



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 13th September 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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jpestbenedicts@gmail.com

**Readings for the week - 13th September
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in OT, Yr A, 2026**

**1st Reading - Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7.
Psalm - Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12.
Response - The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans 14: 7-9.
Gospel - Matthew 18: 21-35.**

Dear wonderful Parishioners of St Benedict's parish.

For the next two weeks I will be on annual leave. However, I will be presiding at the 8:30am Sunday Masses. Fr Kevin Gonsalves OFM Cap will be presiding at the Saturday 4pm and Sunday 5:30pm Masses for the next two weekends. Please make him welcome.

There is something wonderfully challenging about this Sunday's Gospel. Peter comes to Jesus with what he probably thought was a very generous question: "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother or sister if they wrong me? As often as seven times?" Peter thinks he is being extraordinarily generous. Seven times! Surely that must be enough. But Jesus responds: "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times."

In other words, Jesus is not interested in us keeping a forgiveness tally. Forgiveness is not something we count. It is something we become.

I think this tells us something beautiful about the heart of Jesus. Jesus loves us and wants the absolute best for us. When Jesus asks us to forgive, He is not asking us to excuse wrongdoing or pretend that something painful never happened. He is inviting us to be free. Because unforgiveness can become a prison.

There is a beautiful story told about Nelson Mandela after his release from prison in South Africa. Having spent 27 years imprisoned under terrible conditions, reporters asked him how he could possibly forgive those who had treated him so cruelly.

Mandela is said to have replied, "I forgive them."

The reporters were astonished. "How could you possibly forgive them after everything they did to you?"

Mandela responded with words that capture something profound about forgiveness: "If I didn't forgive them, I would still be in prison."

We have a tendency to dwell on being insulted or hurt. We might replay the conversation in our heads. We might remember what was said. We rehearse what we should have said. We tell ourselves, "They don't deserve my forgiveness." And perhaps they don't. But forgiveness is not ultimately about what the other person deserves. It is about refusing to allow what happened to have permanent power over our hearts.

Jesus gives us the most beautiful prayer in Christianity—the Our Father. Every time we pray it, we say: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Think about that for a moment. We are asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. That is a challenging prayer! It reminds us that we are all people who need mercy. None of us gets everything right. None of us has lived a perfect life. We have all said things we regret, hurt people we love, made mistakes, and fallen short of the person God calls us to be.

And yet God continues to love us. God's mercy is not earned. It is received. That is precisely the point of Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant. The servant has been forgiven an extraordinary debt, yet he cannot extend even a fraction of that mercy to someone else.

Perhaps the greatest enemy of forgiveness is ego. Ego says, "I was right." Ego says, "They need to apologise first." Ego says, "I'll forgive them, but I'll never forget." But Jesus says something much more liberating: Let go.

Imagine what our families, our parish, our workplaces, and indeed our world would look like if we genuinely developed a disposition of forgiveness. Imagine if we were quicker to say, "I'm sorry." Quicker to say, "I forgive you." Quicker to give someone another chance. Quicker to put our pride aside and choose love. What a wonderful world that would be!

Forgiveness doesn't make us weak. Forgiveness sets us free. And perhaps that is exactly what Jesus wants for us: not hearts weighed down by resentment, pride, and old wounds, but hearts that are light, joyful and free.

So the next time we pray the Our Father, let's pause when we reach those familiar words: "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." And perhaps quietly ask: "Lord, who do I need to forgive?"

Then let Jesus do what He does best. That is, He leads us from resentment to mercy, from ego to humility, and from woundedness to freedom.

Have a great week everyone, embracing God, Who is kind and merciful,

Fr Bryan

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



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 17th September

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

Friday 18th September

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

Saturday 19th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 20th September

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In September...

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.

Sandgate Brighton Catholic Parish

Bus trip to TOOWOOMBA Carnival of Flowers

Saturday 19 September, 2026



Bus departs
Sacred Heart Church - 7.30am



Visiting
St Patrick's Cathedral,
Laurel Bank Park,
Queens Park,
Picnic Point



\$50 per person



Light lunch supplied



Bookings by
Monday 14 September
via Parish Office



Ph: 3869 1377

Safeguarding Sunday

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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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!

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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 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.

Update on Recent Events.

So much has and is happening, here is a summary.

The Vietnamese Community Multicultural Mass. Seven St Benedict's people attended this spectacular Mass at Inala celebrated by Archbishop Shane on Sunday 30 September. The celebration took multicultural Masses to a new level, and the community's new church comfortably handled an estimated thousand or more worshippers. More than a dozen communities (including Marie and the PNG community) ran generous free-food stalls afterwards, along with several hours of colourful entertainment.

Season of Creation "Immersion in Living Water" Mass was beautifully celebrated by Archbishop Shane at St Stephen's last Wednesday. St Benedict's brought water from Capestone Lake (that water has drained from all parts of our Parish). This was combined with water from many other parishes, then blessed by the Archbishop before sprinkling around the Cathedral.

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.

Community Alliance Queensland <https://www.qldcommunityalliance.org/> is part of a national social justice advocacy organisation strongly supported by the Archdiocese. We have met with Organiser Seblework Tadesse (Seble) to explore how our Parish might fit with this movement. Seble is an Ethiopian Christian and will attend our next JP&E meeting.

Future meeting dates- usually the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. This month being the 23rd September. 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:- 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 3.

Saturday 19th September, 4pm

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

Sunday 20th September, 8.30am

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

Sunday 20th September, 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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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 30/08/2026.

Parish Collections:-

\$1160.90

Building Collections:-

\$980.90

Total Donations:-

\$3376.80 (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.

Containers for Change at St Benedict's

St Benedicts Catholic Parish Number- C11719697

There are many ways to support the fundraising
efforts for the St Benedict's Parish.

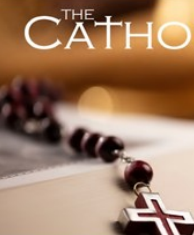
We are happy to share that we are now set up
with our own Containers for Change account,
perhaps you may consider donating to the Parish
through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank
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*We respectfully acknowledge the Gubbi Gubbi and Ningi Ningi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