St Brigid's Parish

Stuart - Wulguru - Woodstock

13 September 2026

On behalf of St Brigid's Parish, our Parish Priest and Parishioners, We welcome any new members to be part of our community. "All Members are a gift from God", so a very warm "Welcome" to you.

Get in Touch!

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Through our Baptism we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.
Through the love of Jesus Christ, we live and share the Good news with all.

Virtues, *Explained!*

The modern world we all must share seems, in some ways, to be shrinking.

For good or ill, thanks to the internet, the widespread use of social media, and the omnipresence of smartphones, we are finding ourselves interacting frequently with people who live, act, and think differently than we do.

It may well be that the virtue of friendliness, known officially as affability, is more important than ever.

In fact, being attached as it is to the virtue of justice, friendliness is a debt we owe our fellow human beings, writes St. Thomas Aquinas (*Sum.*, II:II, 114, Art. 2). The fact is, we cannot evangelize without kindness. We can see this in the instructions Christ gives his disciples in the Gospel of Matthew: "As you enter a house, wish it peace. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you." (Matthew 10:13)

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my parish, there was once a new employee who frequently told me she was sorry for various imperfections in her work. It could be a little tiring. I finally told her, "You know, you don't have to say 'sorry' so often." She looked me right in the eyes and said, "Father, you're right. I'm sorry." Her ear-to-ear grin betrayed that she enjoyed the irony — and that she would keep asking for forgiveness as often as she needed it.

The Gospel reading this week proclaims to us that God, in Jesus, delights in numerous requests for, and the granting of, forgiveness. To Peter's question, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus responds, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." In other words, Peter, stop counting.

Christian life should be marked by a commitment to frequent forgiveness. God never tires of forgiving us. His limitless love has overcome the power of vengeance, hatred, and division. We tap into that each and every time we ask for forgiveness or extend it to another.

How beautiful our hearts become when they become accustomed to frequent forgiveness! How joyful and attractive become our marriages, families, and parish communities! How light our souls feel when unburdened by the habit of keeping score.

Challenge: Name one thing, small or large, for which you could ask forgiveness from someone in your life. Then do it.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

		Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 9.00am
Rosters Weekend of 19/20 Sept	Readers	1. Joan Neale 2. Patricia Argaet	First Holy Communion
	Special Ministers	Joan Neale & Kaye McDonald	Jobby's
	Altar Servers		Ann Mary & Gabby
	Children's Liturgy		Holiday's
	Cleaning	Team D	
	Counting	Andrea & Carmel (19/20 Sept) - Patsy & Jo-Anne (30 Sept)	

The Pastor's Pen!

Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants for this year, especially to the remaining 8 or so who will receive Communion for the first time this Sunday morning. Also, thanks again to Tenielle for the incredible job of organising everything and to Emalie for your great support.

It was lovely to receive many positive comments after the celebrations last weekend. I thought that the celebrations flowed well, notwithstanding a couple of hiccups. We certainly didn't have any trouble with the seating, which came as some relief.

About 8 of the children who made their First Holy Communion, last weekend, attended the Chapel Mass at Southern Cross on Tuesday morning for their Second Holy Communion. It was almost as special as their First. They engaged like old hands.

A generous parishioner has contributed towards new chairs for the annex. This means that we will not run quite as short when we arrive at our Christmas celebrations.

I am also investigating some stackable chairs with arms for the sake of our more senior parishioners.

We have our Mission Council this coming Tuesday. It's come up a bit quicker this month for some reason, which I'm sure I knew but have forgotten. This month, we will explore the Synod26 pastoral priority of accompanying families with young children. This is definitely an area where there is both a lot to do and many opportunities. We will look for one or two small things which we can easily achieve.

I was asked during the week about the possibility of a men's bible study / faith formation opportunity. This has been on my radar for quite some time. If you are interested, please let me know, and keep your eyes peeled for updates.

The evening for our young adults will be held on Tuesday 22 September at 7.30pm. While much of the night will be given over to their questions, we will also discuss what ongoing opportunities they would like for gathering and faith formation. As I was explaining to two of our young adults on Sunday, Andrews and Matthew, I have not done anything specifically for young adults since I was one—back in 1991.

Given space constraints this week, I have pulled out the advert for our School of Prayer. This will be held on 24 September at 7.30pm. In anticipation of the Month of the Rosary in October, We will be exploring how to pray the rosary with greater intentionality

Fr D.

Mass Times

This Weekend

Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am

This Week

Monday	Wulguru 5.30
Tuesday	Adoration 4.30 Wulguru 5.30
Wednesday	Wulguru 5.30
Thursday	Wulguru 5.30

Next Weekend

Wulguru	Sat 6.00pm Sun 9.00am
St Brigid's	**Suspended**

Confessions

12pm to 12.15pm Saturday
Or by appointment

Our Parish

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Louise Vella-Cox
Joan Neal
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Patricia Argaet
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Notices and Events

Safeguarding Sunday – 13 September 2026

Creating safe communities where everyone is respected, valued and protected

Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for us as a Church community to reaffirm our commitment to protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults, and to creating parish communities where everyone feels safe, welcomed and respected.

