ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin.

Sunday 22nd November 2026. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, 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:

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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 – 22nd November

1st Reading -	Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17.
Psalm -	Ps 22: 1-3, 5-6.
Response -	The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
2nd Reading -	St Paul to the Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28.
Gospel -	Matthew 25: 31-46.

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

One of the beautiful traditions we have established at St Benedict's is our annual Memorial Mass, celebrated on the last Saturday of November, when we gather to remember and pray for parishioners who have lost a loved one during the past year. This year, our ***Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am on Saturday, November 28.***

At the beginning of this Mass, we have a particularly moving ritual. As I call out the name of each loved one, a family member or friend comes forward carrying a beautiful, dignified candle. I light the candle from the Paschal Candle, representing the light of the Risen Christ, and the family member then places it on our candle stand in front of the Altar. It is a simple yet powerful expression of our faith and our hope in the promise of eternal life.

Together, we will celebrate the Eucharist, entrusting our loved ones to God's loving care, while also asking Him to bring comfort, strength and healing to those who continue to experience the pain of grief. If you are planning to attend and have lost a loved one during the past year, please let Renae in the Parish Office know by Monday, November 23, so that we can prepare a candle for them. Everyone is welcome to join us for this beautiful celebration of remembrance and hope.

I would also like to congratulate all the children who received the Sacraments this year. It has been a wonderful privilege to accompany these children and their families on their faith journey. My prayer is that their relationship with Jesus will continue to grow, allowing them to discover more deeply just how much they are loved by God. May the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their lives, helping them to become people who share that love generously with others.

Looking ahead, we have another wonderful parish celebration coming up! Each year, we have three significant celebrations at St Benedict's: our Multicultural Mass at Pentecost, our St Benedict's Feast Mass around July 11, and our Parish Anniversary Mass around December 3, the date our parish was established.

Excitingly, we will celebrate our ninth (9th) Parish Anniversary on Sunday, December 6, at our 8:30am Mass. This year, we are encouraging everyone to wear their traditional cultural dress as we celebrate the beautiful richness and diversity of our parish community. It is a wonderful opportunity to express the universality of our Catholic Church, where people from so many different cultures and backgrounds come together as one family in Christ. ***Please also bring a plate to share for our celebration after Mass.*** Let's make it a wonderful feast as we give thanks for nine years of being such a beautiful, faith-filled and vibrant parish!

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, bringing our liturgical year to a close. Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925, during a period of considerable political and social turmoil following World War I. He wanted to remind the world that no earthly ruler, political ideology, or institution has authority greater than Christ. In a world increasingly marked by nationalism, secularism and conflict, the Pope proclaimed that true peace can only be found when Christ reigns in our hearts and in our world.

The readings remind us that the kingship of Jesus is very different from the power and wealth we often associate with earthly rulers. His kingship is one of compassion, humility, mercy, and love.

In the first reading, Ezekiel presents God as the loving Shepherd who searches for the lost, brings back the scattered, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a beautiful and challenging picture of what it means to belong to His Kingdom. We encounter Christ whenever we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the poor, care for the sick, and visit those who are lonely or forgotten.

As we bring another liturgical year to a close, perhaps it is a good opportunity to ask ourselves: Have I recognised Christ in the people around me? Have I shared His love through my words, my actions, and the way I care for others?

May Jesus always remain at the heart of our lives. May His Kingdom of love and service continue to grow among us, and may we bring His kindness, compassion and generosity into everything we do each day.

Have a great week everyone, allowing Jesus to quench our deepest thirsts! *FR Bryan*

***** Please note:- Friday 27th November, will be our last 9am Friday Mass for 2026.***
We will resume Friday Mass in week 3 of Term 1 2027. **

Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Wednesday 25th November

7pm - St Benedict's Parish Advent Prayer Group via Zoom.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89438961754

Thursday 26th November

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

Friday 27th November

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Saturday 28th November

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, Memorial Mass for All Souls.

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 29th 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 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

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:- 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!

THANK YOU! From St Vincent de Paul.

We express our great thanks to all those who were in a position to donate to the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal last weekend. We understand that times are tough for all at present with the cost of living pressures on all families. The St Vincent de Paul Society are so grateful to our St Benedict's parishioners for the endeavors of the Christmas Appeal and the Toiletry Product Drive. Wishing you all a Happy, Holy, Blessed Christmas, filled with Christmas Joy.

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.

Advent Prayer Group via Zoom

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*** ***All are Welcome!***

Mass Ministry Roster Week 5

Saturday 28th November, 4pm

Commentator: Jeanette Kearney

Reader 1: Marianne Davis

Reader 2: Maffy Vaz

Communion Minister: Susana Karim

Sunday 29th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin

Reader 1: AnneMarie Bostock

Reader 2: Wendy Jones

Communion Minister: John Vaipuna, Bobette Sindicic, Claire Goss.

Sunday 29th November, 5.30pm

Commentator: Emarene Kalaw

Reader 1: Michael Diaz

Reader 2: Rukshan De Alwis

Communion Minister: Seema Masih, Violet Kalaw, Xanthe Campbell.

Should you not be able to attend your Ministry Roster, please let the Sacristans know asap, or arrange a swap please. Thank you for your assistance

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 stop by the office please call 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.

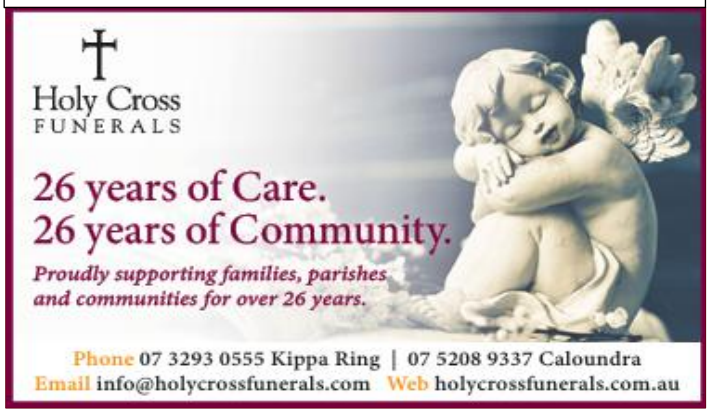
Registering your details with our Parish- Email & Census.

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.



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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

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 01/11/2026.

Parish Collections:- ***$ 1455.40***
Building Collections:- ***$ 1388.40***
Total Donations:- ***$ 4358.80 (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.