



ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Sunday 18th October 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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Readings for this week – 18th October 2026.

**1st Reading - Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6.
Psalm - Ps 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10.
Response - Give the Lord Glory and Honor.
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 1-5.
Gospel - Matthew 22: 15-21.**

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, had a great conversion story.

Ignatius grew up in an affluent family and, as a young man, joined the Spanish army, one of the great military powers of his day. He was an excellent soldier and quickly rose through the ranks. However, during one particular battle, a cannonball shattered his leg, leaving him with a long period of recovery.

While he was recuperating, his sister-in-law cared for him. Growing bored, Ignatius asked her to bring him some books to read. He was hoping for stories of romance, adventure, and heroic exploits. Instead, she brought him religious books, including stories of the saints and The Imitation of Christ.

Ignatius was disappointed! These were certainly not the books he had in mind. He left them untouched for a week before eventually picking one up and beginning to read. To his surprise, he became deeply absorbed in their stories. Gradually, his heart was transformed, and his relationship with God grew stronger.

Ignatius came to a profound realisation: "Here I am devoting my life to the King of Spain, when there is a much greater King, God!"

From that moment, his life took a new direction. He dedicated himself entirely to God, founded the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits), and developed the Spiritual Exercises, which have helped countless people deepen their faith. These exercises have also had a profound influence on my own spiritual journey.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

We rightly fulfil our responsibilities to our families, workplaces, and wider society. But Jesus invites us to look deeper. What belongs to God? Ultimately, everything! Our lives, our gifts, our relationships, our hopes, and our future are all gifts from God. We are called to offer them back to him by the way we love, serve, and care for God and others.

Like St Ignatius, we may sometimes need an unexpected experience to help us see our lives differently. The challenge is to recognise that we were created for something greater than worldly success, possessions, or recognition. We were created to know, love, and serve God. When we devote our lives to this, nothing else matters.

Inspired by St Ignatius, and the countless saints who have gone before us, may we give ourselves more completely to God each day, for our own good and for the good of the whole world.

May we discover the perfect joy, peace, and freedom of belonging entirely to God!

Have a great week everyone, giving the Lord glory and honour, *Fr Bryan*

Vale Michael

Michael Diaz was a beautiful gift to St Benedict's Parish, and I feel truly blessed to have known him and shared with him our life's journey in faith.

I will always remember our conversation when we were deciding on a time for the Sunday evening Mass. Michael asked me if we could celebrate it at 5:30pm so that those who worked on Sundays would still have the opportunity to come to Mass. It was such a thoughtful request, and it said so much about Michael's heart. He wanted others to share in something that meant so much to him.

From then on, Michael became a much-loved member of our Sunday 5:30pm Mass community. He was always so grateful that we celebrated Mass at this time, and his appreciation meant a great deal to me. He connected so naturally with the other parishioners, bringing warmth, friendship, and, above all, a wonderful joy in his faith.

Michael genuinely loved the Mass. He loved being there, loved the people around him, and loved being part of our parish family. His presence was a reminder that faith is not simply something we believe, but something we live and share with joy.

Michael, we will miss you dearly. Thank you for your faith, your kindness and the joy you brought into our lives. It was a privilege to have you as part of our parish family.

May you now rest in the peace, love, and eternal joy of God. You have been loved, Michael, and you will not be forgotten.

Vale, Michael. Rest peacefully in God's loving embrace.



Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 22nd October

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

Friday 23rd October

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Primary School Students.

Saturday 24th October

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 25th October

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In October...

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.

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 Month.

Next is:- 18th October and 15th November.

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



Catholic Mission Appeal – Bringing Hope to Myanmar

This weekend, we have a wonderful opportunity to reach beyond our parish community and share Christ's love with our sisters and brothers in Myanmar through the Catholic Mission Appeal.

We are delighted that Xanthe Campbell, our much-cherished parishioner and the incoming College Captain of St Benedict's College for 2027, will be joining us to share some of the exciting initiatives led by Catholic Mission in Myanmar. These projects bring hope, support and new opportunities to communities in need, and we are invited to be part of this wonderful mission.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to love not only those close to us, but also our brothers and sisters around the world. Through our generosity and prayers, we can help make a real difference in the lives of others and be living witnesses to Christ's love. You will have the opportunity to support these rewarding projects through donation envelopes or QR codes available at our Masses this weekend. Every contribution, given with love, helps bring hope to those who need it most.

Thank you for your generous hearts and for the many ways you make Christ's love visible in our world.

May God bless you, and all you do for others.

Opportunity to be the St Benedict's College Campus Minister for 2027

St Benedict's College is seeking a Campus Minister to lead the Catholic Identity and religious life of the College. Information about the position can be found at Careers with BCE below. <https://careers.bne.catholic.edu.au/>

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.

Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 18th October, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Frankie, Marlie, Harry, William and Jamie.

As Frankie, Marlie, Harry, William and Jamie receive the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray together with family and friends,

Frankie, Marlie, Harry, William and Jamie, experiences God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.



Mass Ministry Roster Week 4

Saturday 24th October, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon
Reader 1: Andreena Shannon
Reader 2: Evie Shannon
Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 25th October, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau
Reader 1: Andrea Thomas
Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji
Communion Minister: Joseph & Nancy
 , D'Souza, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 25th October, 5.30pm

Commentator: Chris Molina
Reader 1: Theresa Saad
Reader 2: Liana Sadumiano
Communion Minister: Laisa Setefano, Raj
 , Boobal, Isabel Alphonse

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 - Update on Recent Events.

Support for Pacific Leaders: The mainstream media shows how political this issue has become, while ignoring the fundamental facts that right now some countries are being flooded on high tides. Our best course of action is to pray that world leaders start seriously addressing the true problems.

Papua New Guinea support: By time you read this, St Benedict's will have made a significant donation to the Caritas Papua New Guinea safe child birthing project. We redirected monies that we at St Benedict's, and ladies from Milne Bay Community Inc, collected before COVID to help refurbish the Dogura Hospital. The logistics of Dogura changed - we could not deliver as intended but agreed to allocate collected monies to another worthy PNG need.

Queensland Community Alliance: On 5 November 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 is a flagship event bringing together members of the Queensland Community Alliance — a network of 32 organisations representing 1.7 million Queenslanders — to strengthen relationships, share experiences, and plan for public action in a politically turbulent and socially divided climate. The Alliance has many projects afoot, a major one being to connect people in communities with organisations that offer support. The Alliance was also responsible for gaining the massive reduction in parking costs at Prince Charles' hospital, and also securing a 70% rebate on solar batteries. St Benedict's people will be attending, as we are an outwardly looking community. Anyone can join.

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.

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 - This weekend, 17/18 October, you are 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.

As we celebrate 100 years of **World Mission Day**, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided QR code at the Mass Centre or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to donate.



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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.

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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!



Mass Centre Collections - Weekend of 04/10/2026.

Parish Collections:- \$ 902.10

Building Collections:- \$ 741.10

Total Donations:- \$2693.20 (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.