



# ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

*North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin.*

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026*

**Parish Priest:**

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**Place of Worship:**

**St Benedict's Catholic Primary School Hall  
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**Mass Times:**

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

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**Parish Website:**

[www.stbenedictscatholicparish.com.au](http://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](mailto:jpestbenedicts@gmail.com)

**Readings for this week – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026.**

**1st Reading - Exodus 22: 20-26.  
Psalm - Ps 17: 2-4, 47, 51.  
Response - I love you, Lord, my strength.  
2nd Reading - St Paul to the Thessalonians 1: 5-10.  
Gospel - Matthew 22: 34-40.**

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

Last Sunday, Jesus gave us a wonderful challenge: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21) This Sunday, Jesus takes us even deeper into the heart of what it means to give God what belongs to God. He reminds us of the greatest commandment: "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

These two Gospels are beautifully connected. But what exactly belongs to God? The answer is very simple: we do! We are created in God's image, loved beyond measure, and called to live in a loving relationship with Him. Giving God what belongs to God means offering God our whole selves, allowing His love to shape everything we say and do.

Jesus' commandment draws upon the ancient Jewish prayer known as the Shema, which begins, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord." It is a declaration of faith and a daily invitation to love God with our entire being. This is not simply about saying our prayers or coming to Mass, important as these are. It is about allowing our relationship with Jesus to transform the way we live.

We love God with all our heart by placing Him at the centre of our lives, making time for prayer, giving thanks for our blessings, and allowing his love to fill our hearts. We love God when we forgive someone who has hurt us, show compassion to someone who is struggling, and offer kindness even when it is difficult.

We love Jesus with all our soul by nurturing our relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist, the Scriptures, and personal prayer. We seek His guidance when making decisions, trust him through life's challenges, and remember that we are never alone. We belong to God, and our deepest hope rests in his faithful love.

We love God with all our mind by making room for God's wisdom in our thinking. We reflect on the Gospel, learn more about our faith, seek truth, and choose words that encourage rather than discourage. We use our gifts, knowledge, and abilities to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

And we love God with all our strength by putting our faith into action. We generously give our time, share our talents, support those in need, welcome newcomers, care for our families, and serve our parish community with joyful hearts.

Jesus also reminds us that loving God cannot be separated from loving our neighbour. The two great commandments belong together. Every act of genuine love becomes an expression of our love for God.

What a wonderful invitation Jesus offers us! We do not need to wait for extraordinary opportunities to become His missionary disciples. Every ordinary day gives us countless opportunities to make God's love visible.

My dear St Benedict's parishioners, let us continue to build a vibrant, faith-filled community where people encounter Jesus through our worship, our care for one another, and our service to those in need.

May we give God what belongs to God by offering Him our hearts, our lives, and all that we are. And may everyone we meet experience something of the extraordinary love of Jesus through us! May God bless you, and all the beautiful ways you share his love with others.

Speaking of sharing God's love with others, I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our parishioners who have recently volunteered to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well as those who have faithfully offered this ministry over many years. Your generosity, reverence and willingness to serve help our parish family celebrate the Eucharist so beautifully. Thank you for sharing your time and faith in this special ministry.

As a parish family, our celebration of the Eucharist is at the very heart of who we are. Every time we gather around the altar, Jesus feeds us with his Word and his Body and Blood, strengthening us to live as His disciples and to share his love with others.

Have a great week everyone, loving the Lord, Who gives us strength,

*Fr Bryan*



## Parish Calendar

### The Week Ahead...

#### Thursday 29th October

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

#### Friday 30th October

**\*\* No Mass – Father on Retreat.**

#### Saturday 31st October

**4pm** - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

#### Sunday 1st November

**All Saints Solemnity**

**8.30am** - St Benedict's Parish 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 8.30am Mass.

#### 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:- 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 – Appeal Envelopes due to the Mass Centre by Sunday 1st November or please jump online.**

Thank you for your support of the Catholic Mission appeal last weekend.

May we please ask that anyone still wishing to contribute to the Catholic Mission Appeal, please jump online or return the Appeal envelopes no later than next weekend please 31/10 & 01/11. Thank you

#### **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](mailto: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.

## REGIONAL

## FRANCISCAN RETREAT

**Theme:** Bringing St. Francis' 800-year legacy and spirituality into modern life.

**About the Event:**  
Join us for a period of prayer, reflection, and fellowship in the tradition of St. Francis at our retreat day.

**Date:**  
Saturday, 31st October 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:30 pm  
(includes Votive Mass of St Francis at 3:45 pm)

**Venue:**  
The Fort, 199 Fort Rd, Oxley

**What to Bring:**  
Notebook, pen, and a packed lunch

**Registration & Fees:**  
Cost: \$40 (Cash on the day or direct debit)

Retreat Director:  
Fr Thomas McFadden OFM Cap

**For Enquiries / Registrations:** email [secularfranciscansqld@gmail.com](mailto:secularfranciscansqld@gmail.com)

# Mass Ministry Roster Week 1

## Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 4pm

**Commentator:** Jim Kearney  
**Reader 1:** Alicia Macedo  
**Reader 2:** Kay Corcoran  
**Communion Minister:** Susana Karim

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 8.30am

**Commentator:** Werner Mascarenhas  
**Reader 1:** Andre Mascarenhas  
**Reader 2:** Ninon Mascarenhas  
**Communion Minister:** Daisy Kurian, Shaji George, Chrislyn Shaji.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 5.30pm

**Commentator:** Raymond Anthony  
**Reader 1:** Claire Goss  
**Reader 2:** Angelito Kalaw  
**Communion Minister:** Dorothy Anthony, Emarene Kalaw, Thelma Boobal.

*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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> November, thank you so much.



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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.

### Building Our Church Together with HavenPath Finance

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**Contact:** Raj (Boobal Vincent)

**Mobile:** 0452533536

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**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!



#### Mass Centre Collections - Weekend of 11/10/2026.

**Parish Collections:-** \$ 1041.25

**Building Collections:-** \$ 783.00

**Total Donations:-** \$ 2789.25(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.