



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 – 2 AUGUST 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US:
HE ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!



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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty
27 July— 2 Aug 26 **Costello & Ula Afakasi**
3 – 9 Aug 26 **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
10 - 16 Aug 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
Parish Caretaker: **Glen Reiha**
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: **Margaret Harvey** Mob: 0411 300 209

BAPTISM PREPARATION

MARRIAGE



Please obtain the required forms from the Parish Office via email, or in person. Complete and submit the forms along with the applicant's birth certificate ahead of the actual baptism preparation meeting with Parish Priest. at 3pm every Wednesday. Booking for a meeting with Parish Priest is essential. Baptisms are celebrated individually. Baptism—Sundays

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD

Sunday 9am except school holidays.



PREPARATION

By
appointment with
priest



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

9 AM — MONDAY-WED-THU-FRIDAY-

SATURDAY

TUESDAYS - NO MASS

The Rosary and Divine Mercy prayers are said before these Masses.

HEALING MASS - 9AM 1st Wednesday of the month

TRINDER PARK AGED CARE MASS—1:30 pm - 1st Friday of the month

ARCARE AGED CARE SLACKS CREEK MASS—11am—2nd Thursday of the month

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

6PM SATURDAY

SUNDAY 7.30AM & 9AM

SYRIAC MASS —SUNDAYS 4-8PM

AFRICAN MASS—3rd SUNDAY 12PM

ZOMI BURMESE MASS- 1ST SUNDAY 11AM

KARENNI BURMESE MASS- 4TH SUNDAY— 10:30 AM

RECONCILIATION

Sat: 5.15pm-5.45pm or
by appointment with Priest

BENEDICTION - Fridays after 9am Mass and during Our Lady of Fatima devotions on the 13th of each month.

PRAYER GROUPS:

Divine Mercy – Mondays 5:30pm-9:30pm—Church

Marian Cenacle - Wed 9.30am -Church
Confraternity of Our Lady Help of Christians - Fridays, 10am - Meeting Room

Adorers of the Eucharist -7:30 pm every

1st Friday of the month - Church

Holy Trinity (Charismatic) -10am— 2nd

Sunday of the month- Meeting Room

Our Lady of Fatima every 13th of the

month, 6:30 pm—Church

Maria Rosary Group –2pm every 1st

Friday of the month - Meeting Room

'PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING MASS – will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA on Wednesday, 5th of August 2026, 9:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

God, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends. Help me to know myself better and to know my talents as I pray and discern. Help me see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose the decision that will be in response to my potential and Your love for me. Wherever I am being invited to follow You, give me a generous heart to respond to Your call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me.

- vocationBRISBANE.com

TRANSFIGURATION – PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS INTO THE FUTURE:

The Vocation Brisbane team invites you to Transfiguration, an evening of prayer for vocations. The evening includes Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, followed by a Vocations Expo and light refreshments in the Hanly Room.

Music will be provided by Holy Spirit Seminary, St Laurence's College, Stuartholme, Lourdes Hill College and Villanova College.

When: Thursday, 6 August 2026 at 5:30 pm

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen

To find out more please visit – tinyurl.com/transfig26

QUO VADIS FOR WOMEN 2026:

Vocation Brisbane invites young women to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience.

Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you.

When: Saturday, 8 August – Sunday, 9 August 2026 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Find out more here: tinyurl.com/QuoVadisWomen2026

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2026 – will be observed from 2 to 9 August 2026.

DIOCESAN SYNODAL TEAMS TO 'RECOLLECT' AHEAD OF 2028 ASSEMBLY:

Ahead of the 2028 ecclesial assembly for the Synod on Synodality, the Vatican has called on dioceses to provide an assessment of their implementation of synodality.

Source: EWTN News.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 14:13-21

Strongly impacted by the death of John, Jesus withdraws to a safe and lonely place to grieve and take stock. We can easily forget the deep respect Jesus had for John who, for a time, was His mentor and inspiration. His discipleship of John led Him to recognise His own prophetic calling and discern the direction He would take on His own.

The crowd that came out to listen to Jesus were on the shore of the lake when Jesus and the disciples arrived by boat. After He finished speaking He cured their sick and when evening came they were still with Him. He declined the disciples' suggestion that they send the people off to buy food in the nearby village and, instead, asked the disciples to rustle up whatever food they had to hand. One little insight we could get from this exchange is that, in general, the people were not so destitute that they could not go and buy some food for themselves. The dilemma was that it seemed impossible to feed the crowd with only five loaves and two fish, but Jesus went ahead anyway like a host presiding over a meal and blessed the food.

Whatever food they had there was distributed to the crowd and they all ate their fill.

