



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 4th October 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

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**Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm**

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**Readings for the week - 4th October
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in OT, Yr A, 2026**

**1st Reading - Isaiah 5: 1-7.
Psalm - Ps 79: 9, 12-16, 19-20.
Response - The vineyard of the Lord is
the house of Israel.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Philippians
4: 6-9.
Gospel - Matthew 21: 33-43.**

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

Jesus says to the religious leaders of His time: "The stone rejected by the builders has become the keystone." The keystone is the stone that holds everything together. Remove it, and the building becomes unstable and eventually falls. In exactly the same way, when we remove Jesus from the centre of our lives, we too begin to fall over. Our relationships, our priorities, our families, and even our communities can become unstable when Jesus is no longer the foundation upon which we build.

The readings this Sunday give us a powerful image to help us understand this.

Isaiah speaks of God's people as a vineyard. God has lovingly planted His vineyard, prepared the soil, protected it, and provided everything necessary for it to flourish. God expects His vineyard to produce good fruit. Instead, it produces wild grapes. The question is not whether God has provided enough. He has. The question is whether the people have responded to His love by producing the fruit He desires.

This vineyard imagery carries directly into Jesus' Gospel parable. For the next few Sundays in Matthew's Gospel, we journey with Jesus through the final days of His earthly ministry as He moves towards His Paschal Mystery, that is, God's great victory of life over sin and death through the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus has entered Jerusalem triumphantly, humbly riding on a donkey while the crowds praise Him. He then enters the Temple, the very heart of Israel's worship, and cleanses it. He overturns the tables of the money changers, and drives out those selling animals for sacrifice, declaring: "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

The religious leaders are furious. They confront Jesus: "What authority have you got to do this? And who gave you this authority?"

Last Sunday, Jesus answered their challenge with the parable of the two sons. One son initially says "no" to his father but later changes his mind and goes to work in the vineyard. The other says "yes" but never goes.

Jesus asks the leaders which son did the father's will. They correctly answer: the first.

Jesus then exposes the problem. The religious leaders have become like the second son. They speak the language of faith, but they have closed their hearts to God's invitation to conversion. They have refused to recognise what God is doing through Jesus, even though they can see the transformation taking place in the lives of sinners and tax collectors who have heard the call to repentance (metanoia – a conversion of heart and mind to living one's life in a beautiful relationship with God) and found new life.

Then Jesus tells them today's parable. The landowner carefully establishes a vineyard and provides everything necessary for it to flourish. He places tenants in charge and expects them to produce a harvest. But when the servants come to collect the fruit, the tenants beat some, kill others, and reject the landowner's messengers. Finally, the landowner sends his son. "They will respect my son," he thinks. Instead, they seize him, throw him out of the vineyard and kill him. Here, Jesus is foretelling what will happen to Him later that very week. Then Jesus asks the religious leaders what the landowner will do. They answer that he will bring those wretched tenants to a wretched end -unknowingly condemning themselves.

Jesus then gives them the key to understanding everything: "The stone rejected by the builders has become the keystone." The leaders have rejected the very One whom God has sent to save them. The tragedy is that they have placed themselves at the centre rather than God. They have been entrusted with leadership, but they have forgotten that the vineyard does not belong to them. It belongs to God. And perhaps this is where the Gospel speaks most directly to us.

We are also entrusted with a vineyard. Our lives. Our families. Our friendships. Our parish. Our gifts and talents. Our work. Our relationships. All of these are gifts from God, entrusted to us so that they may bear good fruit.

When Jesus is the keystone, everything else can find its proper place. When we remove Him, we can become like the tenants, believing that the vineyard belongs to us rather than recognising that everything we have is ultimately gift.

St Paul gives us a beautiful practical way of living with Christ at the centre: "There is no need for you to worry." Instead, bring everything to God in prayer, with thanksgiving. Then, he says, "the peace of God...will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." What a beautiful promise.

May we allow Jesus to be our keystone, the One who holds everything together. And may our lives, our families, and our parish bear an abundant harvest of faith, hope, love, generosity, forgiveness and joy. For when Jesus is truly at the centre, the vineyard flourishes.

Have a great week everyone, immersed in the love and peace of God, *Fr Bryan*



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 8th October

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

Friday 9th October

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Yr 3 students.

Saturday 10th October

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 11th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sacrament Program for children, Confirmation Mass, as booked with the Parish Office

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In October...

