



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 9th 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 - 9th August 2026,
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr A.**

1st Reading - Kings 19: 9, 11-13.

Psalm - Ps 84: 9-14.

**Response - Lord, show us your mercy
and love, and grant us your
salvation.**

**2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
9: 1-5.**

Gospel - Matthew 14: 22-33.

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's Parish,

What a terrific day we shared last Sunday at our Confirmation Retreat! Following Mass, the children and their families enjoyed a delicious morning tea before gathering with great excitement for a very special 'Confirmation Quest' treasure hunt.

The theme of the day was, "**Faith is caught, not taught.**" As families journeyed together from clue to clue, they discovered the many treasures of our Catholic faith. There was a wonderful spirit of joy, laughter and adventure throughout the morning. More importantly, it was an opportunity to grow closer to one another, to our parish community, and to Jesus Christ.

It was a marvellously enriching, beautiful and fun experience, strengthening the bonds between our families as we were united in our love for God, who loves each one of us completely and unconditionally. Moments like these remind us that faith grows most deeply when it is experienced together in community.

A very big **THANK YOU** to our wonderful, talented and faith-filled Sacrament Team - **Kerrin, Renae and Di** - for creating and leading such an outstanding retreat. Your creativity, generosity, and joyful witness to the Gospel helped make the day so memorable for our children and their families. I have no doubt they will always remember this day fondly. May God richly bless you for the beautiful work you do in sharing the faith in such engaging and life-giving way.

A key theme in this week's **Sunday's Scriptures is to listen to God's beautiful life-giving voice and believe!**

Life can be wonderfully busy, but it can also become so noisy that we struggle to hear the gentle voice of God. This Sunday's readings invite us to rediscover the transforming power of silence and prayer.

In the First Book of Kings (1 Kings 19:9, 11-13), the prophet Elijah encounters God, not in the mighty wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in "the sound of sheer silence". God often chooses to speak in the quiet places of our hearts rather than through dramatic displays of power. Yet to hear that whisper, we must first be willing to be still and listen.

Jesus shows us exactly how this is done. After feeding the five thousand, He sends the crowds away and goes up the mountain by Himself to pray (Matthew 14:22-23). This was not simply an isolated moment of prayer; it reveals the very rhythm of Jesus' life. He was a man of constant communion with His Father. Before making important decisions, before great works, and after demanding ministry, Jesus sought solitude. He teaches us that prayer is not merely something we do, but it is the way we remain connected to God's love and guided by His life-giving Word.

What happens after Jesus prays is deeply significant the Sunday's Gospel. As the disciples struggle against the wind and waves, Jesus comes to them walking on the water. It is important to note, in the Scriptures, the sea often symbolises chaos, fear, and the forces that threaten human life (that's a nice way of saying 'evil'). By walking upon the waves and calming the storm, Jesus reveals His divine authority over all creation. The One who emerges from prayer is the Lord of heaven and earth. No storm is greater than His power; no darkness can overcome His presence. The disciples discover that when Jesus is near, fear gives way to faith, and chaos gives way to peace.

St Paul, in his wonderful letter to the Romans (Romans 9:1-5), speaks with a heart united to Jesus and inspired by the Holy Spirit. His love for his own people is so profound that it mirrors the compassionate heart of Jesus Himself. Above all, Paul proclaims the great truth that Jesus is "God over all, forever blessed." Prayer had clearly transformed Paul's life, enabling him to see everything through the eyes of Jesus and to proclaim Him with courage to the world.

As disciples of Jesus and members of St Benedict's Parish, we are invited to follow the same path. Like Elijah, may we listen for God's gentle voice in the silence. Like Jesus, may prayer become the heartbeat of our lives. Like St Paul, may our union with Jesus inspire us to witness boldly that Jesus is Lord, the One who calms every storm and fills every faithful heart with His peace.

Have a great week my beautiful friends, experiencing the wonderful stillness of God,

Fr Bryan



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Monday 10th August

Moreton Public Holiday for the RNA show.
Parish Office will be closed.

Thursday 13th August

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

Friday 14th August

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass with Year 10
and Year 6 students.

Saturday 15th August

The Solemnity of The Assumption

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass,
The Assumption

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 16th August

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of
Confirmation

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 August...

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.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass, Saturday, 15 August 9:00am

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates our faith that, at the end of her earthly life, our Blessed Mother Mary was assumed body and soul into the glory of heaven. This great feast reminds us that the victory of Christ over sin and death is already fully realised in Mary, who is the first and greatest disciple. Her Assumption is a sign of hope for all Christians, assuring us that we, too, are called to share in the resurrection and eternal life with God. While this belief has been treasured by the Church since the earliest centuries, it was solemnly proclaimed as a dogma (official Church teaching) by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

We gently invite all parishioners to join us for Mass on this beautiful feast day at **9:00am on Saturday, 15 August**. Come and honour and connect with Mary, our loving Mother, and allow her faith, humility and trust in God to inspire us as we continue our journey towards the fullness of life in Christ.



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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.

Called by Name National Vocation Awareness Week

2-9 August 2026



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YOUR CALL



Archdiocesan Alpha Journey

COME & SEE

Wednesday, 29 July 2026
Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

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Archdiocesan
Alpha Journey
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 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, Erin Stillman, Mike & Joy Gibbs.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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.

A Wonderful Evening at Multicultural Luminous Parade – One picture says it all

Seven people from St Benedict's joined the Luminous Parade at South Bank last Friday evening to show our solidarity with all that is best of multiculturalism. The Parade was about 500 metres long, and the spectator crowd was probably about 10,000. We were part of the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission group.

Change of date The gathering with Emma Beach at Bracken Ridge is now on Saturday 15 August, not Saturday 1 August (as previously advertised).

Be a Disciple – Inspire Others Our JP&E SOOT Program over the last few years was very successful. Emma Beach has invited us to conduct a demonstration session at her quarterly meeting at Bracken Ridge 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.

Future meeting dates- will be the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm: 10 June, 8 July, 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.



Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 9th August, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Cooper, Imogen and Isabella.

As Cooper, Imogen and Isabella receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends,

Cooper, Imogen and Isabella,

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

Mass Ministry Roster - Ministry Roster - Week 3.

Saturday 15th August, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata
Reader 1: Mary Foronda
Reader 2: Sheila Pereira
Communion Minister: Gerard Davis

Sunday 16th August, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin
Reader 1: Morton Howes
Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho
Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic, Pierina Ziebarth and Andre Mascarenhas

Sunday 16th August, 5.30pm

Commentator: Judith Fernandes
Reader 1: Seema Masih
Reader 2: Zandra Farr
Communion Minister: Theresa Saad, Michael Fraser, Sheilah Ojuri.

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 26/07/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1046.35

Building Collections:-

\$911.10

Total Donations:-

\$2882.45 (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.

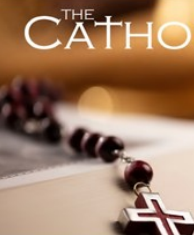
We are happy to share that we are now set up
with our own Containers for Change account,
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through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi 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.*