Did Jesus' blessing of the loaves and fish induce the crowd to bring out and share whatever food they had with them? Who knows? It is fairly certain that in this part of the world and in those days people did not wander outside their villages for a few hours or a day without bringing a snack or something to eat. This communal meal foreshadows and, in some way, represents the Christian Eucharist, which, in the days of the first Christians, was a genuine communal sharing of food and drink done in memory of Christ. In this case there was no wine and the bread and fish were certainly the food of ordinary folk.

The fact that twelve baskets of scraps were collected indicates that some of the people had baskets with them, which, in all likelihood, were the kind of lunch baskets that Jewish workers slung over the shoulder and carried food in. But all these details aside, the bottom line here is that with Jesus, there will always be an abundance of spiritual food. – Laurie Woods

MULTICULTURAL MASS - Sunday, 30th of August 2026, 2:00 pm at Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint Street, Inala. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities for kids. All are invited to wear traditional attire. Please come along.

This year's theme is "Even just one of these children" – Pope Leo.

ST PAUL'S PARISH, WOODRIDGE BANK DETAILS:

For those who wish to donate directly online-Thank you.

Account Name: St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge

BSB: 064 786

Account Number: 100 001046

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – JULY & AUGUST 2026

7-8 August 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

14-15 August 2026: Samoan Women's Group

21-22 August 2026: Burmese Community

28-29 August 2026: Burundian Community

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 1/2 AUGUST 2026 (18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

2. 2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

3. Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 8/9 AUGUST 2026 (19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

2. 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

3. Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

PIETY STORE – Opening hours are: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Saturdays: 6:45 pm, Sundays: 8:15 am and 10 am.



When we give the Lord what we have, no matter how meagre, He will multiply it beyond belief. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, how might you offer the bread and fish of your life for Jesus to transform and multiply? To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES – We pray for all the holy souls in purgatory, our family members, our friends, and people who have died in Ukraine, Israel, & Gaza. May they rest in peace.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK – We pray for God's healing touch for Robin CLARK, Justine MANGWI, Reba WILSON, MEGAN, Shawn HEATHCOTE, Abner TAGALA, Kevin HICKS, and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.

'SAINT IN SNEAKERS' RELIC TOUR DRAWS THOUSANDS IN AUSTRALIA:

From worshippers in city parishes to those from remote Indigenous communities, tens of thousands of Catholics around Australia are participating in four months of religious ceremonies dating back to the ancient catacombs of Rome, where the faithful venerated the relics of early martyrs and popes.

Source: The Australian.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$172.40. Thank you.

SHARE THE DIGNITY DRIVE – for the whole month of August 2026. It's helping women experiencing homelessness and period poverty. Share The Dignity box is located near the table at the entrance of the Church for you to drop in your donations. Thank you.

MODULE FOUR – A PEOPLE ON MISSION:

An invitation is now extended for people to participate in the fourth module from the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation.

This fourth module, A People on Mission, engages participants in an exploration of what it means to be a people on mission. This will include investigating the call to evangelisation, exploring evangelisation in the context of parish and family life, as well the role of evangelisation in the wider community. This module will also look at how we can make missionary disciples in our parishes and faith communities and present practical ways that the Church calls us to go forth on mission.

This course of formation will run across 9 Monday nights commencing on Monday 17 August 2026, at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (2 hours per session).

Email: ministries@bne.catholic.net.au

Phone: 07 3324 3440

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

What should you do if you keep getting emails saying, 'What's up, doc?'

Check for Bugs in your system.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

I find rest in God; only He gives me hope.

- Psalm 62:5 NCV

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:

Parent-Info Session – Thursday, 8th of October at 3:30 pm in the Church.

Five First Holy Communion Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Church. It starts on the 22nd of October, 29th of October, 5th of November, 12th of November and ends on the 19th of November. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, 21st of November 2026, 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA.

Enrolment for Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now open, and will close on Thursday, 8th of October 2026. A child must be Grade 4 or 9 years old and older. Confirmation Certificate is a requirement. Please contact the Parish office for registration forms. For students at St Paul's Primary School, they can also get the parish registration forms from Diane Johnson.



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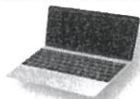
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CARPET BOWLS - Every Thursday 10-12pm in the Fr David Batey Hall.
Joining fee \$2 Session \$4 Contact Connie on 0423 004 684

TAI CHI CLASS - Thursdays 5pm-6pm in Fr David Batey Hall with Joseph
Cheng - 0434 445 678.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MIGRATION ADVICE SERVICE - This FREE service
of a Migration Agent/Lawyer is offered on the 1st Saturday of each
month from 10am-1pm in the Meeting Room at St Paul's Parish,
Woodridge. An Appointment is essential. This advisory service is for
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