



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 30th August 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

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Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm**

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Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

I hope you are all well. For those who are unwell at the moment, please know that you are in my prayers. May the Lord bring you healing, strength, and a speedy recovery.

I thought I would begin this week's newsletter with a little update on my own recovery.

There has been some very good news! I went to my GP on Monday to have the dressing removed from my wound, and it had healed so well that there was no need to put another dressing on. Even better, I am now off the pain-management medication, which means that my mind is beginning to clear up again! I am certainly grateful for that.

There are still a few limitations. I am not allowed to drive for six weeks (two down, four to go). I will also need to continue walking with crutches for at least six weeks while the bone continues to heal.

I cannot thank you enough for the extraordinary support you have shown me during these past couple of weeks. Your prayers, messages, visits, food, and practical assistance have all meant so much to me. I have absolutely no doubt that the love and prayers of our parish community have helped me greatly in my recovery so far. It is a beautiful reminder that we really are a family of faith.

This Saturday we will celebrate the **Funeral Mass** for a much-loved parishioner, **Mike Gibbs, at 10:00am.**

Mike was a wonderful man of faith and love and a cherished member of our parish. Together with his beloved wife, Joy, Mike contributed significantly to raising funds for the building of our church. Mike and Joy were also frequently Ministers of the Cup at our 4:00pm Mass, quietly serving our parish community through their love for the Eucharist and for one another.

I know that Mike will be greatly missed. His funeral will be an opportunity for us as a parish family to come together, to give thanks to God for his life, to ask God to now receive him into His loving arms for all eternity, and to support Joy, and the family in their grief.

If you are able to come, I encourage you to join us for this Mass and give Mike a fitting farewell to God.

I would also like to express my **thanks to Fr Edward, Fr Joe, and Fr Rodell, who helped us by celebrating our Masses last weekend** while I continued my recovery. From all reports, we had some wonderful celebrations. I am so grateful to these priests for their generous time and to everyone who welcomed them so warmly.

Of course, our Masses are beautiful celebrations not only by the priest who celebrates them, but by the whole parish community. Thank you to all our parishioners who, week in and week out, contribute to making our liturgies so prayerful and life-giving. This is what makes St Benedict's such a wonderful parish.

This weekend I will be returning to celebrate the Saturday 4:00pm Mass, and Sunday 5:30pm Mass, while our wonderful Fr Joe Duffy will once again celebrate the Sunday 8:30am Mass. This will allow me to ease back into my routine.

The readings for this coming Sunday are, as always, wonderfully rich. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah gives us a powerful insight into what it means to be a prophet. Jeremiah loves God so deeply that he simply cannot stop himself from speaking God's word. Yet being faithful to God brings him enormous suffering and opposition. His relationship with God is so strong that, even when the consequences are difficult and painful, he cannot remain silent.

We are all called to be prophets. Through our Baptism, each of us has been called to witness to Jesus Christ and to allow God's word to shape the way we live. The Responsorial Psalm for this coming Sunday, Psalm 62, beautifully expresses the heart of someone who deeply loves God:

"O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting."

What a beautiful prayer for us to make each morning!

Our souls are made for God. Nothing else can ultimately satisfy that deepest longing within us. We can fill our lives with possessions, achievements, entertainment, and experiences, but only God can satisfy the deepest thirst of the human heart.

The psalmist continues:

"For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise."

And later:

"For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast."

Readings for this week - 30th August 2026.

Twenty-Second Sunday in OT, Yr A.

**1st Reading - Jeremiah 20: 7-9.
Psalm - Ps 62: 2-6, 8-9.
Response - My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
12: 1-2.
Gospel - Matthew 16: 21-27.**



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 3rd September

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

Friday 4th September

**** No Mass **** - Returning after September School Holidays

Saturday 5th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 6th September

Father's Day

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish 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.

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.

There is perhaps no more beautiful expression of complete trust in God. The psalmist recognises that God is not simply someone we believe in; God is the One for whom our entire being longs.

