ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin.

All Saints, Year A. Sunday 1st November 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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www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au

Parish Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsCatholicParish/

St Vincent de Paul:

1800 Vinnie (1800 846 643)

St Benedict's Justice & Peace Group:

jpestbenedicts@gmail.com

Readings for this week - 1st November 2026

1st Reading -	Apocalypse 7: 2-4, 9-14.
Psalm -	Ps 23: 1-6.
Response -	Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
2nd Reading -	St John 3: 1-3.
Gospel -	Matthew 5: 1-12.

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

On Sunday, we celebrate All Saints Day, a beautiful feast that reminds us that holiness is not reserved for a select few, but is a calling for every one of us!

When we think of saints, we might picture St Benedict, St Mary MacKillop, St Francis of Assisi, or the many holy men and women whose lives have inspired generations of Christians. Yet saints were real people who experienced joys and struggles, faced challenges, made mistakes, and learned to trust more deeply in Jesus. What made them extraordinary was their willingness to open their hearts and minds to God's love and allow Jesus to transform their lives.

The saints remind us that we are all called to become saints, not by being perfect, but by allowing Jesus to lead us, love us, and work through us. Holiness begins in the ordinary moments of everyday life: showing kindness to someone who is struggling, forgiving someone who has hurt us, offering a listening ear, caring for those who are lonely, and putting the needs of others before our own.

In the Gospel, Jesus begins the Beatitudes with these beautiful words: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3). To be poor in spirit is to recognise that we need God. It is to acknowledge that, no matter how talented, successful or capable we might be, we cannot become the people God calls us to be through our own efforts alone. We need His grace, His wisdom, His love, and His strength. Humility opens our hearts to receive these gifts.

The more we surrender ourselves to God, the saintlier we become, allowing God to bring out the very best in us. When we surrender our pride, our selfishness, and our need to control everything, we make room for Jesus to live and love through us. Gradually, our thoughts, words and actions become more like Jesus'.

This week, I invite each of us to take one small, deliberate step towards humility. Begin each morning with a simple prayer: *"Lord, I surrender this day to You. Help me to do Your will, not simply my own."* Then look for one concrete opportunity to put this prayer into practice: listen patiently without interrupting, offer help without seeking recognition, admit when you are wrong, or quietly forgive someone who has hurt you.

At the end of each day, take a moment to reflect: *Where did I allow God to lead me today? Where did my pride get in the way?* Bring both moments to God with honesty and trust.

As St Benedict reminds us, humility is learned through the small, faithful choices of everyday life. We do not become saints overnight, we become saints by allowing God to shape our hearts, one day at a time. The more we surrender to Him, the more His love can work through us.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us a wonderful picture of what holiness looks like. Jesus calls blessed those who are merciful, those who make peace, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, and those who are pure in heart. These are not simply beautiful words, but they are an invitation to live as His disciples in our families, workplaces, schools, and community.

At St Benedict's, we are blessed to be surrounded by so many people who quietly live these values through their generosity, faithfulness, compassion, and love. You may never see your name written in a book about the saints, but every act of love offered in Jesus' name makes a difference!

On All Saints Day, let us celebrate the great communion of saints in heaven and ask them to pray for us as we continue our journey of faith. May their example inspire us to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source of our hope and the heart of our lives.

May we never forget that the greatest adventure of our lives is becoming the people God created us to be: Saints who love Jesus, knowing that Jesus fully loves us, and to surrender ourselves completely to Him so that we can share His love with the world!

Have a great week everyone, longing to see Jesus' face,

Fr Bryan

Catholic Mission Appeal – Appeal Envelopes due to the Mass Centre by Sunday 1st November or please jump online. Thank you.

Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 5th November

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

Friday 6th November

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 1 students.

Saturday 7th November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 8th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In November...

1st - All Saints Solemnity.
8th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after 8.30am Mass.
14th & 15th – SVDP Christmas Appeal.
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. ***** No 5.30pm Mass 6th December.***
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.

In January...

1st - St Benedict's Parish Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. 9am
10th - Baptism Celebration and Preparation Morning after

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:- 15th November & 20th December.
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 please. Thank you

Congratulations to our Children that received their Confirmation in 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS! After journeying in preparation over the past few months our final Sacramental Mass was celebrated on Sunday. Please keep the 2026 Sacramental Children, along with their family and friends, in your prayers.

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.



ADVENT 2026 RESOURCE - **"The Way of the Heart"** is a 27 Day Advent prayer reflection resource for individuals and groups.

Available to purchase before and after the weekend Masses for $5 each.

An Advent group hosted by the Prayer Network will meet for reflection using the Advent resource on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm for one hour on zoom. On Wednesday evening November the 25th, December 2nd, 9th and the 16th. The link to join in will be in the newsletter close to the start date. Hope you can join us.

"Advent invites us to listen again to the quiet movements of the heart. In these weeks of waiting, longing and hope, the Church asks us not simply to prepare our homes and our celebrations, but to allow the Lord to prepare within us a place where He may be welcomed more deeply. The resource The Way of the Heart, offers a timely companion for that journey." *Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Archbishop of Brisbane.*

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal 14th and 15th November.

SVDP Volunteers will be in attendance and accepting donations before and after Mass on the weekend of the 14th & 15th November. Please give if you are able.

