

ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18 – 19 JULY 2026 YEAR A
RESPONSE: LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom. Alleluia!

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Custodians on duty

13 – 19 July 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
20 – 26 July 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
27 July - 2 Aug 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

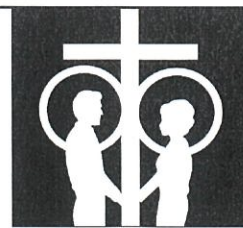
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD
Sunday 9am except school holidays.



PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



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 – Sunday, 19th of July 2026, 12:00 pm at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge and will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA. All are welcome.

ALPHA JOURNEY 2026 - COME AND SEE IN THE CITY:

The Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries is launching the Archdiocesan Alpha Journey with a Come and See Event in the City. Parishes and communities from across the archdiocese are invited to join us for an inspiring evening as we experience what Alpha looks like and feels like. You will be joining week 6 of a live Alpha that our team is hosting.

This experiential event gives you the chance to see and feel a typical Alpha session, the atmosphere, the conversation and the impact. In collaboration with Alpha Australia, the team is bringing parish teams together to imagine what introducing or reigniting Alpha could mean for your community.

When: Wednesday, 29 July 2026, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

Cost: \$5 per person. RSVP – 24th July

Get your tickets or find out more at:

tinyurl.com/AlphaComeSee

WOMEN'S RETREAT – FACETS OF GRACE:

We're delighted to invite you to a transformative women's retreat exploring Saint Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle. She describes our soul as a castle made of a single diamond in which there are many rooms. During our time together we will discover the facets of grace available to all of us and Teresa's beautiful metaphors revealing the beauty and dignity of our souls.

Held in a peaceful and prayerful setting, Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, the retreat invites each participant to enter a castle of grace where Christ dwells at the centre. Through guided reflections, personal prayer, small group sharing and Eucharistic adoration, we will embrace the continual call to interior transformation.

This retreat is for women of all ages who are seeking to connect with God in a creative and fresh way. Whether you're new to retreat experiences or seasoned, you are very welcome. Come as you are.

When: Friday 31 July 2026 at 6:00 pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston).

Register here: tinyurl.com/womensR26

POPE CALLS FOR DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION TO END CONFLICTS:

After praying the Angelus at Castel Gandolfo, Pope Leo XIV turned his thoughts to the many regions of the world affected by armed conflict, where civilians continue to bear the greatest suffering.

Source: Vatican News.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 13:24-43

This gospel passage continues Matthew's collection of the parables of Jesus. Notice how the workers are upset that an enemy has come overnight and sown dandel among the wheat. Dandel is a poisonous weed organically related to wheat and hard to distinguish from wheat. In this scenario the weeds had grown enough to have their roots tangled up with the wheat plants so that trying to pull them out would risk uprooting the wheat.

This parable, like so many others, has a 'shock' element. How deep is the grudge or bitterness of the person who sows poisonous weeds in his neighbour's wheatfield? The intension seems to be to wreck the whole crop. Responding more calmly than his workers the master gives orders to let the two crops grow together and the wheat will be sorted out at harvest time when the good grain will be preserved and the weeds destroyed by fire.

Reading this parable allegorically where every item in the story stands for some reality, we would be stunned by the harshness of the punishment meted out to the dandel. We might consider how the dandel is there by intention, not by accident. We could say it is determined, with malice, to ruin the wheat and is not taking any other considerations into account, so its comeuppance is pretty severe. Here is another instance of Jesus using a Semitic exaggeration to drive a point home. He does this fairly frequently.

One takeaway from this is appreciating how our values and our intentions determine the shape of our thoughts and actions. If I am adamant about doing things Jesus' way I will be on the right track. In fact, He assures us that if we are in companionship with Him we will find satisfaction.

– Laurie Woods

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

QUO VADIS FOR MEN 2026:

Vocation Brisbane invites young men to explore their vocational calling through this guided weekend retreat experience.

Participants spend quality time with like-minded individuals on the same journey of discernment, whilst enjoying good food, meaningful conversations, and social activities. The weekend features dynamic talks, small group discussions, and prayer opportunities designed to help you discover where God may be calling you.

When: Friday, 31 July – Sunday, 2 August, 4:30pm-2:00pm.

Where: Holy Spirit Seminary

Find our more here: tinyurl.com/QuoVadisMen2026

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$129.80. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – JULY & AUGUST 2026

24-25 July 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

31 July – 1 August 2026: Zomi Community

7-8 August 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

14-15 August 2026: Samoan Women's Group

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 18/19 JULY 2026 (16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27
3. Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 25/26 JULY 2026 (17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30
3. Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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.



There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth or prevent us from hearing God's voice clearly. We need time to reflect on the garden of our lives. 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 Angela BRAY, David ABIO, 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 Robin CLARK, Justine MANGWI, 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.

INVITATION TO AN ANOINTING MASS:

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 7th of August 2026 at 7:30 pm. Fr Thomas Varkey, PP Holland Park/Mt Gravatt will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass. For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

LUMINOUS LANTERN PARADE:

The Inclusion team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites parishes and communities to LUMINOUS, Queensland's multicultural lantern celebration marking the beginning of Queensland Multicultural Month. Led by Multicultural Australia, LUMINOUS has grown from a small lantern walk welcoming newly arrived families into one of the state's largest multicultural community events.

At the centre of the celebration is the LUMINOUS Lantern Parade, where thousands gather at South Bank to walk together through the parklands carrying lanterns that reflect their culture, stories and hopes for the future. Community organisations, sporting clubs and schools march with their banners, with cultural performers filling the evening with music and dance.

When: Friday, 31 July 2026, 5:30 pm (parade from 6pm)

Where: South Bank

To register, email – beache@bne.catholic.net.au

100 YEARS CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, BULIMBA:

Celebrating the Centenary of the Church of Sts Peter and Paul's Bulimba –

A Concert by One Equal Music - Comprising of Latin Motets and Religious pieces on Friday, 7th August 2026.

Tickets \$35 at 7:00 pm with pre-performance complimentary wine or non-alcoholic drinks and canapes.

To purchase tickets, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/1587852>

The Centenary Mass with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay – Sunday, 18th October 2026 at 9:00 am followed by blessing and planting of the centenary tree and morning tea.

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

What's the best-dressed country in the world?
Tie-land.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Lord, I am confused by the circumstances of my life right now. Please give me Your wisdom. As I walk through this trial, please teach me what You want me to learn. Help me to lean on You every step of the way.
- Thomas Nelson, Since 1798

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All parishioners are encouraged to scan the QR code on the front page of the newsletter to register. God bless.



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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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