



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10 – 11 OCTOBER 2026 YEAR A

**RESPONSE: I SHALL LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF
THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is
the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!**

Safeguarding Commitment:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Parishioners and visitors are invited to sign-up to Flocknote, our communication tool. Our Parish (and the Archdiocese of Brisbane) has officially adopted Flocknote, as well as all parishes, as a safe, new, and improved way of communicating in parishes. Flocknote is free for parishioners to use, and there is no need to download anything. Your information is kept secure and private. It only takes a couple of minutes to sign up. Then we can communicate with you more easily via email.



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12-18 Oct 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
19 - 25 Oct 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
Parish Caretaker: Glen Reiha
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: Margaret Harvey Mob: 0411 300 209

BAPTISM PREPARATION



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.



MARRIAGE 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

AFRICAN MASS – will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA on Sunday, 18th of October 2026, 12:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION – on Tuesday, 13th of October 2026 at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It starts with a rosary at 6:30 pm and Mass will be celebrated by FR FRANCISCO EVANGELEST at 7:00 pm. Benediction and Confessions will follow. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ana Vilma and Miguel Miranda.

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

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.

FROM ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY: TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD – WORKING TOGETHER IN THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL:

Across our Archdiocese I see so much goodwill, engagement and commitment as people in our parishes, schools, and healthcare and social services are living the Gospel in ways that build up our communities and one another.

In order to continue to work more closely together, I am pleased to announce the introduction of a renewed leadership model for the Archdiocese of Brisbane that will strengthen relationships among Catholic organisations and elevate our combined capacity to serve the mission of the Church and respond to the needs of our communities. Central to this enhanced model is a new Council of Vicars. Its members will be skilled and knowledgeable leaders across the areas of Health, Social Services, Education, Pastoral Mission, Clergy, Religious and Administration who will coordinate and encourage information sharing, advocacy and stewardship across Catholic agencies in their respective fields.

The Council of Vicars will advise and assist me as Archbishop.

Recruitment will commence this week for the Vicars of Education, Health and Social Services. For more information please see newsletter insert this weekend.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 22:1-14

In His third parable challenging the religious leaders, Jesus takes up the image of the kingdom of God as a wedding banquet.

The invitations to take part have been sent out, but twice those invited refuse, even though they are told everything is ready. The parable intends us to understand here the Jewish people and their leaders.

Given that the favoured invitees have opted out, the invitation is then extended to absolutely everyone. Here Matthew is reflecting on the situation of his time and is speaking of the acceptance of God's kingdom by the gentiles.

The destruction waged by the furious king in the middle of this account is probably a historicising intrusion. It seems to be Matthew's reflection on the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

The final phase of the parable (the guest without a wedding garment) sits awkwardly with what comes before. It might be part of a different parable which Matthew has grafted onto the parable of the wedding feast. This would justify the option for reading the short form. As it stands, its message is that, no matter who you are, accepting God's invitation to the banquet of the kingdom involves change, a conversion of heart.

The whole parable in all its parts challenges complacency and a sense of entitlement. Yes, God's invitation stands; but it calls for a response on our part.
– Break Open The Word 2026

2026 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL – 'ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN MISSION': As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission works to support Church-run mission programs around the world. This year, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be "One in Christ, United in Mission", to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love. In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support children to access education through the work of Fr Matthew Semba at St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in the diocese of Chikwawa in Malawi.

Many children have to walk long distances to access education, and with many families struggling to even provide basic food, the trip to school can feel impossible to make. For children like Yamikani, this trip is only made harder by his physical disability. Through the work of Fr Matthew and the Church in Malawi, they have hopes to build a school close to home, to not only provide access to education, but essential school supplies for effective learning, and nutritious and hearty meals for students so they can focus on their studies.

Please be on the lookout for envelopes in our parish appeal dates on 17 and 18 October 2026. Thank you.

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

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$273.35. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026

16-17 October 2026: Zomi Community
 23-24 October 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
 30-31 October 2026: Samoan Women's Group
 6-7 November 2026: Burmese Community

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 10/11 OCTOBER 2026 (28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
3. Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 17/18 OCTOBER 2026 (29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
3. Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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.



Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin. 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 Didiella UWIMANA, Robin CLARK, Justine MANGWI, Reba WILSON, 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.

CARITAS HELPING TO STRENGTHEN TIMOR-LESTE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATIONS:

Maitland-Newcastle Bishop Michael Kennedy joined Caritas Australia chief executive Kirsten Sayers on a visit to Timor-Leste, meeting with Church, community and national leaders, including Prime Minister Xanana Gusmao and Cardinal Virgilio da Silva.

Source: CathNews.

POPE FRANCIS DIARIES TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT MONTH:

Journal entries kept by Pope Francis before and during his papacy will be published for the first time next month.

Source: Crux Now.

SACRAMENTAL TEAMS TRAINING AND FORMATION EVENING:

The Children and Families Team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites sacramental teams to a formation evening. Deepen your understanding of the theology of the Sacraments of Initiation, learn Church wisdom for contemporary challenges in sacramental preparation, share resources and ideas with other sacramental teams, and pray together for the year of ministry ahead.

When: Wednesday, 14 October 2026, 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 Where: Darra Jindalee Catholic Parish, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee

RSVP by Monday, 12 October at tinyurl.com/SacramentalTrainingOct

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER:

The Adult Formation team of Archdiocesan Ministries invites you to the final Powerhouse of Prayer of the year. In this one day October retreat, Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, who has previously spoken of prayer as beginning in listening, will turn to the Psalms as Scripture's own school of that listening.

When: Saturday, 17 October 2026 at 9:00 am
 Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston.

Registrations close 9 October, get your tickets here: tinyurl.com/POPOctober2026

VOCATION BRISBANE – CANALI PROGRAM:

Vocation Brisbane's Canali Program is the Archdiocese of Brisbane's official discernment program, helping men explore a call to the Priesthood through active lay ministry in a local parish, mentoring from a Priest, ongoing formation, and a growing spiritual life.

Men who feel God may be calling them to something more are encouraged to apply. Interested individuals can complete the application form and email it, along with a short introduction, to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au. For more information, contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

I gave my friend an apple, but he told me he preferred pears.

So I gave him another apple.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

– Ephesians 3:17-19

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2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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
those who cannot afford the services of a migration agent/lawyer. Please ring 1
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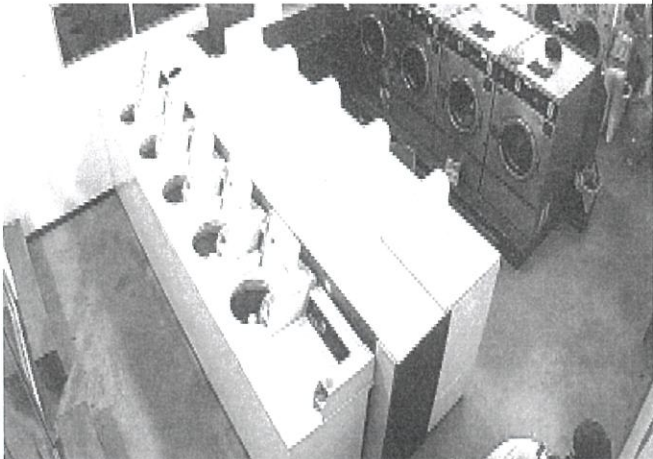
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