This Safeguarding Sunday, we give thanks for all those who work to promote a culture of safety within our parishes and diocese. We also remember and pray for those who have experienced abuse, particularly within the Church, and acknowledge the courage it can take to speak about these experiences.

This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.

Eucharist28 – Walking with Christ

Walking with Christ is a six-part companion for Eucharistic renewal, prepared for the Church in Australia as we journey towards the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028. Drawing on Scripture, Church teaching, prayer and personal reflection, it explores Christ's presence in the Eucharist, the Mass, adoration, communion, mission and witness. It can be used individually, in a family, or with a parish group, at whatever pace suits. This is a helpful resource for anyone wishing to grow in faith and love for the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Download it at tsvcath.au/walkingwithchrist

Thank You for Supporting Our Retired Priests

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has generously supported the Clergy Foundation Appeal. Your kindness and generosity make a real difference in the lives of our retired priests, who have given many years of faithful service to the Church and our Diocese.

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If you have not yet had an opportunity to make a donation, it is not too late. Donation envelopes are still available, or you can donate easily using the QR code provided.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and continued support of our retired priests.

Migrant and Refugee Mass

Come and celebrate the Migrant and Refugee Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 20 September commencing at 10am.

The Mass will feature colourful cultural traditions, music, song and prayer, providing a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the richness and diversity of our faith community.

As we gather as one family in Christ, we give thanks for the gifts and experiences that migrants and refugees bring to our Church and wider community. Everyone is warmly invited to be part of this special celebration.

Vocations Views

"Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness, and selflessness!

baptisms

Welcome
to a new children of God:
Gabriella, Lachlan & Lillianna
baptised this Sunday
at St Joseph the Worker

Please keep in your prayers:

Pat Lee, Sue Reilly, Peter Dangerfield, May Williamson, Debra Craig, Maureen Milchem, Linda Sibley, Laura Farquhar, Lisa Haines, Margaret Catchpole, Matilda Lee, Genevieve Cochrane, Amelia Cart, Henri & Hansel Bekiesch, Toni Evans, Anne Burgess, and all in need of our prayers.

Prayers FOR Healing

May the Lord's healing hand rest upon them

Sacred Signs

The Altar

The altar is the central focus of every Catholic church. It is here that the Church gathers for the celebration of the Eucharist, the sacrament in which bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. More than simply a table, the altar symbolises both the table of the Last Supper and the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. For this reason, Catholics show the altar special reverence through gestures such as bowing and kissing the altar during Mass.

Our parish altar is simple and dignified, reflecting both strength and sacred purpose. The solid timber design conveys permanence and stability, reminding us that Christ is the foundation of the Church. The white altar cloth symbolises purity and echoes the linen cloths associated with the burial and resurrection of Jesus.

On the front of the altar is the Chi Rho symbol, one of the oldest Christian symbols. It is formed from the first two Greek letters of the word "Christ", Chi (X) and Rho (P). Early Christians used this symbol as a sign of faith in Jesus Christ, particularly during times of persecution. The Chi Rho reminds us that the Eucharist celebrated upon the altar is centred entirely on Christ.

The crossed lines beneath the symbol further draw attention to Christ's victory through the cross. Together, the design proclaims Jesus as Lord, crucified and risen.

Resting upon the altar during Mass are the Book of the Gospels, candles, and the vessels used for the Eucharist. These remind us that Christ is present in the proclaimed Word, in the gathered community, and most especially in the Blessed Sacrament.

The altar is therefore not merely a piece of furniture, but the spiritual heart of the church building, where heaven and earth meet in worship, sacrifice, thanksgiving, and communion with God.

Supporting Our Parish

Our parish relies on your generosity to continue its mission of worship, service, and care for the community. You can support us by contributing through weekly envelopes, electronic funds transfer (EFT), or planned giving. One-off donations are also gratefully received. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps maintain our church, support parish ministries, and reach out to those in need. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can share your blessings to strengthen our parish family. Thank you for your ongoing support, which ensures our faith community remains vibrant and welcoming for all. Please visit: stbrigids.au/thanksgiving

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer:

Outside of the Church, many organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, achievements, professional standings, etc. The requirements bring the group together in common purposes and goals. Within the Church, there are also basic "requirements" for receiving the sacraments. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the true "Bread of Life." It is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. When we receive the Eucharist, we are receiving Jesus. Out of reverence for Christ, only those in union with this teaching and in a state of grace should receive communion. As Catholics, we should abstain from communion if we are in mortal sin.

While we share many articles of faith with our Protestant brothers and sisters, their understanding of this teaching is fundamentally different. For most non-Catholic churches, they do not believe that Christ becomes truly present in the Eucharist. As such, they should not receive communion in a Catholic Church. These differences are greater for people of non-Christian faiths, and even more apparent for those who do not believe in God. Receiving communion is not a right, but a gift to be accepted in humble, trusting faith.

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Psalm

R/ The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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