



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

28 - 29 MARCH 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU ABANDONED ME?



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory!

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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

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Choir Coordinator: Reuben Ene

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Custodians on duty

23 —29 Mar 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
30 Mar – 5 Apr 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
6 — 12 Apr 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

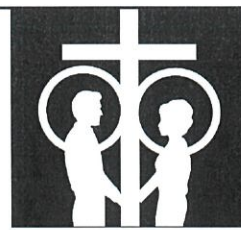
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD
Sunday 9am except school holidays.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Small hosts – 4 jars (1,000 count)	- \$110.65
Medium hosts – 1 box of 50 pcs.	- 16.80
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 80.35
Energy Australia – parish	- 444.54
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-510.62
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 164.75
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 385.69
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,286.71
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,430.48
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 778.13
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 405.70
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 646.84
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-24,550.00</u>
Total Operating Expenses	- \$31,109.09

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,609.20. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULES 2026:

Saturday: 28 March 2026 – 6:00 pm Mass for Palm Sunday - Fr Ladu

Sunday: 29 March 2026 – Palm Sunday – Fr Ladu
- 7:30 am & 9:00 am Masses
- 4pm - 8pm – Weekend Mass Syriac Comm – Fr Lenard

Monday: 30 March 2026 – 9:00 am Mass – Parish Lenten Retreat – Fr Ray

Tuesday: 31 March 2026 – No Mass

Wednesday: 1 April 2026 – 9:00 am Healing Mass – Fr Ladu
- 6:00 pm – 2nd Rite of Reconciliation – Fr Ladu

HOLY THURSDAY: 2 April 2026 – No 9:00 am Mass & No Reconciliation
2pm-5pm- Syriac Community Holy Thursday Mass – Fr Lenard
- 6:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – Fr Ladu
Rosary after Mass – led by the Samoan Community

GOOD FRIDAY: 3 April 2026 – No 9:00 am Mass & No Reconciliation
- 9:00 am – Stations of the Cross in the Church – Fr Ladu
- 3:00 pm – The Passion of our Lord – Re-enactment
- 4:30 pm - Divine Mercy Novena
- 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm – Syriac Community Good Friday Service – Fr Lenard

EASTER VIGIL: 4 April 2026 – No 9:00 am Mass
- 9:00 am – 1st Rite of Reconciliation – Fr Ladu
- 6:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass – Fr Ladu
- 9:00 pm – 11:30pm – Syriac Community Easter Vigil Mass – Fr Lenard

EASTER SUNDAY: 5 April 2026 – Fr Ladu
- 7:30 am & 9:00 am Masses
4pm – 8pm – Syriac Community Mass – Fr Lenard

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$190.80. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

Today’s gospel reading is Matthew’s account of the passion of Christ.

Here are some major concerns of Matthew in his passion account. As with the whole of his gospel. Matthew is showing how everything takes place to fulfil what was mentioned in Hebrew prophecy. So, the torture and crucifixion of Jesus are presented as part of God’s plan, not some kind of tragic accident. In this context, then, Jesus is the obedient Son participating in the redemption of humanity.

Matthew presents the Jewish leadership at the time, that is, the chief priests and elders, as the ones responsible for plotting and manipulating events to bring about the arrest and condemnation of Jesus. They are clearly jealous of their reputation and highly indignant at the criticism Jesus levelled at them. His exposure of their hypocrisy cut deeply into their psyche to the extent of driving them to plot murder.

Matthew emphasises the guilt of the Jewish leaders by introducing the scene where Pilate’s wife urges him not to condemn Jesus. In response, Pilate publicly washes his hands as a symbolic gesture of shifting responsibility of Jesus death away from Rome to the Jewish leadership.

