



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17 – 18 OCTOBER 2026 YEAR A
RESPONSE: GIVE THE LORD GLORY AND HONOUR.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the Word of life. 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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12 - 18 Oct 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
19—25 Oct 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
26 Oct - 1 Nov 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
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.

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, PETER LANGH SUAN PIANG NEKNGEN who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 18th of October 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

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 on the pews and please take one in our parish appeal this weekend, 17 and 18 October 2026. Thank you.

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2026:

Archdiocesan Ministries invites anyone working or volunteering in a Catholic organisation, ministry, parish or community to join The Global Leadership Summit 2026. Gather with growth-minded leaders from around the Archdiocese for a day of dynamic, world-class leadership content, interactive discussion times and networking, with full catering included. Registration includes a GLS26 notebook, morning tea and lunch. Choose whichever day suits you best – same program runs both days. Limited spaces.

Cost: \$149 (discounted pricing available for those working or volunteering in parishes, communities, organizations or ministries – contact us).

When: Thursday, 22 October OR Saturday, 24 October 2026, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane City.

Register at tinyurl.com/GLSummit26

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 22:15-21

Today's parable begins a section of four stories where Jesus is in direct opposition to the leaders in Jerusalem. This episode about paying taxes to Caesar is a fascinating piece of human interaction where the opponents of Jesus cosied up to Him with an ingratiating compliment about His honesty and disregard for rank, only to drop a bombshell that they thought would trap Him. It was immediately obvious that they were as smarmy as a snake offering a friendly handshake and, really, Jesus did not have to be in any way clever to see through the trap.

With simple but astute wisdom Jesus changes the terms of the argument. He asked to see a coin and was shown a denarius, a day's wage for an unskilled worker. Asking whose image was stamped on it and being told it was Caesar's, He suggested that it was a mark of ownership. So, by all means give it back to Caesar – a gesture of civil responsibility.

We can see that this was a non-committal response. Jesus did not directly answer the question but refused to be pushed into a corner by answering a simplistic yes/no question. He pointed out that there were fundamentals at stake here, namely, what belongs to Caesar and what belongs to God. Looking at the issue from a different angle we could say that humans are made in the image of God – in one sense, we are stamped with a mark of ownership. Our primary allegiance is to God.

– Laurie Woods

St Vincent de Paul Sewing Class 2027 – will start on 1st of February 2027. To register your interest please contact Bev Anderson on 0408 738 759. Thank you.

ROMERO CENTRE AWARDS NIGHT:

Each year the Romero Centre supports hundreds of asylum seekers and refugees who otherwise have nowhere to turn. Join us for an evening of storytelling and celebration as we recognise the significant achievements over the year from a number of those we support.

When: Saturday, 31 October 2026 at 6:00 pm

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct

Register now at tinyurl.com/RomeroAwards2026

All are invited and everyone is welcome.

POPE LEO XIV's DOCTORS REVEAL LUNG CANCER:

Pope Leo XIV has been diagnosed with lung cancer following a 90-minute surgery overnight during which surgeons removed the lower lobe of his right lung.

Source: OSV News.

FROM THE PIETY SHOP – ST PAUL'S PARISH: wood calendars are now available for sale at \$11.00 each and Christmas cards at \$3.50 a pack.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026

23-24 October 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
30-31 October 2026: Samoan Women's Group
6-7 November 2026: Burmese Community
13-14 November 2026: Burundian Community

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 24/25 OCTOBER 2026 (30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
3. Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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.



We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's and then live as though everything depends on God. 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE LAUNCHES NEW RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN:

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has launched its 2026-2028 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, its third RAP. The plan calls for deeper listening, stronger accountability and a greater voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in decisions that affect their communities. The Inclusion team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites every parish to read the plan and consider how your community can walk this path of reconciliation.

Read the RAP at tinyurl.com/ArchBneRAP2026

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$142.45. 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

CONGREGATIONS TO MARK DAY OF SORROW AND PROMISE WITH PRAYER:

Religious Congregations across Australia will spend one hour in prayer this Sunday to mark the National Day of Sorrow and Promise, acknowledging the profound harm caused by abuse and reaffirm the importance of safeguarding.
Source: CRA.

SUBMIT YOUR LOVED ONES' NAMES FOR ALL SOULS' DAY PRAYER:

We invite your parish community to share the following message on social media so loved ones may be remembered in prayer on All Souls' Day.

On 2 November, the Church marks All Souls' Day, a time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. This year, you can have their names inscribed on a cross and placed within the Cathedral of St Stephen, a cherished tradition of prayer and remembrance. For those who believe in Christ, death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life with Him. Add your loved ones' names to this year's All Soul's Day prayers by 29 October: <https://bit.ly/remembersouls>.

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

Tablets were replaced by scrolls, then scrolls were replaced by books...
...and now we scroll through books on tablets.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

No one is holy like the Lord, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God.... He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory.

– 1 Samuel 2:2, 8

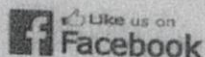


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2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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
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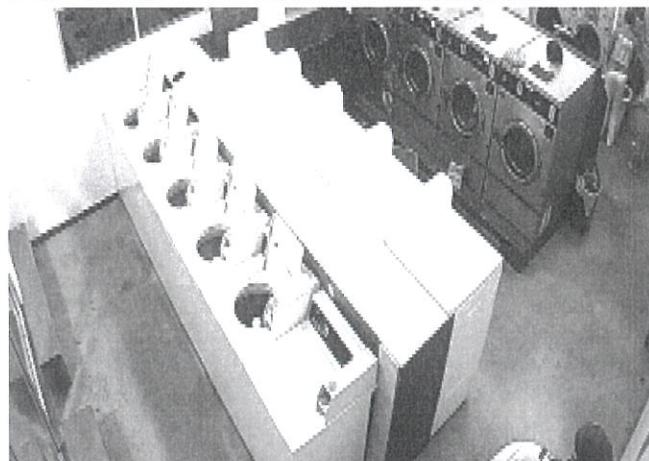
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