ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin.

Sunday 15th November 2026. Thirty Third Sunday in OT, Year A.

Parish Priest:

Fr Bryan Roe

Email: *roeb@bne.catholic.net.au*

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**

Parish Office:

Address: Level 2, 12 Endeavour Blvd
North Lakes, QLD 4509

Postal: PO Box 1602,North Lakes, QLD 4509

Phone: 0401550638

admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs	**8.30am - 2.30pm**
Friday	**Closed.**

Parish Secretary:

Renae Smyth-Scott (working Mon - Thurs)
admin.northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Admin Assistant & Safeguarding:

Jody Gearon (working Tues & Wed)
Email*: northlakes@bne.catholic.net.au*
STOPline: Ph - 1300 304 550
STOPline: http://bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com/

Parish Website:

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 – 15th November 2026

1st Reading -	Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31.
Psalm -	Ps 127: 1-5.
Response -	Happy are those who fear the Lord.
2nd Reading -	St Paul to the Thessalonians 5: 1-6.
Gospel -	Matthew 25: 14-30.

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

Great news! Archbishop Shane Mackinlay has given us his stamp of approval to proceed with the Development Approval (DA) application for our new church and parish centre. This is a wonderful milestone in our journey towards having a church and parish facilities that will serve our growing community for generations to come.

As you will see in the attachment accompanying this newsletter, we are hopeful that Development Approval could be granted by July next year (2027). Once this has been secured, we will be able to move towards commencing construction. There is still work to be done, particularly in finalising our design, so please keep this important process very much in your prayers. We have much to be thankful for, and I am excited about what lies ahead for our parish!

This coming Sunday at our 8:30am Mass, we will have eleven of our children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, and one child receiving her First Holy Communion. What a wonderful celebration this will be! These children are taking another important step in their relationship with Jesus, welcoming God more fully into their lives and hearts. Through these sacraments, they receive the grace and strength to live the life that Jesus promises us: life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful Sacramental Team – Renae, Kerrin and Di – for the incredible work they have done in journeying with these families and preparing the children to receive these awesome gifts from God. Your dedication and generosity make such a difference in the lives of our children and families.

Speaking of gifts from God, in this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A man calls three servants to him and entrusts each with a share of his wealth. One receives five talents, another two, and the third receives one.

Before going any further, it is worth understanding just how valuable these talents were. In Jesus' time, one talent was worth approximately 15 years of wages! So, we are certainly not talking about a small amount of money.

When the master returns, he discovers that the servant who received five talents has doubled his master's money, returning ten talents. Similarly, the servant who received two has doubled his share, returning four. However, the servant who received one talent simply buried it in the ground and returned exactly what he had been given. The master is deeply displeased with this servant, who has failed to do anything with what was entrusted to him.

Jesus tells this parable during Holy Week, the week leading up to His suffering, death and resurrection. Many of the parables Jesus shares at this time focus on building up the Kingdom of God. In other words, bringing more and more people into a life-giving relationship with God, so that God's love and presence reign in people's hearts and minds.

While the talents in the parable represent money, we can also see them as an invitation to reflect on the gifts, opportunities, and blessings God has entrusted to each of us. Our faith is certainly one of the greatest gifts we have received. But what are we doing with it? Are we keeping it to ourselves, or are we sharing it with others?

Pope Leo XIV has continually reminded us that the Gospel is far too important to keep to ourselves. Our world desperately needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. When we share our faith, when we allow others to experience Jesus through our words, actions, kindness, and love, we multiply the gifts God has given us. We help others discover the joy of knowing Jesus, and in doing so, we help transform the world.

Just look at the world around us. We see nations divided by war, communities torn apart by hatred, families fractured by disagreements, people struggling with loneliness, and societies increasingly divided by politics, prejudice, and self-interest. Too often, we see people turning against one another rather than reaching out in love.

Yet, this is precisely the world into which Jesus calls us to bring His light. Imagine what could happen if we each allowed a little more of Jesus' love into our homes, workplaces, communities, and relationships. Imagine choosing forgiveness over resentment, compassion over judgement, generosity over selfishness, and unity over division. These are not small things, they are the very ways God's Kingdom grows.

Jesus has the power to transform our world, one heart at a time. So, let us not bury the beautiful gift of faith we have received. Let us share it generously, allowing the love of Jesus to multiply through us. Together, we can make a difference!!

Have a great week everyone, placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, *FR Bryan*

Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 19th November

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

Friday 20th November

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

Saturday 21st November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 22nd November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In November...

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

Youth Masses 2027.

Youth Lead Masses will take place at the 5.30pm Sunday Mass on the following dates in 2027; 24th Jan, 23rd May, 22nd Aug and 24th Oct. All are Welcome to attend and participate.

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

*** Christmas Raffle – Supporting Our New Church ****

Our Christmas raffle is another opportunity to support the building of our new church and parish centre. We have some wonderful prizes on offer, with 10 prizes to be won!

Tickets are just $5 each, and every dollar raised will go towards our building project.