Matthew is the only one to include the fate of Judas Iscariot in his account. He presents Judas as a tragic figure – the victim of his own ego, who never really got to know the generosity of Jesus. The overpowering thought of, ‘*How could anyone forgive the rotten thing I have done?*’ can prevent a person from giving credit to the one sinned against. So much ‘self’ is wrapped up in this feeling that it cannot conceive of another person being generous and forgiving. Ego can destroy relationships and be the death of growth to maturity. Solid relationships are held together with power of love. It’s the kind of love that matures through genuine appreciation, the ability to see beyond surface phenomena, an understanding of human nature and the power of connection.

- Laurie Woods

HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) COLLECTION:

The Holy Land Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father’s annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region. Envelopes will be on the pews, please take one.

RCIA AT ST PAUL’S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE:

Congratulations to Iris MIRANDA, Joel BOSCO, Malini VAIOLETI, and Margaret OYIER who have completed their spiritual formation and initiation into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). They will be baptised, confirmed, and will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Easter. Please include them in your prayers. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – APRIL 2026

3-4 April 2026: Divine Mercy Group
 10-11 April 2026: Syriac Community
 17-18 April 2026: Sri Lankan Community
 24-25 April 2026: Vaioleti Family

READERS THIS WEEK: 28/29 MARCH 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Atele Ula	Lua Siasau	St Cecilia's
Julita Jaurigue	Rebecca De Los Ama	Choir
Marina Ene	Lua'ao Perez	

READERS NEXT WEEK: 4/5 APRIL 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Alfred Ozzi	Julita Jaurigue	Samoan Comm
Angela Tagala	Lua Siasau	Choir
Pesi Silao	Lua'ao Perez	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 28/29 MARCH 2026 (PALM SUNDAY – YEAR A)

Entrance: Matthew 21:1-11

- 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7
- 2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
3. Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 4/5 APRIL 2026 (EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
2. 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
3. Gospel: John 20:1-9

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.



Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression, and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life. 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 John Joseph CAMIOLO, 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

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, REBECCA ONYINYECHUKWU EGWU who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 29th of March 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

SVDP SEWING CLASS AT WOODRIDGE:

St Vincent de Paul Sewing Class will start on the 18th of May 2026 and ends on the 26th of August 2026. It is divided into three groups – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact Bev Anderson on 0408 738 759 to register your interest.

INFORMATION DAY FOR PROSPECTIVE CATHEDRAL GUIDES AND WELCOMERS:

Could you be the face of the Cathedral of St Stephen who warmly greets and welcomes our many visitors? If you have an interest in history and enjoy being a part of a vibrant team – this could be for you! We are holding an Information Day at the Cathedral on Thursday, 16 April 2026 for prospective Guides and Welcomers.

To find out more, please email – CathedralGandW@bne.catholic.net.au or contact the Cathedral Office on 3324 3030.

POPE LEO AT 300 DAYS: 'VATICAN II, PART TWO':
 More than 300 days into his papacy, Pope Leo XIV is being described by a longtime Catholic social justice scholar as a man who understands that faith must be lived in the world, not sealed off from it.
 Source: Common Home TV.

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN

Dad: Why haven't you washed your hair?
 Son: I was going to but the shampoo bottle said 'for dry hair' and mine was already wet.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear ... for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

- Deuteronomy 31:6 ESV

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026:

Enrolment for Sacrament of Confirmation is now open, and will close on Thursday, 23rd of April 2026. A child must be Grade 3 & older. Baptism 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.

Five Confirmation Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 23rd of April, 30th of April, 7th and 14th of May and ends on 21st of May. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday, 23rd of May 2026, 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. FR LADU JAMES YANGA will be the celebrant this year.

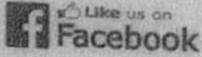


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2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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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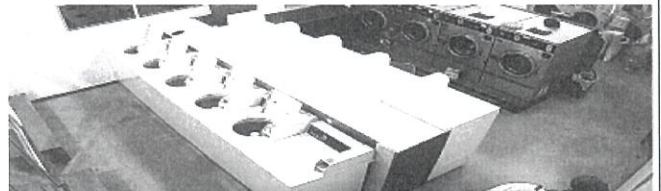


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