ST BENEDICT'S PARISH

North Lakes, Mango Hill, Griffin.

Sunday 8th November 2026. Thirty Second 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**

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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 – 8th November 2026

1st Reading -	Wisdom 6: 12-16.
Psalm -	Ps 62: 2-8.
Response -	My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.
2nd Reading -	St Paul to the Thessalonians 4: 13-18.
Gospel -	Matthew 25: 1-13.

Dear wonderful St Benedict's Parishioners,

One of the most beautiful gifts of our Christian faith is the gift of hope. It is a hope that reaches beyond the uncertainties of this life, beyond suffering, and even beyond death. It is a hope founded not on wishful thinking, but on the promises of Jesus, who died and rose again so that we might share in His eternal life.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13), Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom. Five are wise and bring extra oil for their lamps, while five are foolish and are unprepared when the bridegroom arrives. When he finally comes, those who are ready enter the wedding feast with him. Jesus concludes with a simple but powerful instruction: "Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The parable invites us to live with our hearts and minds firmly directed towards God. The bridegroom represents Jesus, Who is God, the True Bridegroom. The wedding feast points towards the fullness of life in heaven. We are reminded that our earthly lives are a journey towards something infinitely greater - eternal life with God. Christian hope means living each day with the confidence that our lives have a purpose, and that our final destination is not the grave, but the loving embrace of God.

St Paul expresses this beautifully in his First Letter to the Thessalonians: "We do not want you to be quite unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with Him those who have fallen asleep" (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14).

These words are particularly comforting for those who have lost someone they love. Grief is real, and the pain of separation can hurt deeply. Our faith does not ask us to pretend otherwise. Jesus himself wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus. However, we grieve differently because we believe that death does not have the final word. The love we share with those who have gone before us is entrusted to the God whose love is eternal. We commend our loved ones to his mercy, trusting in the promise of the resurrection.

During the Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Francis reminded us that "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love." What a wonderful promise! Our hope rests in the knowledge that God's love is stronger than sin, suffering, and death.

St Augustine, reflecting on the joy of eternal life, expressed it beautifully: "When I am one with you in all my being, there will be no more pain and toil; my life shall be true life, a life wholly filled by you." Ultimately, this is what eternal life means. It is not simply living forever; it is living forever in the presence of God, sharing fully in His love, joy and peace.

May we keep the lamps of faith burning brightly, living each day with hearts prepared to welcome Jesus into our lives more and more deeply. And may the promise of eternal life bring comfort and renewed hope to all who mourn.

Have a great week everyone, thirsting for the One who truly satisfies, *FR Bryan*

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.

Parish Calendar

The Week Ahead...

Thursday 12th November

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

Friday 13th November

9am - St Benedict's Parish Mass, together with Year 7 students.

Saturday 14th November

4pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Sunday 15th November

8.30am - St Benedict's Parish Mass.
Children's Liturgy of the Word in 8.30am Mass

5.30pm - St Benedict's Parish Mass.

Save the Date...

In November...

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.

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

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.

The link to join is :- 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.*



Congratulations and Welcome into the Catholic Family

This Sunday, 8th November, we joyfully welcome into the Catholic Family,

Benjamin.

As Benjamin receives the Sacrament of Baptism with us at St Benedict's;

May we pray, that together with family and friends, Benjamin, experiences God's happiness, joy and love, now and always.

Mass Ministry Roster Week 3

Saturday 14th November, 4pm

Commentator: Oliver Morata

Reader 1: Mary Foronda

Reader 2: Sheila Pereira

Communion Minister: Gerard Davis

Sunday 15th November, 8.30am

Commentator: Rochelle Martin

Reader 1: Morton Howes

Reader 2: Aviva Coutinho

Communion Minister: Bobette Sindicic, , Pierina Ziebarth and Andre Mascarenhas

Sunday 15th November, 5.30pm

Commentator: Judith Fernandes

Reader 1: Seema Masih

Reader 2: Zandra Farr

Communion Minister: Theresa Saad, , Michael Fraser, Sheilah Ojuri.

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

Communion Ministers – Face Mask Reminder

A reminder to our Communion Ministers: We ask you to kindly remember to bring and wear your face mask, when you are rostered on for Communion Ministry Roster please. Thank you.

