



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24 - 25 JANUARY 2026 YEAR A
RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND
MY SALVATION.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty

19— 25 Jan 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
 26 Jan —01 Feb 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
 02 — 08 Feb 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
Parish Caretaker: Glen Reiha
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: Margaret Harvey Mob: 0411 300 209

BAPTISM PREPARATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD
 Sunday 9am except school holidays.



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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 4 jars (1,000 count)	- \$110.65
Medium hosts – 1 box of 50 pcs.	- 16.80
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 80.35
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	- 348.46
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	- 480.46
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,550.00

Total Operating Expenses - \$30,685.46

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.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS AT ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA on Monday, 26th of January 2026 at 9:00 am. Cuppa after Mass, please bring a plate to share. All are welcome.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$181.10. Thank you.

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

FESTIVAL'S SUCCESS SETS STAGE FOR YOUTH GATHERINGS IN 2027 & 2028:

The joy and energy of the recent Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne is set to continue with the next two major international youth events on the horizon. Source: Melbourne Catholic.

PRIEST PROMOTES CASE FOR SECOND AUSTRALIAN SAINT:

A retired priest from Adelaide Archdiocese is campaigning to make the virtues and holiness of Jan Ruff-O'Herne better known.

Source: The Catholic Weekly.

CHASING APPROVAL A SUBSTITUTE FOR HAPPINESS – POPE: Approval, public consensus and visibility are often given undue importance in modern society, shaping how people think, behave and even understand themselves, Pope Leo XIV said.

Source : OSV News.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 4:12-23

Matthew reveals the practical side of Jesus. Convinced that He had a calling to respond to and a mission to carry out He cleared out of Judea to avoid arrest on account of His association with John. He settled in Capernaum, a fishing town on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. It seems that Capernaum was His base for around six months. His message was different from that of John based on His vision of the reign of God and what it takes to belong to it. For Matthew and the early disciples, Jesus is the light who will lift the darkness, and so Matthew has no problem quoting First Isaiah's allusion to the ideal leader sent by God to rescue the people.

One powerful insight emphasised by Matthew is that Jesus realises His task cannot be carried out alone. He is mature and practical enough to see that He needs help and begins to gather Himself people who can share the mission with Him and be companions in this enterprise. Some of these disciples are offered an invitation, others are impressed by this man to the point of asking to join with Him.

Matthew ends this scene with a sweeping generalisation depicting Jesus wandering 'the whole' of Galilee teaching in the synagogues and proclaiming the kind of world that could be, if people dedicated themselves to living by the values of God, putting love and compassion above all other interests and goals. He adds that Jesus went about curing all kinds of sickness and disease, which implies that He could back up all His teaching with deeds that showed how Divine power was working through Him. This automatically puts Jesus in the company of the prophets adding authority to His words. – Laurie Woods

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL TRIBUNAL:

It is essential at the beginning of any journey with people preparing either for marriage or to become Catholic that their marital situation is sensitively investigated. As early as possible, anyone with a prior marriage/divorce should be encouraged to make contact with the Regional Tribunal so that we can examine their situation and apply the relevant process to assist them, and hopefully declare them to be free to marry.


Please remember that the Catholic Church recognises many non-Catholic marriages as being presumed valid. So even if the previous marriage involved two non-Catholics and was celebrated outside the Catholic Church, the individual now wishing to re-marry in the Catholic Church will need a Tribunal process of some sort.

Another reminder the Tribunal offices have now moved to the St Columba's precinct at Wilston. The street address is 23 Lovedale Street, Wilston, and the Tribunal's entry is via the white gate that faces the O'Shea Centre carpark. Walk in visitors are always welcome Monday to Friday, best done between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm.

For more information please call the Tribunal on 3324 3033 or email – tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au

From Fr Adrian Sharp

Judicial Vicar

ROSTERS		
CLEANERS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026		
23-24 January 2026: Syriac Community		
30-31 January 2026: Sri Lankan Community		
6-7 February 2026: Vaioleti Family		
13-14 February 2026: Sia Save Family		
READERS THIS 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
READERS NEXT WEEK: 31 JAN/01 FEB 2026		
6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Tess Vethecan-Kessels	Mary Ann P Barbour	Samoan
Bernie Beswick	Lua Siasau	Comm Choir
Marina Ene	Julita Jaurigue	
THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 24/25 JANUARY 2026 (3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)		
1. 1st Reading:	Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3	
2. 2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17	
3. Gospel:	Matthew 4:12-23	
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS-31 JAN/01 FEB 2026 (4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)		
1. 1st Reading:	Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13	
2. 2 nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:26-31	
3. Gospel:	Matthew 5:1-12	
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.		
<div> vocation BRISBANE.com</div> <p>Jesus said, “Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Today, He could say: “I will make you mechanics of souls; doctors of wounded hearts, counsellors of broken families; clowns in a joyless society.” But regardless, Come. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</p>		
<u>PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES</u> – 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.		
<u>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</u> – We pray for God's healing touch for MEGAN, 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		

THE ARCHDIOCESAN ALPHA JOURNEY:

The Archdiocesan Alpha Journey is going regional in 2026, and we're kicking off with our 'Come and See Event' in the Gold Coast and Logan region. We're excited to invite all parishes and communities from across the Archdiocese to join us for an inspiring evening in Upper Coomera as we explore what Alpha can look like in your local context.

Why you should come:

- It's a fantastic way to start the year with a clear, practical path for bringing people to Jesus.

- A regional launch means more parish and community teams sharing ideas, resources, and energy to bring the Good News to more people in meaningful ways.

- You'll gain a frontline feel for how Alpha can be adapted to your local culture while staying true to its core proclamation of the Gospel.

What to expect:

- A hands-on, experiential evening: See and feel a typical Alpha session- the atmosphere, the conversations, and the impact in collaboration with Alpha Australia, this event brings parish and community teams together to imagine what introducing or reigniting Alpha could mean for your community.

- Regional focus: This event is based in the Gold Coast and Logan region, welcoming parishes and communities from across the Archdiocese.

- Team-based invitation: We encourage parishes or communities to send at least two parishioners, or as many potential team members as possible. Spots are limited, so secure your place soon!

Date: Wednesday, 25 February 2026, 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: St Mary's Parish, Upper Coomera

Cost: \$5 per person

How to prepare:

- Think about who in your parish or community has a heart for mission and would be excited to explore Alpha. Aim for at least two potential team members to maximize the experience.

What's next: After this event, we'll share insights, practical next steps, and ways to bring Alpha to your own community and deanery; Save the date: 24 March, 7:00 pm Training and Support Event.

Remember in Alpha, 'teamwork makes the dream work!'

- Adult Formation Team/Archdiocesan Ministries.

Phone: (07) 3324 3974

Email: comninosv@bne.catholic.net.au

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

First Man: I call my dog Isaiah.

Second Man: Why do you call your dog Isaiah?

First Man: Because one eye's 'igher than the other!

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You share Your goodness with those who make You their sanctuary.

– Thomas Nelson, since 1798.

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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
800 846 643 between 6pm and 9pm.

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