



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8 – 9 AUGUST 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: LORD, SHOW US YOUR MERCY AND LOVE,
AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord,
I trust in His word. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty

3 – 9 Aug 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
10 – 16 Aug 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
17 – 23 Aug 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

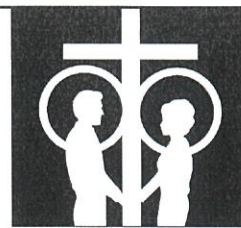
OF THE WORD

Sunday 9am except school holidays.



PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



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

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

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION: - Thursday, 13th of August 2026 at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It starts with a rosary procession at 6:30 pm and Mass will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA at 7:00 pm. Benediction and confessions will follow. For more information please contact Miguel and Ana Vilma Miranda.

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, MATEO ALEJANDRO MIRANDA who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 9th of August 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

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.

MULTICULTURAL MASS - Sunday, 30th of August 2026, 2:00 pm at Queen of Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church, 54 Flint Street, Inala. It will be celebrated by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Mass will be followed by refreshments, cultural performances and activities for kids. All are invited to wear traditional attire. Please come along.

This year's theme is "Even just one of these children" – Pope Leo.

LOGAN DEANERY YOUTH MASS:

Join us for our Logan Deanery Youth Mass on Sunday, 30 August 2026, 9:30 am at St Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Marsden, 26-38 Macarthy Road, Marsden 4132. Followed by morning tea & activities. Please save the date.

For more information, please contact logandeaneryyouth@gmail.com

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$138.60. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 14:22-33

This extract speaks about what is involved in adult faith. It reflects on trust, fear, following Christ, and recognising His presence in the face of life's challenges. The disciples in the boat were clearly in fear of their lives as their boat was being tossed around by the storm. Then Jesus appears in their moment of terror. But doesn't Peter represent all of us when we fail to recognise Christ present in different times of life? Can we recognise Him in the acts of kindness done to us or in a friendly word that was not heroic or skull-melting? Can we see Him when individuals reach out to make connection with us, showing empathy or mere support clothed in positive vibes?

Apparently not in Peter's case. He had the cheek to do a deal with Jesus, coming out with a transactional proposal, 'If it's really You, bid me to come to You on the water.' Jesus agrees, but He must be thinking. 'What's with the *IF*?' What kind of half-baked trust is this? The point is, Jesus has turned up in their moment of deadly fear and urged them not to be afraid.

This is us. Do we have the trust to see Jesus in the person who smiles and calls us to courage? Can we, in turn, follow Jesus' example and reach out when we see a knitted brow or an anxious spirit? We live in a world these days where anxiety has tight grip on so many hearts.

Peter's inner feeling of 'this can't be real' caused him to sink, Jesus responds, 'Stop analysing the situation. Just have the kind of faith that leads to confident trust.' Fear isn't the real issue here. It's how we face it and deal with it. Peter's first response was not simple acceptance but a bargain or haggle based on mistrust. 'If it's really You, I need proof.' It just seems to me that if we are used to giving we are in a good position to recognise 'gift' from others. This is no big deal or the act of formal gift-giving. It is the little daily things we do for others to sustain connection and share our spirit. A smile or simple greeting can lift another's soul. Taking steps to be reconciled where a relationship has broken down, or just lost a wheel, can cause spirits to soar with relief. – Laurie Woods

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.

HOMELESSNESS WEEK 2026 – VINNIES URGES GOVERNMENT TO TREAT HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT:

This National Homelessness Week, August 3-9, the St Vincent de Paul Society is urging the Australian Government to take "Homelessness Action Now" by recognising housing as a fundamental human right and making it a national priority.

Source: CathNews.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

14-15 August 2026: Samoan Women's Group

21-22 August 2026: Burmese Community

28-29 August 2026: Burundian Community

4-5 September 2026: Divine Mercy Group

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 8/9 AUGUST 2026 (19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

2. 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

3. Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 15/16 AUGUST 2026 (20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

2. 2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

3. Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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.



Why is it that we lack real trust when the Lord calls us? We think we may drown, or must give up too much, or fear failure. These attitudes can help to strengthen our faith in the Lord. 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 Catheryn WALTER, 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:
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 UNVEILS AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION:
Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this August in praying for evangelisation in the city.

Source: Vatican News.

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MODULE FOUR – A PEOPLE ON MISSION:

An invitation is now extended for people to participate in the fourth module from the Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation.

This fourth module, A People on Mission, engages participants in an exploration of what it means to be a people on mission. This will include investigating the call to evangelisation, exploring evangelisation in the context of parish and family life, as well the role of evangelisation in the wider community. This module will also look at how we can make missionary disciples in our parishes and faith communities and present practical ways that the Church calls us to go forth on mission.

This course of formation will run across 9 Monday nights commencing on Monday 17 August 2026, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre

Email: ministries@bne.catholic.net.au or 07 3324 3440.

A MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL TRIBUNAL:

Are you divorced and would like to be married in the Church? The Regional Tribunal of the Catholic Church assists people in this situation, and in many cases can declare people to be free to marry in the Catholic Church. For more information please call the Tribunal on 3324 3033 or email – tribbris@bne.catholic.net.au

From Fr Adrian Sharp
Judicial Vicar

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

Doctor: Well, it seems you have what we call 'pedestrian eyes'.

Patient: What's that?

Doctor: They look both ways before they cross.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

- Nehemiah 8:10 NASB

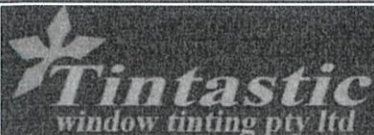
ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:

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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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
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