



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill & Griffin

**Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time, Year A.
Sunday, 6th September 2026.**

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Place of Worship:

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall
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Friday - 9.00am
Saturday - 4.00pm
Sunday - 8.30am and 5.30pm

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**Readings for the week - 6th September
Twenty-Third Sunday in OT, Yr A, 2026**

1st Reading - Ezekiel 33: 7-9.
Psalm - Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9.
Response - O that today you would
listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Romans
13: 8-10.
Gospel - Matthew 18: 15-20.

Dear wonderful parishioners of St Benedict's,

Have you ever stopped to think about what actually happens when we walk through the doors of our Mass Centre on Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning, or Sunday evening? We may think we are simply coming to Mass. We might be coming because it is Sunday, because it is our weekly routine, or perhaps because someone in our family reminded us that we really need to go! But Jesus tells us something far more extraordinary. When we gather in Jesus' name, He is there among us.

We don't come to Mass simply to remember Jesus. We come to encounter Him. To love him and be loved by Him. To seek to know Him more and more. And that is something well and truly worth remembering every time we gather as a parish community.

This Sunday, we also have the beautiful opportunity to **celebrate Father's Day**. To all the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers and father figures in our parish community, I wish you a very happy and blessed Father's Day!



We give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of fatherhood and for all those men who have shaped the lives of their children through their love, patience, wisdom, protection, encouragement and sacrifice. When I think about what it means to be a good father, I immediately think of St Joseph.

St Joseph doesn't say a single word in the Gospels, yet his life speaks volumes. He humbly devotes his life to God, constantly listening to God and then does what God asks. He protects Mary and Jesus. He provides for his family. He teaches Jesus his trade. He takes responsibility for his family and places their needs before his own. And then, most importantly, together with Mary, they bring Jesus up immersed in a life lived in relationship with God.

St. Joseph shows us that fatherhood is not ultimately about having all the right words. It is about being there. It is about loving, protecting, sacrificing, and, above all, leading our families towards God, journeying throughout life with God.

Another beautiful example is Louis Martin, the father of St Thérèse of Lisieux.

In The Story of a Soul, St Thérèse speaks with enormous tenderness about her father and the faith he shared with his daughters. Louis would take his daughters for walks through their neighbourhood. But these were more than ordinary family walks. They often became little pilgrimages. They would stop at churches along the way, enter quietly and spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament.

Imagine the impression that must have made upon those young girls. Their father was teaching them, not simply by words but by his example: Jesus is worth stopping for. Jesus is worth making time for. Jesus is at the centre of our lives.

Louis also took his daughters on pilgrimage to Rome. He gave them the gift of seeing their Catholic faith as something much bigger than themselves.

And perhaps one of his greatest acts of fatherly love was his willingness to give his daughters back to God. All five of his daughters eventually entered religious life, with all becoming Carmelite nuns. Louis could have wanted to keep his daughters close to himself, but he recognised that they ultimately belonged to God.

Perhaps that is one of the greatest gifts a father can give his children: not simply to teach them how to make a living, but to teach them how to live life abundantly in relationship with Jesus – our Lord, our God, our Everything.

Our Gospel this Sunday contains those beautiful words: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Second Vatican Council reminds us just how profoundly Jesus is present whenever we celebrate the Mass.

Jesus is present in the people gathered together in his name.

Jesus is present in the Word proclaimed, because when the Scriptures are proclaimed in the Church, it is Christ Himself who speaks.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 10th September

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

Friday 11th September

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

Saturday 12th September

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 13th September

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

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.

Jesus is present in the person of the priest who presides.

And, of course, Jesus is most profoundly and powerfully present in the Eucharist, in his precious Body and Blood.

This is one of the reasons I love the design of our future church here at St Benedict's.

Our church is designed so that we gather around the Altar and the Ambo. We can see one another. We are not simply an audience watching something happening at the front of the church. We are the Church. We are the Body of Christ gathered together. And when we look around us, we see Christ in one another.

The Second Vatican Council expressed its desire for the faithful to participate in the liturgy with "full, conscious, and active participation." (Sacrosanctum Concilium 14).

That is such an important calling. We don't come to Mass to be passive spectators. We come to participate. We listen. We sing. We pray. We respond. We offer ourselves to God. We join our lives and our sacrifices to Jesus' perfect offering. And then, most wonderfully of all, we receive Jesus himself in Holy Communion.

My beautiful friends, perhaps this Sunday we could change the way we approach Mass.

Don't simply come to Mass because it's Sunday. Come because Jesus is here. Come with our joys and our struggles. We bring our worries, your hopes, our disappointments, and our dreams. We bring the things we understand, and the things we don't. We come and place them all before Jesus, Who we encounter with all our love, and Who in return gives us all the nourishment and strength we need to embrace life no matter how difficult our lives may be. For as St Paul puts it so eloquently, yet powerfully, "When I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10).

Have a great week everyone, by including Jesus, Crucified and Risen, in our lives always,

Fr Bryan

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

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 2.

Saturday 12th September, 4pm

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

Sunday 13th September, 8.30am

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

Sunday 13th September, 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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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:-

\$TBC

Building Collections:-

\$TBC

Total Donations:-

\$TBC (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.

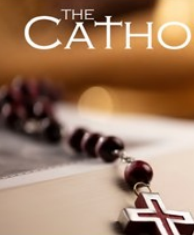
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with our own Containers for Change account,
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through this avenue. Every little bit helps! Thank
you!



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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.*