



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 – 20 SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL
WHO CALL HIM.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of Your Son. 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.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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	Email: pastoral.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au	
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RCIA Coordinator:	Tess Vethecan-Kessels	
Choir Coordinator:	Reuben Ene	

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Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au
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Custodians on duty
14 - 20 Sept 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
21 - 27 Sept 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa
28 Sept - 4 Oct 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

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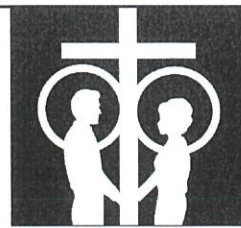
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Sunday 9am except school holidays.



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.

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, FUIONO KAISARA AOKUSO SIASAU who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 20th of September 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH PUBLIC ROSARY: Saturday, 10th of October 2026 after 9:00 am Mass at the grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary just outside the Church. Please come and join. All are welcome.

FROM THE PIETY SHOP – ST PAUL'S PARISH:

The popular Columban Calendars 2027 are now for sale in the Piety Shop at \$10.00 each and God's Word 2027 for \$22.00 each.

EVEN JUST ONE OF THESE CHILDREN – 112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – 27 SEPTEMBER 2026:

The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development has provided the Holy Father's messages, and some resources (textual, graphic) that may prove useful, especially for the 2026 World Day of Migrants and Refugees. "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, 27 September, the last Sunday of the month.

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. The Gospel calls on us not to make calculations; every human being is made in the image and likeness of God and bears the presence of the Lord.

The Holy Father's message and some resources to support engagement can be found on the Dicastery website here at – <https://tinyurl.com/WDMR-26>.

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 (5 nights, 27 September – 2 October 2028): approximately \$1,600 - \$2,000.00 per person – flights and accommodation. To register your interest please contact parish office. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 20:1-16

This is arguably the most misunderstood parable in the New Testament. It has traditionally been called, 'The Labourers in the Vineyard' and yet it is not really about the workers; it is about the boss who hires them.

In this parable there were men waiting most of the day for a manager to come by and offer a job. Some English translations have the owner ask the men why they were standing about 'idle'. But, in this context, the Greek *argoi*, while it can mean idle, should be more accurately translated as unemployed. No worker would hang around the marketplace just to be idle. Besides, their reply to the owner is that no one has offered them work. That clearly defines their intention.

At pay time the all-day workers are having a grizzle because the one-hour workers are getting the same pay. Their complaint is that it is not fair. They have worked all day and the others for only one hour. But the owner correctly points out that they agreed on a day's wage, and that's what they're getting

The owner asks if the workers have a problem with his generosity. At the end of the day, literally, the all-day crowd are no worse off. In fact, they are better off, since they are receiving the wage they agreed on.

What is not actually spelled out in the owner's generosity to the part-day workers is that every man goes home at the end of the day with enough to feed his family. It's not the one-hour workers' fault that they were not picked up sooner. But now they have enough to survive on.

The owner is making sure that none of his workers goes home disadvantaged. And with that, isn't Jesus strongly driving home the message that God doesn't think like us? Divine generosity doesn't fit into the narrow tit-for-tat pattern of human systems. We ought to remind ourselves that we are stewards of the wonderful world we have been gifted with. Consequently, no one should go hungry, and the landowner of today's parable is a model for this goal. He is providing a small contribution to his big-picture outlook. – 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

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Archbishop Shane Mackinlay warmly invites couples who are celebrating 50 years of marriage and above to the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Saturday, 26th of September 2026 at 11:30 am.

Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Please note that there will be no refreshments after the Mass.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$113.15. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

25-26 September 2026: Vaioleti Family

2-3 October 2026: Sia Save Family

9-10 October 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

16-17 October 2026: Zomi Community

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 19/20 SEPTEMBER 2026 (25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27
3. Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2026 (26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
3. Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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 can never be called “generous”. All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us. 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 Mark BENNETT, 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, 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.

LIVE-IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:

A weekend away from your day to day commitments allowing you to focus on your relationship.

Friday, 9th October 2026 to Sunday, 11th October 2026.

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Bookings and Enquiries:

Lisha and Joseph Deasem

Ph: 0481 307 821

Email: qldbookings@wwme.org.au

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CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AUSTRALIA ELECTS NEW EXECUTIVES:

The National Council of Catholic Religious Australia elected a new vice president and executive member to join president Sr Kari Hatherell OSU on the executive of the council. Source: CathNews.

POWERHOUSE OF PRAYER:

The Adult Formation team of Archdiocesan Ministries invites you to the final Powerhouse of Prayer of the year. In this one day October retreat, Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge, who has previously spoken of prayer as beginning in listening, will turn to the Psalms as Scripture's own school of that listening.

When: Saturday, 17 October 2026 at 9:00 am

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

Registrations close 9 October, get your tickets here: tinyurl.com/POPOctober2026

SON OF A LIBRARIAN SPENDS HIS BIRTHDAY IN THE VATICAN LIBRARY:

Pope Leo XIV spent his birthday with a visit to the Vatican Library for the first time as Pope and announced plans for the construction of a modern building to house the holdings of the library and the Vatican Apostolic Archive.

Source: OSV News.

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

David Beckham gets in a taxi and realizes the driver is staring at him in the rear-view mirror.

After two minutes without moving, the driver says, “Go on, then. Give me a clue.”

Beckham replies, “OK, I played for Manchester United and England and married a Spice Girl – is that enough?”

“No, David,” says the driver. “I meant where are you going?”

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.

– Psalm 9:10

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:

Parent-Info Session – Thursday, 8th of October at 3:30 pm in the Church.

Five First Holy Communion Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Church. It starts on the 22nd of October, 29th of October, 5th of November, 12th of November and ends on the 19th of November. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, 21st of November 2026, 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA.

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.

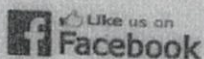


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CARPET BOWLS - Every Thursday 10-12pm in the Fr David Batey Hall.
Joining fee \$2 Session \$4 Contact Connie on 0423 004 684

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,
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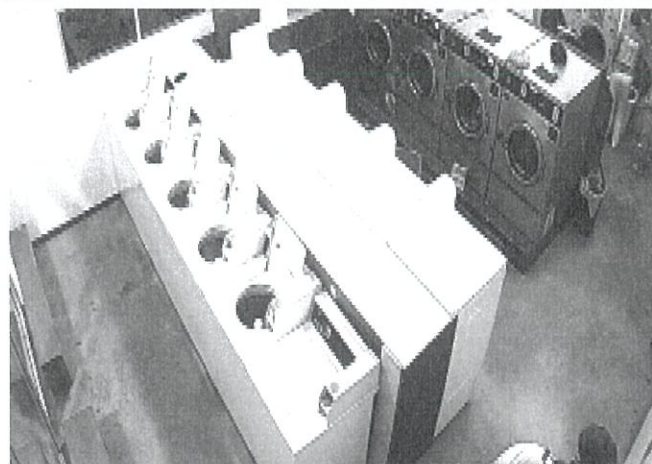


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