



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 – 23 AUGUST 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: LORD, YOUR LOVE IS ETERNAL; DO NOT
FORSAKE THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build
My Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Email: **stpaulcustodian@gmail.com**
St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

Custodians on duty

17 — 23 Aug 26 **Costello & Ula Afakasi**
24 — 30 Aug 26 **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
31 Aug - 6 Sept 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
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

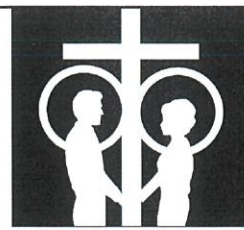
OF THE WORD

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

2026 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN:

The Annual Catholic Campaign reminds us that we are part of the larger Church. Our parishes work together to support vital ministries and services. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish, such as:

- training future priests
- caring for elderly priests when they become frail or unwell
- helping struggling families access a Catholic education
- caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our local community
- supporting community-driven ministry that make a profound impact in our own parish and immediate social groups

When making your gift, please put your donation inside the envelope provided so it remains separate from the parish collection. If you add your details to the envelope, you will receive a tax receipt in the mail.

You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the envelope, or going to catholiccampaign.com.au

Thank you for your faithful generosity and for making sure our Church continues to be a source of hope, compassion, and service for those who need it most.

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, ISRA-SOLEIL AKEZA, ALEXANDRE FREDERICKS DEECO BORIS NDUNGUTSE, ZAYDEN CLIVE WHITEHEAD and ZACHARY COVE WHITEHEAD who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 23rd of August 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

THANK YOU! - for the anonymous donation last week of \$400.00 to St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge for Church renovations. God bless you for your generosity.

MULTICULTURAL MASS - Sunday, 30th of August 2026, 2:00 pm at Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint Street, Inala. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities for kids. All are invited to wear traditional attire. Please come along.

This year's theme is "Even just one of these children" – Pope Leo.

ST PAUL'S MARIAN CENACLE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO CANUNGRA - Wednesday, 9 September 2026. Bus leaves from St Paul's at 8:30 am and departs from Canungra at 2:30 pm. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Mass will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA at 11:00 am. Bus fare is \$25.00 per person. All are welcome. Please contact Adela Eastell by text message on 0468 953 196.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 16:13-20

The papal coat of arms of the Holy See shows two crossed keys, one gold and one silver. They are a symbol of spiritual power (keys of the Kingdom of Heaven). The Petrine ministry is not about controlling or restricting God's grace, but rather about facilitating access to it. We say the power of the keys is exercised by the Bishop of Rome, successor of Peter, acting collegially with all bishops who are successors of the apostles.

The extent to which this understanding of the 'power of the keys' is embedded in this Gospel text is debatable. Following Peter's bold affirmation of Jesus' identity, he is singled out for leadership. But it is the Christian community which receives the Lord's protection against the underworld. This extremely rare use of '*ekklesia/Church*' in the Gospels suggests that Matthew is writing of this incident with hindsight.

Within today's community of the baptised, everyone needs to grapple with the question Jesus puts to His disciples: '*but you, who do you say I Am?*' The challenge of the Gospel calls us to an encounter with Christ; it summons us to believe in Him.

– Break Open The Word 2026

LOGAN DEANERY YOUTH MASS:

Join us for our Logan Deanery Youth Mass on Sunday, 30 August 2026, 9:30 am at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden, 26-38 Macarthy Road, Marsden 4132. Followed by morning tea & activities. Please save the date.

For more information, please contact logandeaneryyouth@gmail.com

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

CATHEDRAL TO FEATURE IN FIRST 'PARRAMATTA OPEN':

St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta is one of 16 significant heritage and modern buildings in the city offering the public rare access as part of an open day on August 29.

Source: Catholic Outlook.

PROFESSOR 'EMBODIES THE VERY HEART OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE':

Maria Harries is the inaugural recipient of the Catholic Social Services Australia Lifetime Contribution Award.

Source: CathNews.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

28-29 August 2026: Burmese Community

4-5 September 2026: Divine Mercy Group

11-12 September 2026: Syriac Community

18-19 September 2026: Sri Lankan Community

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 22/23 AUGUST 2026 (21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36
3. Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 29/30 AUGUST 2026 (22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2
3. Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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.



Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used for good or for ill. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love. 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 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.

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

POPE APPEALS FOR GREATER PROTECTION FOR CHILD MIGRANTS:

Pope Leo XIV has appealed to all people to recognise the suffering of child migrants, noting that they are often the most vulnerable during mass migration.

Source: EWTN News.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$165.70. Thank you.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION – THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close 31 October 2026. Send us an enquiry – www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

CATHOLIC MISSION – WE ARE HIRING:

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Applications will be assessed as soon as they are submitted. Visit:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

AN 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, 4th September 2026 at 7:30 pm. Fr Prince Thomas, MCBS, Associate Pastor at Jubilee Parish, 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
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DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

Customer: Have you got anything by The Doors?

Record-shop assistant: Just a fire extinguisher.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Lord, please give us strength for today and hope for tomorrow. – Medium.com

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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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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