



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 – 6 SEPTEMBER 2026 YEAR A

**RESPONSE: O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN
TO HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to Himself; and the Good News of reconciliation He has
entrusted to us. Alleluia!**

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31 Aug —6 Sept 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
7 – 13 Sept 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
14 - 20 Sept 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
Parish Caretaker: Glen Reiha
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: Margaret Harvey Mob: 0411 300 209

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 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.



MARRIAGE 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

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.

Please Note: In connection with the above Pilgrimage to Canungra, there will be no 9:00 am Mass at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge as Mass will be in Canungra at 11:00 am. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION: - Saturday, 12th of September 2026 at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge as the 13th of this month falls on a Sunday. It starts with a rosary at 5:30 pm, Mass will be incorporated and celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA at 6:00 pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome. Please contact Ana Vilma and Miguel Miranda on 0466 721 942 or 0434 330 378.

ST PAUL'S PIETY SHOP – Father's Day cards are available for sale at the Piety Shop for a dollar each. Happy Father's Day!

RECONCILIATION DINNER:

The Inclusion team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites you to the 2026 Archdiocese of Brisbane Reconciliation Dinner.

This year's event includes the launch of the Archdiocese of Brisbane 2026-2028 RAP by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, and a keynote from Aunty Denise Proud, a proud Koa and Kuku-Yalanji woman and renowned educator, author and artist, who will share her story of truth, history and reconciliation.

When: Friday, 11 September – 5:30 pm to 11:00 pm
Where: Hillstone St Lucia, Golf Links, Carawa Street, St Lucia

Book now at - tinyurl.com/RECdinner26

ASSEMBLY REVEALS STRONGER PARISH VOICE AND MISSIONARY FOCUS:

A stronger parish voice, a continuing appetite for faith formation and a commitment to carry the work beyond the assembly have emerged as key fruits of the second Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocesan Assembly.

Source: Catholic Voice.

POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO STRENGTHEN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION:

Australian Catholic University and Catholic Theological College Melbourne are exploring a new partnership that would strengthen Catholic theological education across Victoria and Tasmania.

Source: CathNews.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 18:15-20

We can see here a formula for reconciliation that should kick in when relationships break down or take a wrong turn. It follows immediately after Matthew's version of the parable of the lost sheep that emphasises the importance of proactively seeking to iron out differences and ill feelings in the hope of arriving at a point of reconciliation. And, of course, there is much rejoicing when the lost one is brought back into the community.

The point of this parable in both Matthew and Luke is that the flock, the community, is whole when it is united and all members are welcomed. Jesus is saying that no member should be made to feel out of place and even those who are living a life outside the expectations of a Christian community should feel the invitation to change and be welcomed back.

Reflecting on this extract we can appreciate how remaining silent is not necessarily the best or the loving option when community harmony is at risk. We have all experienced situations in relationships when an uncomfortable truth needs to be voiced, and this for the sake of repentance and healing, not for condemnation. Ezekiel himself quotes the Lord, 'As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live' (Ezekiel 33:11).

The procedure in this passage focuses initially on respect. Nobody likes to have their faults pointed out to them, so, a non-confrontational, thoughtful and courteous approach is important. Direct personal and sensitive conversation is called for. The restoration of a relationship will never be achieved if the goal is to score points or punish the offender.

The steps that Matthew presents tell us that the movement to reconciliation is usually gradual and measured. The common sense of Jesus comes through clearly here showing He accepts that differences, personality clashes and wrongdoing are part of the human condition and can lead to conflict. But conflict needs to be eradicated through a process of reconciliation.

- Laurie Woods

LITURGY UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS - NATIONAL CONFERENCE: September 28-30, 2026 at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney, NSW. Please save the date.

The conference offers space to reflect on broad themes about place, time, culture, social relationships, and pressing questions of faith and spirituality as they are experienced in liturgy in the southern hemisphere.

"Reflecting on worship in Australia and our regional neighbourhood."

Book now – <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1591194> or please scan the barcode on the poster at the back of the Church.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$96.10. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026

11-12 September 2026: Syriac Community

18-19 September 2026: Sri Lankan Community

25-26 September 2026: Vaioleti Family

2-3 October 2026: Sia Save Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 5/6 AUGUST 2026 (23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2. 2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

3. Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 12/13 SEPTEMBER 2026 (24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

2. 2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9

3. Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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.



How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them! 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 Matthew and Peggy EDWARDS, Plu MEH, Nigel CAIRNS, 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:
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BSB: 064 786
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'CATHOLIC IDENTITY SHAPES EVERY ASPECT OF SCHOOL LIFE':

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools has welcomed Bishop-elect Stephen Wang to Melbourne for a series of talks, forums and community gatherings that invited students, families, teachers and leaders to reflect on the distinctive mission and purpose of Catholic education.
Source: Melbourne Catholic.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK – 6-12 SEPTEMBER 2026:

Every Conversation Matters

Shifting Conversation to Action

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: - The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on the second Sunday of September each year – at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

ABBOT TO SHARE WISDOM OF BENEDICTINE TRADITION:

Brisbane's Catholic community will have the opportunity to hear from internationally-respected spiritual guide Benedictine abbot Christopher Jamison when he visits the city this month.

Source: The Catholic Leader.

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

My wife and I always argue over the right way to hang the toilet paper roll, so our therapist suggested we each try it the other person's way for a week.

You know – roll reversal.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Dear God,

It hurts so bad. Dull the pain with Your love. Blur the sharp edges by reminding me that from bad comes good. Help me appreciate that after the sorrow, joy is sweeter. I look forward to better times. I can endure anything with You by my side.

– Author Unknown

Jesuitresource.org

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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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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those who cannot afford the services of a migration agent/lawyer. Please ring 1
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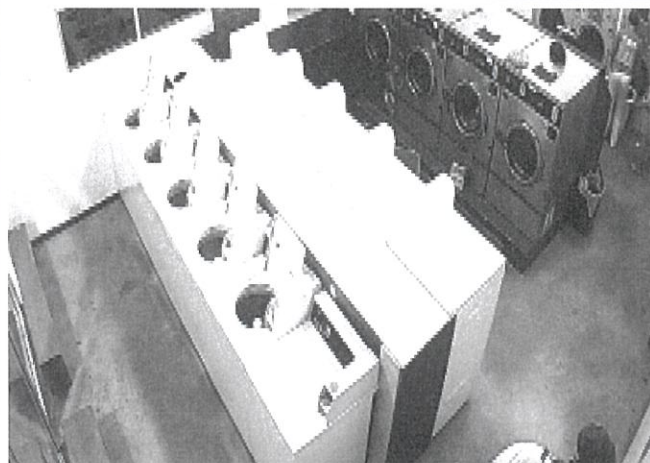
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