I encourage everyone to support the raffle by purchasing a ticket or two. It is a wonderful way to share in the excitement of Christmas while helping us build a permanent home for our growing St Benedict's Parish community. Winners will be drawn at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.

Phasing out the Parish Landline.

Please be advised that Parish landline phone number is to be phased out in coming months. As our Parish Office is located within the BCE North Building and due to the changes within that site, we will no longer have use of the landline phone number.

Please update your Parish contact details to show the number of 0401 550 638 is now the primary contact for the Parish Office, with a secondary number of 0401 559 339 contactable of a Tuesday and Wednesday.

The landline will no longer be in use as of January 1st 2027.

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.

Preparing Our Hearts for Advent – The Way of the Heart

"The Way of the Heart" is a 27 Day Advent prayer reflection resource for individuals and groups. ***Copies are available to purchase before and after the weekend Masses for $5 each.***

ADVENT 2026 PRAYER GROUP - 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. Beginning on Wednesday evening November the 25th, and continuing December 2nd, 9th and 16th. Hope you can join us. ***https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89438961754***

"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.*

Mass Ministry Roster Week 4

Saturday 21st November, 4pm

Commentator: Hugh Shannon

Reader 1: Andreena Shannon

Reader 2: Evie Shannon

Communion Minister: Oliver Morata

Sunday 22nd November, 8.30am

Commentator: Thessa Ikitau

Reader 1: Andrea Thomas

Reader 2: Chrislyn Shaji

Communion Minister: Joseph and Nancy , D'Souza, Tissy Mathew

Sunday 22nd November, 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. Thank you for your assistance

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:

Our Dear Recently Departed:

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. We are doing it again! The JP&E Team together with St Vinnies are collecting again in 2026. Once again with the support of Mrs Kerrin O'Hanlon (APRE St Benedict's Primary) Father was able to launch the 2026 Donation Drive to the Primary School at their all year level Mass, and they will be joining the collection drive. Please see below, the 2026 'shopping list'. JP&E will provide collection baskets at the Mass Centre; any assistance is greatly appreciated.

Men's and Women's:-	*Soap	*Body Wash	*Deodorant	*Shampoo	*Conditioner
	*Toothpaste	*Combs/Hairbrushes	*Body Lotion	*Lip Balm	*Sunscreen
	*Insect Repellent	*Face Cloths/Washers	*Shaving Items	*Talc Powder	*Aftershave
	*Pamper Packs	*Makeup Headbands	*Feminine Hygiene Products		

Queensland Community Alliance: On 5 November, Father and four JP&E members attended the Queensland Community Alliance Common Good Convention 2026, a statewide gathering of civil society organisations for public action and community organising. There was a lot of power in the room and a lot of passionate, and compassionate, people. You will hear much more as we move into the New Year.

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.

Should you have any questions in regard to any of the above information please reach out, jpestbenedicts@gmail.com.

***** IMPORTANT - Parish Office Christmas Closure 2026 & change of contact hours during January 2027*****

The Parish Office will close at 3pm Wednesday 23rd December, and will reopen at 9am Tuesday 5th January. The Parish Office will be contactable on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am – 2pm from the 5th January 2027 until the 1st February 2027. If you are wishing to call by the office please all ahead during January. We will return to usual Parish Office hours after the 1st February 2027 (Monday-Thursday 8.30am – 2.30pm)

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.

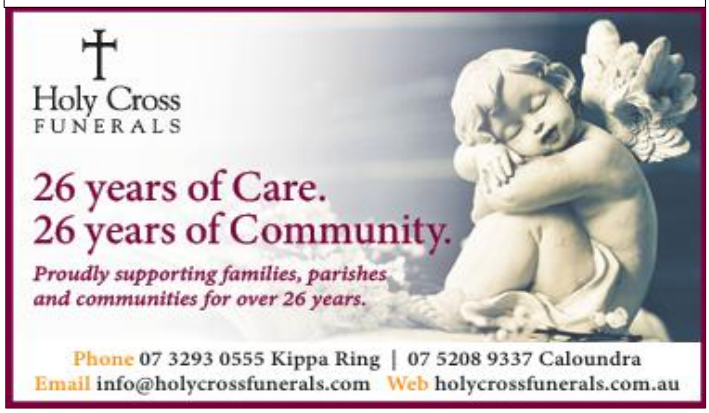
Registering your details with our Parish- Email & Census.

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.



ADVENT 2026 RESOURCE - **"The Way of the Heart"** is a 27 Day Advent prayer reflection resource for individuals and groups. ***Available to purchase at our 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 7pm for one hour on zoom. Beginning Wednesday evening 25/11, and continuing 02/12, 09/12 and 16/12. The link to join is:- https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89438961754 Hope you can join us.



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

HavenPath
FINANCE

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 01/11/2026.

Parish Collections:- ***$ TBC***
Building Collections:- ***$ TBC***
Total Donations:- ***$ 1515.00*** ***(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.