I have no doubt that St Paul would have loved praying this psalm.

In this coming Sunday's second reading from Romans, St Paul encourages us to offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice. This is precisely what Jesus did. He gave Himself completely to the Father out of love for us. And this is what we are invited to do as Christians.

At every Mass, we sacramentally join ourselves to Jesus in His offering to the Father. We bring our joys, our struggles, our hopes, our disappointments, our relationships, our work, and our whole lives and place them upon the altar with Jesus.

Then, in Holy Communion, we receive Jesus Himself, who strengthens us to go out and continue offering our lives to the Father. This is the Christian life. It is the Paschal Mystery, that is, dying and rising with Christ. Jesus lived this mystery perfectly in the final days of His earthly life, and He invites each of us to live it every day.

So, my dear friends, let us follow Jesus by taking up our crosses each day. Some crosses will be heavy. Some will be unexpected. Some will remain with us for a long time. But we never carry them alone. Let us always call upon God for His help. Let us acknowledge His presence beside us. And let us, like the psalmist, learn to rejoice in the shadow of God's wings, knowing that His right hand holds us fast.

Have a wonderful week everyone, thirsting for the Lord, *Fr Bryan*

**** Important note:- Friday 9am Mass to return after September School Holidays****



Congratulations and welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 30th August, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Isla, Roman and Walter.

As Isla, Roman and Walter receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends,

Isla, Roman and Walter,

experiences God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

menAlive! - Mens Weekend hosted by Petrie Parish

Renew Your Faith and Rediscover God's Purpose for You!

Suitable for all men from 18 years.

12th (Full Day) & 13th (Morning Session) September 2026

Held at the Our Lady of the Way, Petrie

Should you be interested in attending, seeking further information and how to register, visit www.petriecatholic.com for further details, information and pricing.

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.

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:- 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.

Learning From Other Parishes

One of the blessings of being Catholics is that we are part of a world-wide community of like-souls. Lately, our Group members have been reaching out to other Parishes - first working through Emma Beach with the SOOT program at Bracken Ridge. Now our people are participating with the wider PNG community: last week doing the offertory at St Flannan's multi-cultural Mass, Zillmere; this weekend singing at Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs, Inala; and on 20 September singing at St Peter's multi-cultural Mass, Caboolture.

Is our Parish missing something? We are incredibly multi-cultured, but do we celebrate that as much as we could? Stella Maris at Maroochydore is renowned for its huge multi-cultural Mass and food festival in July; St Flannan's Mass on 23 August, was remarkable for the participation of Nepalese, Samoan, African, Italian and PNG communities, with a feast and entertainment afterwards; this week we have the Vietnamese community at Inala.

Our Group, part of this Parish, includes people from many countries and cultures. Should we all be thinking now how our 2027 Multicultural Mass might be equally spectacular?

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. In recent years the JP&E Group have always attended the Season of Creation Mass in St Stephen's Cathedral. St Benedict's will have people joining in.

Brisbane River Guided Walk - 10am Saturday 12th September - Join with a stroll along the Brisbane River, starting at Kurilpa Bridge. This is an initiative of the Stafford Parish.

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. This month being the 9th September. Please reach out to Ken Butler for details.

JP&E email address - ipestbenedicts@gmail.com. Should you have any questions in regard to any of this information please reach out.

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 1.

Saturday 5th September, 4pm

Commentator: Jim Kearney
Reader 1: Alicia Macedo
Reader 2: Kay Corcoran
Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 6th September, 8.30am

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

Sunday 6th September, 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 16 & 23/08/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1199.15

Building Collections:-

\$1115.35

Total Donations:-

\$3489.50 (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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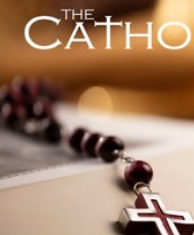
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we
gather for the St Benedict's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of
this land.*