



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 23rd August 2026.**

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

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Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
22 St Benedict's Close, Mango Hill 4509.**

Mass Times:

Friday - 9.00am

Saturday - 4.00pm

Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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**Readings for this week - 23rd August 2026,
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

1st Reading - Isaiah 22: 19-23.

Psalm - Ps 137: 1-3, 6, 8.

**Response - Lord, your love is eternal; do
not forsake the work of your
hands.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
11: 33-36.**

Gospel - Matthew 16: 13-20.

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, love, and support as I recover from this rather annoying broken leg! A special thankyou to those who reached out to our Parish Secretary, Renaë, at this time. Your love and concern for her has really touched my heart.

I thought I might clarify exactly what happened given that there seems to be an incorrect rumour going around that I had a car accident. As mentioned in last weeks newsletter; At 5am last Wednesday, I slipped on wet tiles, completely lost my footing, and landed heavily on my left side, breaking my left femur near the hip. The three-hour operation on Thursday was successful, with a plate and three titanium screws now holding the bone securely back together.

My pain has been managed very well since I was picked up by the ambulance on Wednesday morning. I am now able to walk very slowly and carefully on crutches, which has allowed me to be released from hospital and return home, where my wonderful niece Ashlee is providing full-time care.

My rehabilitation will be quite intensive, but I am embracing it and doing everything I can to make a good recovery. I am still taking some strong pain medication, which is managing the pain very well, and allowing me to do my quite intensive rehabilitation.

Because I am now in the rehabilitation stage, visitors will be a little difficult at the moment. I know so many wonderful parishioners would love to visit, and I am incredibly touched by that, but right now it isn't particularly convenient for either Ashlee or me. Please know that your love and prayers are more than enough.

I also want to say a huge thank you to everyone who has prepared meals and food for Ashlee and me. Your generosity has been absolutely beautiful and very much appreciated. We now have a very full fridge and freezer, however, so if we could put a little hold on the beautiful meals for the moment, I would be very grateful. ☺

Please know that I am in very good spirits. Even though this little hiccup has happened, I continue to receive blessing after blessing through the incredible love, kindness, and support of my family, our parish team, our parish family, our wider Church family, and the people that are providing medical care for me. I am genuinely overwhelmed by it all.

My plan, at this stage, is to be back celebrating Masses on the weekend of 29-30 August. We have organised excellent priests to celebrate our Masses this coming weekend, so please come along and continue to support our beautiful Mass communities.

Thank you so much for your prayers, your love, your patience, and your incredible generosity. I cannot thank you enough.

May God bless you and your families always.

Fr Bryan

Sadly, We Have Lost Another Good One – Mike Gibbs RIP

Sadly, our beautiful St Benedict's family has lost another good one.

Mike Gibbs was one of those special people who quietly became an integral part of our parish community. He was very much a good man, a generous man, a faithful man, and a man who, together with his beloved wife Joy, showed us what it means to live a life centred on love.

The love that Mike and Joy shared was something very special. In so many ways, they lived out beautifully the Sacrament of Marriage. They supported one another, caring for one another, and giving themselves generously for the good of others.

Mike and Joy have given so much to St Benedict's Parish. They worked tirelessly to raise money for our church through our wonderful \$10,000 Raffle, which was their initiative. But it was never simply about selling tickets or raising money. Through that ministry, Joy and Mike got to know more and more of our parishioners, sharing conversations, laughter, and friendship along the way. We will miss him.

But our Christian faith tells us that death is not the end of the story. We believe that the love which bound Mike to Joy, his family, his friends, and his parish community does not simply disappear. And we believe that the God who created Mike, who loved him throughout his life and walked with him through his final days, now welcomes him home.

Mike, thank you! Thank you for the life you lived. Thank you for the love you shared with Joy. Thank you for the love you gave to others. Thank you for everything you did for our parish. Thank you for your friendship. We will miss you. But we will not forget you.

Please join us as we come together to celebrate Mike's life, and send him off to God, with a beautiful Funeral Mass at 10am on Saturday August 29 in our Mass centre.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 27th August

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

Friday 28th August

**** No Mass ****

Saturday 29th August

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 30th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In August...

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.

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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.

Friday Morning Mass will resume at 9am Friday 4th September.

Annual Catholic Campaign — We Are One Church Family

This 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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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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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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.

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.

Our SOOT Presentation at St Joseph's and St Anthony's

On Saturday 15 August we conducted a Signs of Our Times (SOOT) demonstration session at St Joseph's and St Anthony's church at Bracken Ridge. Thank you to the St Benedict's "disciples" who came and reinforced the messages from personal experience. Special thanks to Emma Beach for making it happen, and to Marie for her excellent leadership.

We had at least three other parishes attending. The consensus view was very positive towards the SOOT Program, and that it was enlightening, and needed if we are to be effective in all our charitable works.

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.

Multi-cultural Mass at Inala at 2pm Sunday, 30 August - This year's Multicultural Mass is at Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs, 54 Flint St, Inala, QLD 4077. All are welcome, and registration is preferred. Contact Ken or Marie.

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 .*



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:- 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

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 5.

Saturday 28th August, 4pm

Commentator: Jeanette Kearney
Reader 1: Marianne Davis
Reader 2: Maffy Vaz
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 29th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin
Reader 1: AnneMarie Bostock
Reader 2: Wendy Jones
Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Bobette Sindicic, Claire Goss

Sunday 29th August, 5.30pm

Commentator: Emarene Kalaw
Reader 1: Michael Diaz
Reader 2: Rukshan De Alwis
Communion Minister: Seema Masih, Violet Kalaw, Xanthe 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 09/08/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1377.65

Building Collections:-

\$1101.15

Total Donations:-

\$3818.80 (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.

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St Benedicts Catholic Parish Number- C11719697

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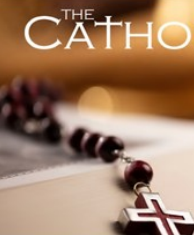
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we
gather for the St Benedict's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too,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