4th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

17th & 18th - World Mission Sunday Appeal Weekend.

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.

14th & 15th - St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal weekend.

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.

Our St Benedict's Memorial Mass - Saturday, 28 November at 9.00am

November is a special month in the Church when we remember and pray particularly for our loved ones who have gone before us. Throughout November, we will come together as a parish family to entrust our deceased loved ones to the loving embrace of God, praying that they may rest in peace and be raised with Jesus in glory.

At the entrance to the church throughout November, you will find our **Memorial Book**. We invite you to write the names of family members and friends who have died, especially those whom you would like our parish community to remember in prayer. The Memorial Book will be reverently processed into the church at each Mass throughout November, reminding us that we are united in prayer with all those who have gone before us.

We will have tea candles available for purchase at each Mass. You are welcome to light a candle and place it on our Candle Stand in front of the Altar as a sign of your love, remembrance, and prayer for someone dear to you.

During November, I will also offer Masses for the intentions of our deceased loved ones, praying that God, in His infinite mercy, may grant them eternal rest and welcome them into the fullness of life with Christ.

Mass Intention Envelopes can be found on the Welcome Table or at the Parish Office.

Our Memorial Mass

As a special part of our November remembrance, we will once again celebrate our St Benedict's Memorial Mass on Saturday, 28 November at 9.00am.

At this beautiful Mass, we will remember all our loved ones who have gone before us, but especially those whom we have lost during the past year. If you have lost a loved one during the past year and would like them remembered particularly at this Memorial Mass, please contact Renae at admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au.

A dignified candle will be prepared in memory of your loved one lost in the past 12 months, once you have contacted Renae.

At the beginning of Mass, as I call their name, a family member will be invited to bring the candle forward and place it on our Candle Stand. As each candle is placed before us, we will remember the precious gift of that person's life, give thanks for the love we shared with them, and commend them once again into the loving arms of God.

Our faith gives us the beautiful hope that death is not the end. In Jesus, we look forward to the resurrection and to that day when we will be reunited with those we love in the glory of God.

I warmly invite everyone to join us throughout November, and especially at our Memorial Mass, as together we pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in your love, joy, and peace. Amen.

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

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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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.

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 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.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Those who are Unwell: Joy & Russell Darby, Natalia Humpries.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Allan and Mertyl Spiller, Thomas and Theresa Blacker.

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 - Update on Recent Events.

Queensland Community Alliance (QCA) <https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/>

Last Sunday Father spoke powerfully about the impact that we as parishioners could have if we add our small voices to existing community movements. At the same time, we live out the Gospel. (Remember the reduced parking fees at Prince Charles Hospital). QCA gives us that opportunity. With the support of Emma Beach, we met with an Alliance organiser, Seble Tadesse, and as a Parish, we are committing ourselves to that process. The next major step is for parishioners to attend the Alliance's Common Good Convention in Brisbane on Thursday 5 November at 6.30pm. JP&E members will be going, and other interested parishioners are invited. More details to come a little later.

Supporting our Pacific Islands Community in Climate Change.

Many of our parishioners are from the Pacific islands and Pacific Rim and still have families there. Right now, countries such as Tuvalu are being submerged by rising sea levels.

The Archdiocese is asking us to stand by our friends in making the world aware. The ARCC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change) national multi-faith campaign is supporting their call for a Fossil Fuel Treaty. In October, Pacific leaders will gather in Fiji for the Pre-COP Summit, seeking stronger international action on climate change and urging the world to accelerate the transition away from fossil fuels. **Simply join us on Tuesday 6 October in the forecourt of St John's Cathedral, Adelaide Street Brisbane, to demonstrate St Benedict's support.** We will be going by train.

Future meeting dates- usually the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Please reach out to Ken Butler for details. JP&E email address - jpestbenedicts@gmail.com.

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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:- 18th Oct & 15th Nov.

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 2.

Saturday 10th October, 4pm

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

Sunday 11th October, 8.30am

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

Sunday 11th October, 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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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 20/09/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$710.00

Building Collections:-

\$1803.80

Total Donations:-

\$3433.80 (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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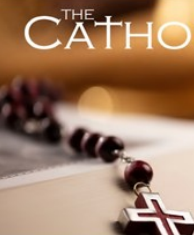
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi people, as the traditional custodians and caretakers of the land in which we
gather for the St Benedict's Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past, present and emerging. May we, too, be good stewards of
this land.*