Mass Ministry Roster Week 2

Saturday 7th November, 4pm

Commentator: Sharon Hickey

Reader 1: B-Jay Foronda

Reader 2: Nancy D'souza

Communion Minister: Joseph D'souza

Sunday 8th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Ronnie Vaipuna

Reader 1: Zepher Vaipuna

Reader 2: Angel Vaipuna

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Gabby , and Sa Ikitau

Sunday 8th November, 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.

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.

Reconciliation – Available by Appointment. Prior to 4pm Saturday and 5.30pm Sunday Mass.

Please call the Parish Office should you wish to arrange an appointment with Father to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession. Appointments are available to be made, for times just prior to the 4pm Saturday Mass and prior to the 5.30pm Sunday Mass.

Sacraments at St Benedicts Parish.

Infant and Child 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- Adults and Teens wishing to become Catholic.

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: Michael Diaz.

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 - Updates for Recent & Upcoming Events.

Vinnies Christmas Toiletries Packs. Last year SVDP were overwhelmed by the generosity of our Parish and Community in the toiletry items collected/donated to St Vincent de Paul at Christmas time? The JP&E Team together with SVDP are collecting again in 2026. Please, keep your eyes peeled for the 'shopping list' which will be shared in coming weeks.

Queensland Community Alliance: On November 5th 2026, the Queensland Community Alliance will host the Common Good Convention 2026, a statewide gathering of civil society organisations for public action and community organising. This brings together members of the Queensland Community Alliance — a network of 32 organisations (Including our Archdiocese) representing 1.7 million Queenslanders — to strengthen relationships, share experiences, and plan for public action in a politically turbulent and socially divided climate. With complete support of the Archdiocese, we are sending a small team. See the flyer elsewhere, scan the QR Code, or register via http://bit.ly/cgc-seq , and join us.

Papua New Guinea support: Well-done all! The fund-raising efforts (before COVID) to improve medical facilities for people in Papua New Guinea resulted in our giving a donation of over $5,000 to Caritas in Papua New Guinea for their vital child birthing project.

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

JP&E email address - jpestbenedicts@gmail.com. *Should you have any questions in regard to any of the above information please reach out .*

Divine Retreat Centre – One Day Retreat, with Fr Sam Samuel VC

WHEN: Saturday 31st October 2026, 9.30am-3.30pm ***WHERE:*** Holy Cross Church, 110 Nottingham St, Kippa Ring.
Admission is Free, No Registration needed. BYO Food. For further information contact:- 0432833439

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 streamlining 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.

Registering your details with our Parish- Email & Census.

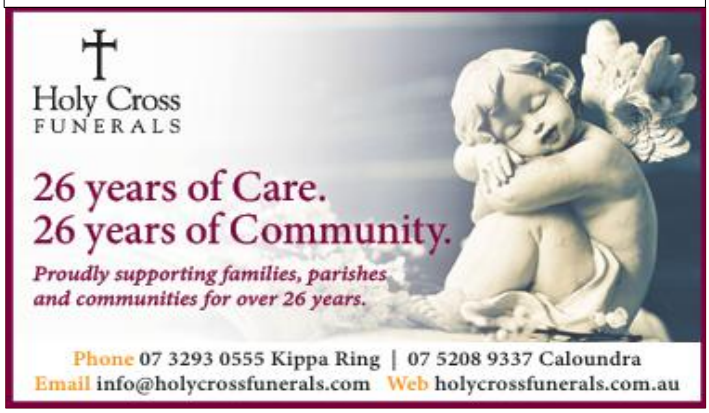
We encourage our Parishioners to keep the Parish Office up to date with your family details. Please find our Census Cards on the Welcome Table at the Mass Centre, or we can email one to you. Please complete and submit to the office so we can register/update your contact details. Thank you.
This will also assist us to send out our weekly Parish Newsletter via Email to you. Receiving the Newsletter is a wonderful way to keep up to date with the varied ministries and events happening in and around our Parish. You are also welcome to email the Parish Office your information. The Newsletter is also uploaded to our Website every Thursday also.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Last weekend, 17/18 October, you were invited to partner with ***Catholic Mission*** and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

We thank those who kindly donated last weekend ; if you are wishing to and able to donate please do so by visiting online catholicmission.org.au/united Thank you.

We ask those wishing to contribute with the Appeal Envelopes to please return them to the Mass Centre no later than Sunday 1st November, thank you so much.



Financially Supporting Our St Benedict's Parish

To everyone who actively contributes financially to the life of our St Benedict's Parish through our Planned Giving Programs, 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 and Planned Giving forms are 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***

With our Planned Giving we 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.

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.

Building Our Church Together with HavenPath Finance

Are you seeking a Home Loan, Car Loan or Personal Loan or perhaps a general financial health check?
Consider HavenPath Finance for your financial needs.

Contact: Raj (Boobal Vincent)
Mobile: 0452533536
Email: Raj@HavenPathFinance.com.au
HavenPath Finance Pty Ltd
Enquiry URL = https://forms.gle/vpaGXFZurteXC4RL7

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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 you!

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Mass Centre Collections - Weekend of 18/10/2026.

Parish Collections:- ***$ 1040.40***
Building Collections:- ***$ 888.65***
Total Donations:- ***$ 3224.05*** ***(total incl T&G)***

We offer heartfelt thanks to our Parishioners who have ever so generously donated toward the life and mission of the St Benedict's Parish through our weekend collections. Thank you for your support.

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.