



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY
16 - 17 MAY 2026 YEAR A
RESPONSE: GOD MOUNTS HIS THRONE TO SHOUTS
OF JOY: A BLARE OF TRUMPETS FOR THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people My gospel.
I Am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

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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 MASS- 1ST SUNDAY 11AM
KARENNI MASS- 4TH SUNDAY-
10:30AM

PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty
11 —17 May 26 **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
18 — 24 May 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
25 —31 May 26 **Costello & Ula Afakasi**
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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER TO END DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE:

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent,
You cry with us.

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all
kinds, You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is
happening far too slowly, You cry with us.

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out
alone, we are not crying out in vain... Our cries are Your
cries too.

As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength
too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an
end domestic and family violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge
harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority,
misconceptions, and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to light
the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread
domestic and family violence is.

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching
out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in
need of community and belonging as they bravely step out
of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not be blind to those that try
to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry
that enough is enough... it is time to end domestic and
family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ST PAUL'S LAST PROCLAIMERS TRAINING FOR 2026: - Calling all St Paul's Parish proclaimers/readers who have not done their training yet, to please come along on Wednesday, 27th of May from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Church for Last Proclaimers Training this year. Thank you.

RCIA- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS – ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE:

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or just wants to journey with us in knowing more about your Catholic faith, please join us on the 24th of May 2026, fourth Sunday of May, at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge in the parish Meeting Room at 10:30 am.

If you have any questions please contact Tess on 0409 618 956 or Mary Ann on 07 3808 4134.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 28:16-20

Unlike Mark and Luke, Matthew does not mention the Ascension of the Lord. He recounts a single encounter between the apostles and the Risen Lord. It takes some of them a little time to grasp the astonishing reality of the resurrection: they hesitated.

It is on this occasion that they are given the mission to baptise and teach, to go out and make disciples of all nations. In the first reading, the Acts of the Apostles suggested that their commissioning would come with the release of the Holy Spirit.

Last week, in John's gospel, we heard Jesus tell His apostles that He would not leave them orphans; though they would no longer see Him, He would be with them, in them. This is the message of the final sentence in Matthew's gospel: *I Am with you always; yes, to the end of time.*

This is the essential meaning of the Ascension – not that Jesus is leaving them, but that He is present with them in a new and different way.

- Break Open The Word 2026

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - WALK WITH JESUS:
Please save the date –

This year the Eucharistic procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi at the Cathedral of St Stephen will be on Sunday, 7th of June 2026 at 2:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried and move through the city streets and return to the Cathedral for Benediction.

Processions have long been part of our Catholic tradition. They express our shared journey of discipleship and remind us that we walk together in faith, guided by the presence of Christ among us. In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, we are especially called to walk with a spirit of simplicity, peace, and fraternity. In this year's procession we will also carry the Migrant Jubilee Cross as part of its National Pilgrimage, with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the faith, gifts and resilience that migrants and communities bring to our local Church.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: Hanly Room – Saturday, 6 June 2026 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm/ Sunday, 7 June 2026 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Vigil Adoration: St Stephen's Chapel – Saturday, 6 June 2026 from 7:00 pm to Sunday, 7 June 2026 8:00 am.

For more event information including donations please contact - inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – PRAYER SERVICE:

“There is One Body and One Spirit, just as you were called to the One Hope of your calling” – (Ephesians 4:4)

When: Tuesday, 19 May 2026, 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane. Join us for a prayer of service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Light refreshments will follow in the Hanly Room.

Please email – communications@bne.catholic.net.au

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – MAY & JUNE 2026

22-23 May 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

29-30 May 2026: Samoan Women's Group

5-6 June 2026: Burmese Community

12-13 June 2026: Burundian Community

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 16/17 MAY 2026 (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
2. 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
3. Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 23/24 MAY 2026 (PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Genesis 11:1-9
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 8:22-27
3. Gospel: John 7:37-39

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.



Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that He will hear your prayers. 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 Saturnina Padilla, Emily Louise Steel, 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 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.

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

LOGAN ALL IN:

On Pentecost weekend, all youth groups from the Logan Deanery and beyond are invited to gather for an all-in encounter with the Holy Spirit!

When: Friday, 22 May 2026 at 6:00 pm to 8:30pm

Where: St Edward's Hall, Daisy Hill, School Hall at 104 Chatswood Road, Daisy Hill Qld 4127.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$207.95. Thank you.

FESTIVAL OF PENTECOST:

Speakers: Fr Nev Yun, Pat Keady, Steffanie Le and Len Airey.

Coming together as one Current of Grace to praise, pray and be inspired by the Holy Spirit...

When: Saturday, 23 May 2026, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee. BYO Lunch. Morning Tea Provided.

Enquiries: Len 0421 977 849; Audrey 0435 558 390.

Email – secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au

OPEN HOUSE – INVITATION TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH, CALOUNDRA:

Our parish warmly invites you – and members of your parish or community leadership teams to join us at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra, on Saturday, 6 June 2026 for a one-day gathering called *Open House*.

Open House is exactly that: an opportunity to open the doors of our parish and share something of our journey of renewal. Shaped by our partnership with Divine Renovation Ministry, the day is less about presentation and more about hospitality – creating space to welcome others in, to share honestly what we've been learning, and to listen to the experiences of others.

The day will begin at 9:45 am and conclude at 4:15 pm – with 5:00 pm Mass available.

Our hope is that all who come will experience not only practical learning, but also the warmth of welcome, the encouragement of shared mission, and a renewed confidence in what the Lord is doing in parishes today.

This is a FREE event, but we require registration for catering purposes –

<https://app.tickets.org.au/DRAU/OHC>

Address: 61 Edmund Street, Shelly Beach.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Josh Whitehead.

ROSARY TO HONOUR OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS (PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA)):
Saturday, 23 May 2026, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Our Lady, Queen of Apostles – Stafford Parish.

You can invite family and friends from other countries to join on this day via ZOOM LINK and MEETING ID for logging in – <https://bit.ly/437MVsu> OR ENTER Meeting ID- 443 363 1440 and Passcode – eucharist via the Zoom app. Please ring – 3267 4860 for catering purposes.

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

Dad: You've got your shoes on the wrong feet, son.

Son: But these are the only feet I've got.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

The Lord gives perfect peace to those whose faith is firm.

- Isaiah 26:3 CEV



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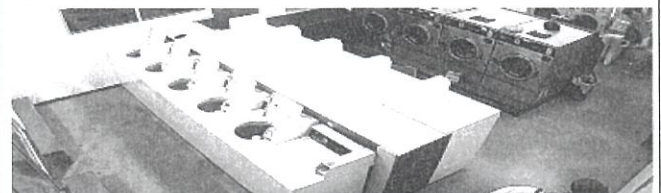
RUMMIKUB = Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Ed Centre Cost:
2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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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