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

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

Sacraments at St Benedicts Parish.

Infant and Child Baptism at St Benedict's.

We invite all families wishing to have children (up to 12 years) Baptised into the Catholic Faith at St Benedict's, to please contact the Parish Office for information and available dates for our Baptism Preparation and Baptism in 2026.

Children's Sacramental Programs

We encourage families wishing to enroll children to receive their Sacraments, or for those seeking further information about our Annual Sacramental Programs, to please contact the Parish Office via email.

Eligibility to receive the Sacraments:-

Confirmation - children in Grade 3 and above having already received the Sacrament of Baptism are eligible.

The Program for Confirmation takes place throughout the months of July and August each year.

First Holy Communion (Eucharist) & Reconciliation - children in Grade 4 and above, having already received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible.

The Program takes place throughout the months of May and June each year.

RCIA and RCIT- Adults and Teens wishing to become Catholic.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA, 18yrs and above) and The Rite of Christian Initiation of Teens (RCIT, 13-17 years) Programs run annually.

The program runs for approx. 12-15 weeks from November through to Easter the following year, with a small break over the Christmas & New Year period.

We welcome anyone who may be interested, to please reach out to the Parish Office for further information about our RCIA & RCIT Programs.

Please remember in your Prayers:



Those who are Unwell: Joy & Russell Darby, Natalia Humpries.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Allan and Mertyl Spiller, Thomas and Theresa Blacker.

Our Dear Recently Departed: Michael Diaz.

St Benedict's Prayer Network - Prayer Requests

Prayer requests are always welcomed and can be made in three ways to the Prayer Team.

1. Written into the Prayer Request Book located on the timber stand in the Mass Centre entrance.

2. Written and placed into the small wooden prayer box, in front of the Altar.

3. Or via email to ranthony52@hotmail.com.

A new prayer request will be needed after 4 weeks.

Should you wish you have a name placed in the prayer requests in the Parish Newsletter, please email the Parish Office by email.



Justice Peace & Ecology Noticeboard - Updates for Recent & Upcoming Events.

Vinnies Christmas Toiletries Packs. Last year SVDP were overwhelmed by the generosity of our Parish and Community in the toiletry items collected/donated to St Vincent de Paul at Christmas time. The JP&E Team together with SVDP are collecting again in 2026. Please 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: As you read this Newsletter, Father and five JP&E members are attending the Queensland Community Alliance Common Good Convention 2026, a statewide gathering of civil society organisations for public action and community organising. We will report back next week.

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.

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Smith Family Foundation – Free Scam Awareness Workshop (Spotting Scams, Scam Protection and Support)

The Smith Family in Partnership with ANZ, is excited to deliver a free Scam Awareness Workshop designed to help Australian communities learn practical ways to stay safe from scams. Take home resources provided.

Where: North Lakes Community Centre, 10 The Corso North Lakes. ***When:*** 9.30-10.30am Wednesday 11th November, light refreshments to follow.

Limited Availability – Registration is Essential please, via - www.thesmithfamily.com.au/fwbworkshops or call 0413161686.

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.

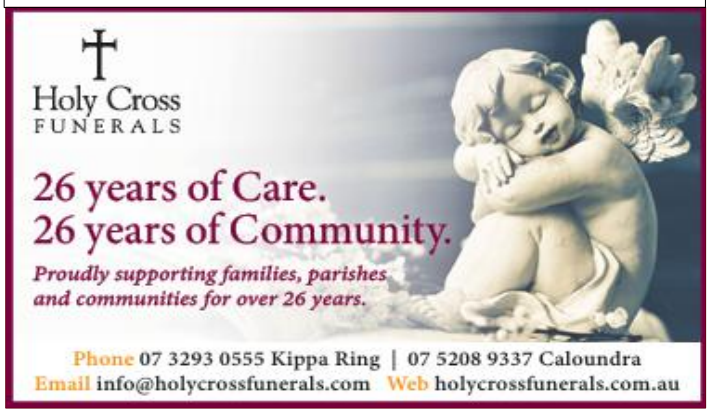
Registering your details with our Parish- Email & Census.

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 25/10/2026.

Parish Collections:- ***$ 938.50***
Building Collections:- ***$ 2056.25***
Total Donations:- ***$ 4294.75*** ***(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.