



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

EASTER SUNDAY

19 - 20 APRIL 2025 YEAR C

RESPONSE: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE—SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT: We have zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in our activities, ministries and services. The safety and well-being of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. —Most Reverend Mark Coleridge—Archbishop of Brisbane.

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au
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Email: stpaulcustodian@gmail.com
St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

Custodians on duty

14—20 Apr 25 Costello & Ula Afakasi
21—27 Apr 25 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
28 Apr—4 May 25 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
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

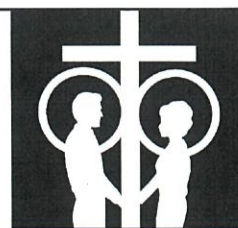
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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 MASS- 1STSUNDAY 11AM

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 – 6 jars (1,000 count)	- \$170.07
Medium hosts – 3 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 41.85
Large hosts – 10 boxes of 10 pcs	-149.50
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-461.77
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 181.35
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 153.96
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 1,177.18
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly-	1,352.70
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 762.12
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 327.90
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 985.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-24,550.00</u>

Total Operating Expenses - \$30,313.40

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,757.00. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

GOOD NEWS! FR LADU JAMES YANGA – offers to do 10 Weddings for free at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Please call (07) 3808 4134 for information.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$138.65. Thank you.

ARCHBISHOP MARK HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU:

The profile of our schools is changing as society itself changes. That's why we're looking closely at some of our schools, especially in the inner-city area of Brisbane, asking how we can provide a better educational experience for our students, and even for our teachers and parents. We are also opening new schools, which offers an exciting opportunity to shape a genuinely Catholic education in a new environment. But there are some things that do not change in Catholic schools, and Easter points to the most important of all. Easter is all about the death and resurrection of Jesus, which is the blazing core of our schools. The Risen Christ alone can teach us what it means to be fully human, living a life that's bigger than death. Easter is also the feast of hope, as the tomb of Jesus becomes the womb of a new world. Our schools exist to lead the young into an experience of real hope that is grounded in the truth of Easter. All those who work in our schools, but especially the teachers, are witnesses to hope. The theme of this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope"; and our schools are called to lead the young on a journey out of hopelessness into hope. That's what they've been doing for a long time in Australia, and it's what they continue to do even as the world changes.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 20:1–9

One thing that is common to the resurrection narratives of all four Gospels is that the first witnesses were women. Jewish law at the time did not give much credence to women as witnesses. In a court of law their testimony would not be very credible. This means that if the story of the women at Jesus' tomb were made up, the inventor would surely have been smart enough to use men as the witnesses. The presence of the women in the Gospel stories suggests that that's the way it was.

The women were forbidden by law to prepare the body of Jesus for burial on the Sabbath, so they had to wait until the next day. The preparation of the body would involve rubbing aromatic oils on the corpse that would act as deodorants while decomposition took place. The washing and anointing of the deceased, like attendance at births, was always considered to be women's work, so this explains why it was the women who were on their way to the tomb.

In Jewish literature heavenly messengers or angels performed the function of telling characters in the story of things that they could not find out by normal human means. In this case they informed the women that Jesus had been raised. The earliest Christian tradition describes Jesus as having been raised from the dead, that is, by the power of God. Jesus has won a victory over death. Through His suffering and death He has achieved all that God had planned and so entered into His glory.

– Laurie Woods

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, **HOPE MARIE BIRORIMANA** who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 20th of April 2025. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: TRANSFORMED THROUGH SACRAMENT & SONG:

Jubilee Year 2025. Pilgrims of *Hope*.

In front of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, on 9 May 2024, Pope Francis delivered – *Spes Non Confundit (Hope Does Not Disappoint)* declaring that 2025 would be a year of Jubilee. The Holy Door was opened on 24 December 2024, and will close on 6 January 2026.

A year of Jubilee is a special time for remission of sins and universal pardon. It is a time of pilgrimage, reconciliation and spiritual renewal that occurs every 25 years. In special cases, the Pope may call for an extraordinary year of Jubilee. This occurred in 2016 when Pope Francis announced a Holy Year of Mercy, to highlight the Catholic Church's mission to be a witness of mercy which is "the beating heart of the Gospel".

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee year has been incorporated into the National Liturgy and Liturgical Music Conference to be held in Adelaide from 1-3 October 2025. The Conference is entitled Pilgrims of Hope: Transformed Through Sacrament & Song. Pls 'Save The Date'.

Please call Liturgy Brisbane - 07 3324 3321.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – APRIL & MAY 2025

18-19 April 2025: Syriac Community
 25-26 April 2025: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family
 2-3 May 2025: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
 9-10 May 2025: Samoan Women's Group

READERS THIS WEEK: 19/20 APRIL 2025

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Please contact Marina Ene

READERS NEXT WEEK: 26/27 APRIL 2025

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 19/20 APRIL 2025 (EASTER SUNDAY – YR C)

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 26/27 APRIL 2025 (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR C)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16
2. 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19
3. Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.



What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Consider inviting someone to be a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. Spread the good news: "Jesus is risen!" (John 20:1-9). 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 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 POPE FRANCIS, Cliff NAUGHTON, Reba WILSON, Bev ANDERSON, Abner TAGALA, 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

FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT: - A WITNESS FOR OUR TIME:

Join us in a powerful and prayerful celebration as we mark the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, on the day of his official canonisation. Adoration| Benediction| Reconciliation| Veneration of the Relics of Carlo Acutis.

On the Jubilee for Teenagers, we gather for a Holy Hour at St Stephen's Cathedral, where we will reflect on Carlo's extraordinary faith, devotion to the Eucharist, and passion for evangelisation.

Sunday, 27 April 2025 at 3-4:30 pm. It's a free event.

TONY ALONSO - INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED COMPOSER, THEOLOGIAN & RECORDING ARTIST:

Internationally renowned USA liturgical composer, theologian and recording artist, TONY ALONSO, will be visiting Brisbane for a series of events from 15-17 May 2025. These include a lecture and two liturgy and liturgical music workshop opportunities.

Tony will also present a public concert to which all parishioners are invited.

'I Will Lift My Eyes' – An evening concert with Tony Alonso. Tony will be joined by St Laurence's College students and a Combined Parishes Choir. All are invited to an uplifting concert.

When: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, Friday, 16 May 2025 at St Laurence's College, South Brisbane.

Cost: \$20.00

Email – liturgy@liturgybrisbane.net.au

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

Interviewer: How do you explain this four-year gap on your resume?

Me: Oh, that's when I went to Yale.

Interviewer: That's impressive. You're hired.

Me: Thanks, I really need this job.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

- Psalm 108:1

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All parishioners are encouraged to scan the QR code on the front page of the newsletter to register. God bless.



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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,
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