge.

Theme: Redemption Calling - Rejoice!

I have called you by name. You are mine!

Where: Watson Park Convention Centre, 337 Old Gympie Rd Dakabin.

Weekend includes Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, inspirational teachings, prayer ministry and time for fellowship.

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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, 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:- 16th Aug, 20th Sept.

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. Father Bryan.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Our Dear Recently Departed: Mike Gibbs.



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.

Be a Disciple – Inspire Others Emma Beach has invited us to conduct a demonstration session at her quarterly meeting at Bracken Ridge Library 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.

Cathedral Creation Mass and Other Events:-

Season of Creation Mass presided by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay - 12.30pm Wednesday 9th September The Church celebrates the Season of Creation in the month of September. The messages of this Season reflect Pope Francis's Laudato Si Encyclical.

In recent years the JP&E Group have always attended the Season of Creation Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral, often providing at least one reader. This year the Mass is at 12.30pm Wednesday 9th September, instead of the usual Saturday evening. St Benedict's will have people joining in. More details closer to the date.

Brisbane River Guided Walk - 10am Saturday 12th September – Join members of the JP&E Group with a stroll along the Brisbane River, starting at Kurilpa Bridge. JP&E Have been toying with the idea of a guided walk through our beautiful surroundings for some time, and this could be a good example for us.

Future meeting dates- will be the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm: 12 August, 9 September etc. 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. Thank you.

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.

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 4.

Saturday 22nd August, 4pm

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

Sunday 23rd August, 8.30am

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

Sunday 23rd August, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Liana Sadumiano
Communion Minister: Laiza 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 02/08/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1197.65

Building Collections:-

\$998.75

Total Donations:-

\$3341.40 (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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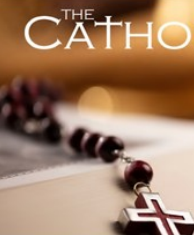
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we
gather for the St Benedict's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of
this land.*