



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 – 13 SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL;
SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN COMPASSION.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you. 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.



PARISH INFORMATION

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7 - 13 Sept 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
14 - 20 Sept 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
21 - 27 Sept 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
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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, 20th of September 2026, 12:00 pm at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: - The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

Safeguarding Sunday provides an opportunity to pray for those who have experienced abuse, as well as their families and supporters. It is also an opportunity for us to reaffirm our commitment to practices that support survivors and help ensure that our parishes, ministries and communities are as safe as possible for children and people at risk.

This year's theme is "Love Protects".

THANK YOU! – to Salote Sole and family for sponsoring the flowers on Father's Day and for the beautiful floral arrangement on the Church altar, to the ladies who helped out, to all those who keep up with the flower donations, to all the fathers and parishioners who celebrated Father's Day at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. God bless us all.

ARCHBISHOP SHANE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU:
As Term 3 draws to a close, I give thanks for the life and work of our school communities across the Archdiocese, which we highlighted in Catholic Education Week. Our schools are places where young people are not only taught, but formed in faith, encouraged to discover their gifts and supported to grow into the people God calls them to be. This work depends on the generosity and commitment of a great many people. I am also pleased that Peter Hill will join Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) as Executive Director from 26 October. Peter brings leadership experience, a commitment to Catholic Education and a deep understanding of its mission. I look forward to the wisdom, energy and pastoral leadership he will bring as he works alongside our schools, parishes, staff, families and communities across the Archdiocese. As we look ahead to Peter's arrival, I am confident that he will build on the strong work already underway across Brisbane Catholic Education and work with our communities to ensure that our young people continue to be at the heart of all that we do.

POPE VISITS MARIAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL:

Pope Leo XIV visited the Marian shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel, where he asked the Virgin Mary for aid to bring God's word to light through "courageous and wise decisions".

Source: OSV News.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$82.00. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 18:21-35

We regularly pray: *'forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.'* This is a dangerous prayer. As we seek God's endless mercy, we are committing ourselves to limitless forgiveness of one another. Thinking himself generous, Peter asks, *How often... seven times?* No, says Jesus, *forgive without limit.* We are repeatedly forgiven by God, so we ought to keep on forgiving one another.

The servant asks the king for time to pay; the king cancels the debt entirely. This is what the Kingdom of God is like.

Now this servant doesn't follow the Golden Rule: do unto others... His behaviour is the opposite of the king's and his fellow servants are scandalised; they report the situation. The servant comes to a horrible end. We can avoid such an outcome if we do what is right.

In Luke's gospel (6:36), Jesus says, *Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned; forgive and you will be forgiven.*

- Break Open The Word 2026

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 – PAPAL VISIT SYDNEY:

The International Eucharistic Congress 2028 ("Eucharist28") will be a moment of profound joy for the whole Church of Australia as we welcome pilgrims from across the globe, including Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Congress theme: "This is My Body, Given for You". Full Congress (9 nights, 23 September – 2 October 2028): approximately \$1,600 - \$2,000.00 per person. To register your interest please contact parish office. Thank you.

INVITATION TO BOOK LAUNCH – 'A STRANGE WAY HOME' – AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE:

The book will be launched by The Honourable Martin Daubney, Chancellor, Australian Catholic University
Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2026
Time: 5:00 pm
Venue: Gaudete Centre, ACU Banyo Campus
RSVP: Sharyn Roland – rolands@bne.catholic.net.au
Light refreshments will be served following the launch.

EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN: - is the theme of Pope Leo XIV's Message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026 (WDMR), which will be celebrated on Sunday, 27th of September 2026.

The Holy Father reminds us that we are all called to perform an act of humanity and faith. In every child we can welcome and encounter the Lord. "Whoever welcomes even just one such child in My name welcomes Me" (Mt 18:5). *Even just one such child* - this is not a matter of numbers or statistics.

Dicastery website: <https://tinyurl.com/WDMR-26>

ROSTERS

18-19 September 2026: Sri Lankan Community
25-26 September 2026: Vaoleti Family
2-3 October 2026: Sia Save Family
9-10 October 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

1. 1 st Reading:	Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
2. 2 nd Reading:	Romans 14:7-9
3. Gospel:	Matthew 18:21-35

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2. 2 nd Reading:	Philippians 1:20-24, 27
3. Gospel:	Matthew 20:1-16

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK – We pray for God's healing touch for 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.

The Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand annual conference last week focused on practical solutions to some of the complex canonical and pastoral issues in the Church today.

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.

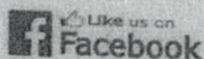


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2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.**

**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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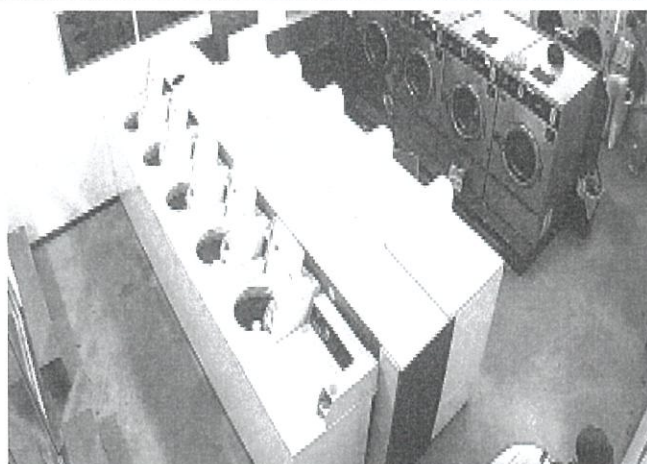


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