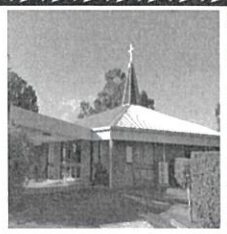
ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
3 – 4 OCTOBER 2026 YEAR A
RESPONSE: THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from My Father. 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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Custodians on duty

28 Sept - 4 Oct 26	**Costello & Ula Afakasi**
5 –11 Oct 26	**Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
12 -18 Oct 26	**Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**

Parish Caretaker: **Glen Reiha**
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: **Margaret Harvey** Mob: 0411 300 209

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

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 meetiing 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING MASS – will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA on Wednesday, 7th of October 2026, 9:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

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.

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

POOR BOX – last weekend is $221.30. Thank you.

DATES CONFIRMED FOR INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS IN SYDNEY:
Catholics can officially mark their calendars for the next International Eucharistic Congress, with its Secretary General Bishop Richard Umbers announcing the major gathering will take place in Sydney from September 24 to October 1, 2028.

Source: The Catholic Weekly.

RECOGNISING OWN FAULTS IS ESSENTIAL TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH – POPE:
Pope Leo XIV issued a firm call to conversion from sin and error in the Church, and invited all to repent and do penance, at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes. Source: EWTN News.

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
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Account Number: 100 001046

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus is speaking to the religious leaders. He and they knew well the oracle of Isaiah which we heard in the first reading.

The story begins the same way, but then branches off as the owner leases the vineyard to tenants. Suddenly the story is no longer about the response of God's people but about the stewardship of its leaders. It becomes very personal as the tenants are shown to be exploitative, violent and selfish. They will come to a wretched end.

Matthew builds in further elements of allegory as well. The Son who is killed is Jesus. The other tenants who will take over the vineyard are the new people of God, the Church. This makes sense of both the imagery of the rejected stone that becomes the keystone, and also the saying about taking the kingdom of God away to be given to those who will produce its fruit.

We can imagine that the religious leaders were not amused to hear this scathing parable. So, the tension mounts as Jesus moves towards the cross.

– Break Open The Word 2026

CELEBRATING ST FRANCIS – 800 YEARS ON!
The Inclusion team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites all to celebrate St Francis's life through a shared lunch and the Story of the Universe Experience. 800 years on, it's a chance to hear St Francis's call to see God's love in all creation, including the art series Days of Creation by Dianne Minnaar. All are welcome. Free event.
When: Tuesday, 6 October 2026, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Where: Hanly Room, St Francis Rush Centre, 196 Charlotte Street, Brisbane City
Please note: no on-site parking – public transport recommended.
RSVP at tinyurl.com/StFrancisEvent26

THE WAY OF THE HEART – DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT:
The Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries is thrilled to announce a new Advent reflection resource for 2026. The Way of the Heart, now available for pre-order.
Written by guest author Sr Theresa Maria Dao, SPC, the resource offers daily weekday reflections for individual use, plus longer Sunday reflections formatted for small group settings – including scripture, discussion questions and prayers.
Cover artwork by Christopher Santer.
Pre-order at – tinyurl.com/AdventResource2026

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – OCTOBER 2026
9-10 October 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family
16-17 October 2026: Zomi Community
23-24 October 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
30-31 October 2026: Samoan Women's Group

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 3/4 OCTOBER 2026 (27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
3. Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 10/11 OCTOBER 2026 (28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
3. Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES – We pray for Gary VALENCIA, 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.

Jesus 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.

ALARM OVER AI IS NOT 'FAKE NEWS', AS POPE CALLS FOR COORDINATION:
Pope Leo XIV said concerns expressed by tech industry leaders over the catastrophic risks to humanity posed by artificial intelligence are not "fake news" and "should be taken seriously".
Source: NCR Online.

AUSTRALIAN PRIESTS ATTEND BEATIFICATION OF FULTON SHEEN:
Five Australian priests were among an estimated 50,000 Catholics who witnessed the beatification of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen in St Louis, Missouri.
Source: The Catholic Weekly.

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

2026 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL – 'ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN MISSION': As the Pope's international mission agency, Catholic Mission works to support Church-run mission programs around the world. This year, Pope Leo XIV calls us to be "One in Christ, United in Mission", to be missionary disciples united in Christ and sent in love. In this spirit, we invite parishioners to support children to access education through the work of Fr Matthew Semba at St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School in the diocese of Chikwawa in Malawi.
Many children have to walk long distances to access education, and with many families struggling to even provide basic food, the trip to school can feel impossible to make. For children like Yamikani, this trip is only made harder by his physical disability. Through the work of Fr Matthew and the Church in Malawi, they have hopes to build a school close to home, to not only provide access to education, but essential school supplies for effective learning, and nutritious and hearty meals for students so they can focus on their studies.
Please be on the lookout for envelopes in our parish appeal dates on 17 and 18 October 2026. Thank you.

CARDINAL MYKOLA BUILDS RING OF HOPE IN THE REGION:
Cardinal Mykola Bychok asked the bishops of Papua New Guinea and New Guinea to "pray for the peace in Ukraine, for the thousands of people who today continue to live in hope and wait for a miracle".

Source: Ukrainian Eparchy.

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN
Why is gravity useful?
When you drop something it's much easier to pick it off the floor than the ceiling.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning.

– Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV

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RUMMIKUB = Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Ed Centre Cost: 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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