



# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
25 - 26 APRIL 2026 YEAR A  
RESPONSE: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;  
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I Am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know My sheep, and mine know Me. Alleluia!**

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### 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- 1ST SUNDAY 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

## PARISH INFORMATION

Website: [www.stpaul'swoodridge.org](http://www.stpaul'swoodridge.org)

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**St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643**

### Custodians on duty

20—26 Apr 26 **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**  
27 Apr —3 May 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**  
4 —10 May 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



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Small hosts – 5 jars (1,000 count)	- \$137.60
Medium hosts – 5 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 72.60
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 82.60
Energy Australia – parish	- 444.54
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-510.62
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 183.09
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 385.69
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,286.71
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,533.31
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 778.13
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 405.70
Whomedia Website	- 636.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 3,036.72
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-25,878.00</u>
Total Operating Expenses	- \$35,669.14

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time  
Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,287.25. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV FOR THE 63<sup>rd</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - 26 APRIL 2026:**

Guided and protected by the Risen Jesus, we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter – also called “Good Shepherd Sunday” – the 63<sup>rd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the interior dimension of vocation, understood as the discovery of God’s free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts. Let us explore together the truly beautiful path of life along which the Shepherd guides us.

The way of beauty –  
In the Gospel of John, Jesus describes Himself as the “Good Shepherd”. This expression refers to a Shepherd who is perfect, authentic and exemplary, inasmuch as He is ready to give His life for His sheep, thus revealing God’s love. He is the Shepherd who draws us to Himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows Him. Neither the eyes of the body nor aesthetic sensibilities alone are sufficient to recognize this beauty, rather, contemplation and interiority are required. Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd’s gaze can say with confidence: “I trust Him; life with Him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty.” What is most extraordinary is that, in becoming His disciple, one truly becomes “beautiful”; His beauty transforms us. Indeed, more than goodness, the distinctive trait of the saint is the luminous spiritual beauty that radiates from his or her life in Christ. In this way, the Christian vocation reveals itself in all its depth as a participation in the life of Jesus, by sharing His mission and reflecting His beauty.

- The Holy See

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$97.70. Thank you.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 10:1-10**

Today’s extract focuses on the first ten verses where Jesus refers to Himself as the gate of the sheepfold.

It was general practice in any countryside village to have a compound that provided overnight shelter and protection for the small flocks of sheep that belonged to the village shepherds. The men would take turns to spend the night at the entrance of the sheepfold to see that no wild animals would prey on the sheep. The gatekeeper was the one who guaranteed safety and protection for all the flocks.

In comparing Himself to the gate Jesus is assuming the role of guardian and protector of the sheep. No harm will come to the defenceless sheep while they have a vigilant guardian who will ensure that the only ones allowed to enter the sheepfold are the shepherds themselves.

In the early morning, the shepherds come to the fold to collect their flocks and the sheep rally to the whistle or call of their particular shepherd. The point Jesus is making is that the sheep will not respond to a strange call because they do not recognise it as the one they are connected to. They know who they belong to; they know who will give them good pasture, protection and wellbeing.

Jesus presents Himself as the exclusive point of entry to the sheepfold that represents safety and belonging. Reflecting on this we could ask ourselves how proactive are we in welcoming others? Are we like the gate, a point of access to friendship, security and belonging. Just think of how many people in our world, in our immediate vicinity, who are lonely, who are starved of friendship and a sense of connection. A smile, a self-introduction or a simple ‘hello’ can break down barriers and generate a feeling of belonging.

The climax of today’s gospel reading is Jesus’ statement of purpose, ‘I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.’ The God-life of love that flows through Jesus, the Vine, is meant to flow through us, the branches, and so bring about fulfilment. When we sign on to that life of loving connection we are truly living life to the full.

- Laurie Woods

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE – NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE: to be held 3 May, 10 May, 17 May and 24 May 2026:**

The process is different this year in line with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance requesting numbers attending online Masses, and demographic information in Weekends 3 and 4. Information about the ‘Sex’ of attenders is asked during Weekend 3; Information about the ‘Age’ of attenders is asked during Weekend 4. There are only five age groups: 0-17 years, 18-29 years, 30-49 years, 50-69 years and 70 years and over.

The information provided through the Mass count provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both a local level and a national level.

## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – MAY 2026

1-2 May 2026: Sia Save Family

8-9 May 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

15-16 May 2026: Zomi Community

22-23 May 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 25/26 APRIL 2026 (4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

3. Gospel: John 10:1-10

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 2/3 MAY 2026 (5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

3. Gospel: John 14:1-12

**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.**



**This is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. “The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the Harvest.” To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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 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

### **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, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2026 at 7:30 pm. Fr Anthony Odionyenfe, PP, The Gap 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](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

**BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, ADRIANA EVE LAKO and ALBINA PHOW who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.**

**THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA BRISBANE & GOLD COAST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR THANKSGIVING MASS IN HONOUR OF ST PETER TOROT:**

On Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2026, 12:00 pm at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Shane Mackinlay

Concelebrant: Fr Paul Sireh

Please bring a plate of food/drinks to share. All welcome!

**JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS: 1226-2026 – FRANCISCAN FRIARS VOCATION DINNER BRISBANE:**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Mass + Evening Prayer

Followed by a meal with the Friars

Venue: Kedron Franciscan Friary

Address: 21 Adele Street, Kedron

You're welcome to join the Franciscan Friars at Kedron Friary for a night of prayer, food and faith. It will be an opportunity for men to ask questions about Franciscan religious life.

For further information and to RSVP contact:

Harry Chan OFM – [vocations@franciscans.org.au](mailto:vocations@franciscans.org.au)

or call 0420 582 266

**DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN**

Dad: I don't think these passport photos do me justice.

Son: You don't want justice, you want mercy.

**PRAYERS FOR YOU:**

“I will not cause pain without allowing something new to be born,” says the Lord.

- Isaiah 66:9 NCV

**HOPE IN ACTION – EVENT WITH CARDINAL BO - A DIALOGUE ON MISSION:**

Catholic Mission warmly invites you to a special evening of faith and fellowship as we welcome His Eminence Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, Archbishop of Yangon and Myanmar's first and only Cardinal.

Join us as Cardinal Bo shares his inspiring vision of “Hope in Action” – educating and empowering Myanmar's next generation to build a more peaceful, just and hopeful future.

Date: Saturday, 2 May 2026

Time: 4:15 pm for a 4:30 pm start followed by Mass at 6:00 pm

Venue: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, St Stephen's Cathedral, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane City 4000

Registration is essential –

<https://tinyurl.com/CMCardinalBo>



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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,  
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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