



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 - 18 JANUARY 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: HERE I AM, LORD; I COME
TO DO YOUR WILL.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word of God became flesh and dwelt amongst us. He enabled those who accepted Him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty
12— 18 Jan 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
19 —25 Jan 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
26 Jan - 01 Feb 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 MASS- 1STSUNDAY 11AM

KARENNI MASS-4TH SUNDAY-
10:30AM

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

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 6 jars (1,000 count)	- \$170.24
Medium hosts – 3 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 41.85
Large hosts – 10 boxes of 10 pcs	- 149.50
Energy Australia – parish	- 444.54
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-335.94
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 161.12
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 385.69
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,244.75
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,430.48
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 778.13
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 405.95
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 1,052.76
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,625.00

Total Operating Expenses - \$31,523.78

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,112.50. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

AFRICAN MASS – will be celebrated by Fr Ladu on Sunday, 18th of January 2026, 12:00 pm at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$152.10. Thank you.

CATHOLIC FOUNDATIONS MODULE 3 - BEING SACRAMENTAL:

Are you looking to deepen both your understanding of sacramentality, the sacraments and their context in liturgy in the Catholic tradition? This course explores the nature of God's presence in the sacraments, the nature of grace, how grace is received and experienced in and beyond the sacraments of the Church.

The experience of the Catholic Foundations core modules is designed to engage both the head and the heart, to encourage participants to grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. This Module is a 9-week intensive with an optional Archdiocesan Certificate awarded upon the completion of five responses to the set reflection questions.

When: Starting Monday, 2 February 2026 at 7:00 pm

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

The option to participate online as part of a local hub is also available. For more information or to register please visit – catholicformation.au

PARISH MOURNS LOSS OF CHURCH IN VICTORIA BUSHFIRES:

Yea-Alexandra parish is mourning the loss of one of its churches. Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Church in Caveat, which was destroyed by the bushfires that have torn through parts of Victoria.

Source: Melbourne Catholic.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 1:29-34

This extract clearly demonstrates John's recognition of Jesus as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. The Gospel writer is here combining two references; one, depicting the Servant of God who suffers for the sins of His people (Isaiah 53:4-12), and the other, which describes the Lamb being led to slaughter with the Passover Lamb (Exodus 12:1-11). In John's Gospel (19:14, 31) the death of Jesus occurs at Passover, at the same time as the Passover lambs are slaughtered for the festival.

In Jewish tradition this annual festival stands for release from slavery, for freedom to be what the Jewish people believe they should be, freedom to be their own people with their own unique way of life and their own pathway to the Divine. For us Christians the death of Jesus was the gift of freedom from slavery to those forces and inclinations that hold us back. Commitment to the Risen Lord is our way to the fulfilment and wholeness we are called to achieve.

In the Fourth Gospel Jesus was introduced as the Logos, the Word of God, who entered the world of humanity to reveal what it is to have authentic life. Remember how Jesus said unless you eat My Flesh and drink My Blood you will not have life in you. Jesus is the Word. If we live by His word we have life. Jesus' metaphor of eating and drinking says perfectly how His word is the nourishment for our spiritual life.

– Laurie Woods

BRISBANE CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND MURRI MINISTRY INVITE YOU TO THE – 2026 ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL APOLOGY TO THE STOLEN GENERATIONS:

When: Friday, 13 February 2026, 10:00 am

Where: Ngutana-Lui, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre, 100 Lilac Street, Inala 4077.

RSVP by Friday, 30th of January 2026 – lgreenhalgh@bne.catholic.edu.au

POPE CONDEMNS ZEAL FOR WAR AND THREATS TO HUMAN RIGHTS:

Pope Leo XIV warned diplomats of a breakdown in multilateralism and the rise of a "diplomacy based on force" in a wide-ranging address that also included his strongest language to date on abortion and surrogacy.

Source: NCR Online

We are filled with gratitude for all who came together for our recent Divine Mercy gathering, 3 weeks of special prayers and beautiful gathering spending time to venerate our new Divine Mercy image in our beloved parish. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving, Lord Jesus, for choosing St Paul's Parish in Woodridge as Your sacred dwelling place. May Your divine blessings continually flow upon our humble community, nurturing our faith and deepening our bonds. I especially pray for our Parish Priest, Fr Ladu whose unwavering commitment and faithful service guide us on our spiritual journey. May we all be instruments of Your mercy and love in the world. - Marina Ene.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

16-17 January 2026: Divine Mercy Group
 23-24 January 2026: Syriac Community
 30-31 January 2026: Sri Lankan Community
 6-7 February 2026: Vaoleti Family

READERS THIS WEEK: 17/18 JANUARY 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Julita Jaurigue	Jeannie Stehr	Divine Mercy
Andrea Nigodemo Idris	Mago Ioane Tausaga	Choir
Rebecca De Los Ama	Marina Ene	

READERS NEXT WEEK: 24/25 JANUARY 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Joseph Wani Yanga	Lua'ao Perez	St Paul's Tongan
Alfred Ozzi Taban	Atele Ula	Choir
Grace Lylian Adokorach	Helen O'Brien	Tiitii

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 17/18 JANUARY 2026 (2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
3. Gospel: John 1:29-34

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS-24/25 JANUARY 2026 (3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
3. Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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.



Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries – lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call! 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 David ALVARADO, Ndayizeye Lina GABRIELL, Liliana DERNIER, Reba WILSON, Bev ANDERSON, 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

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, REYNOLD IRIHO who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Saturday, 24th of January 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL TRIBUNAL:

Are you divorced and would like to be married in the Church? The Regional Tribunal of the Catholic Church assists people in this situation, and in many cases can declare people to be free to marry in the Catholic Church. For more information please call the Tribunal on 3324 3033 or email – tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au

From Fr Adrian Sharp
 Judicial Vicar

META BLOCKS MORE THAN 500,000 ACCOUNTS IN SOCIAL MEDIA BAN:

Meta has deactivated more than half a million accounts for teenagers across Facebook, Instagram and Threads as a result of Australia's under 16s social media ban, the company has announced. Source: The Guardian.

GOD OR ROCK 'N' ROLL? FR MATUTINA CHOSE BOTH: Cranking electric guitar licks to accompany prayers during Sunday Mass in a remote outback Church isn't how most people envision their rock star dreams. Source: ABC News.

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

Sergeant: We have a new parachute, men, you wait until you're ten feet from the ground before you pull the cord.
 Recruit: What if the parachute doesn't open?
 Sergeant: Well, you can jump ten feet, can't you?

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Desire only the will of God; seek Him alone and supremely, and you will find peace.
 – Francois Fenelon

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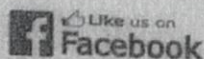


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2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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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