



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 – 26 JULY 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: LORD, I LOVE YOUR COMMANDS.



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

20 – 26 July 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
27 July – 2 Aug 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
3 - 9 Aug 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
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

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	-390.41
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 183.09
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 487.77
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	- 406.20
Whomedia Website	- 636.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 2,976.14
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-20,355.22
Total Operating Expenses -	\$30,068.15

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,218.15. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

PRAYER FOR DISCERNMENT

God, I thank You for the gifts You have given me, especially for life, love, family and friends. Help me to know myself better and to know my talents as I pray and discern. Help me see and understand the path You open for me. Help me choose the decision that will be in response to my potential and Your love for me. Wherever I am being invited to follow You, give me a generous heart to respond to Your call and the strength to follow You wherever You lead me.

- vocationBRISBANE.com

TRANSFIGURATION – PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS INTO THE FUTURE:

The Vocation Brisbane team invites you to Transfiguration, an evening of prayer for vocations. The evening includes Eucharistic Adoration and Evening Prayer with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, followed by a Vocations Expo and light refreshments in the Hanly Room.

Music will be provided by Holy Spirit Seminary, St Laurence's College, Stuartholme, Lourdes Hill College and Villanova College.

When: Thursday, 6 August 2026 at 5:30 pm

Where: Cathedral of St Stephen

To find out more please visit – tinyurl.com/transfig26

POPE PRAYS FOR PEACE DURING PRIVATE VISIT TO ST BENEDICT'S TOMB:

Pope Leo XIV prayed for peace in the world at the tomb of St Benedict of Nursia during a private visit to the Abbey of Montecassino and its monastic community.

Source: Vatican News.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 13:44-52

In today's extract we find the message of, if you come across a treasure that is really valuable then do all you can to get hold of it.

The first example compares a life dedicated to living out the values Jesus was promoting to finding a treasure buried in a field. By right it belongs to the owner of the field, so how do you get hold of it? Buy the field, of course, and then it is yours. Scholars over the centuries have discussed the motives and morality of the finder, but Jesus is not making an issue of that. He is simply saying that when you find a valuable treasure you go all out to acquire it. In this case, the finder will sell everything he owns to raise the money to buy the field. Next, the fishermen haul in a dragnet(Greek: *sageine*) that has weights on the bottom line. So, what is brought up will be all kinds of sea creatures along with whatever rubbish might have been dragged along. The fishermen will naturally sort the good fish from everything else and keep what is valuable. Jesus compares this to the separation of the just from the wicked at the final judgment. The implication is that both lots have made their life choices and will then have to live with the consequences.

Finally, Jesus tells His disciples they will be like the householder who appreciates the value of new things and old. Choosing will depend on what is best for purpose. Jesus is saying there is timeless value in the Hebrew Scriptures and ancient Hebrew tradition. Christian teachers will preserve the treasures of the Hebrew tradition while promoting their fulfilment in the person of Jesus. There is wisdom in balance. True Christian teaching keeps the best of the past while remaining open to new understanding.

In living out God's values our faith encourages us to seek balance rather than extremes. After all, a balanced life reflects wisdom and good judgment.

– Laurie Woods

QUO VADIS FOR WOMEN 2026:

Vocation Brisbane invites young women 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: Saturday, 8 August – Sunday, 9 August 2026 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Find out more here: tinyurl.com/QuoVadisWomen2026

SHARE THE DIGNITY DRIVE – for the whole month of August 2026. It's helping women experiencing homelessness and period poverty. Share The Dignity box is located near the table at the entrance of the Church for you to drop in your donations. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – JULY & AUGUST 2026

31 July – 1 August 2026: Zomi Community
 7-8 August 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
 14-15 August 2026: Samoan Women's Group
 21-22 August 2026: Burmese Community

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 1/2 AUGUST 2026 (18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39
3. Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

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.



Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever it takes to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation. 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 Bruce Joseph BARBOUR, Evaristo PADILLA, 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.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2026 – will be observed from 2 to 9 August 2026.

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 BECOMES FIRST FAITH LEADER TO HAVE HIS WRITINGS DECLARED 'AI FREE':

Pope Leo XIV's writings on artificial intelligence have become the first work of a faith leader to be officially verified as man-made, via an Australian outfit working with authors and artists to certify their work as bot-free.

Source: Daily Telegraph.

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

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

HISTORIC CROATIAN GLAGOLITIC MASS CELEBRATED IN SYDNEY:

A traditional Croatian Glagolitic Rite Mass was celebrated in Sydney, a rare occasion which revived a ninth-century tradition tracing back to Saints Cyril and Methodius. Source: The Catholic Weekly.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$148.40. Thank you.

LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotsman were asked about their tea-drinking habits.

'I always stir my tea with my left hand,' said the Englishman.

'I always stir my tea with my right hand,' said the Scotsman.

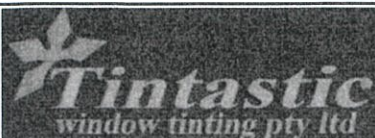
'How about you?' the Irishman was asked.

'Oh me?' said the Irishman, 'I always use a spoon.'

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

- Jeremiah 29:11 RSVCE

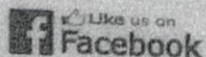


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CARPET BOWLS - Every Thursday 10-12pm in the Fr David Batey Hall.
Joining fee \$2 Session \$4 Contact Connie on 0423 004 684

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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