



# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**11 - 12 APRIL 2026 YEAR A**  
**RESPONSE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE IS EVERLASTING.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me; happy those who have not seen Me, but still believe! Alleluia!**

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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

Website: [www.stpaul'swoodridge.org](http://www.stpaul'swoodridge.org)

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Choir Coordinator: **Reuben Ene**

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Email: **[safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au)**

Custodians Coordinator: **Marina Ene**  
Email: **[stpaulcustodian@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulcustodian@gmail.com)**

St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

### Custodians on duty

6—12 Apr 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**  
13—19 Apr 26 **Costello & Ula Afakasi**  
20—26 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

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026:

Enrolment for Sacrament of Confirmation is now open, and will close on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of May and ends on 21<sup>st</sup> 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, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2026, 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. FR LADU JAMES YANGA will be the celebrant this year.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:** - Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> of April 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 Francis Evangelist at 7:00 pm. Benediction and confessions will follow. For more information please contact Miguel and Ana Vilma Miranda.

### NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING SERVICES ABOUT TRAINING MODULE:

As a religious body we have a moral, theological and pastoral responsibility flowing directly from the gospel to protect children. With this in mind as well as the impending introduction of the Reportable Conduct Scheme on 1 July 2026, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will soon be rolling out a short training module to equip everyone with the necessary skills to allow us to remain a Child Safe Organisation. This training was one of the recommendations made by Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd following the audit conducted in 2025 and will be available on the Arch e-Learn training platform for all clergy, staff, and volunteers. It is envisaged that this will occur on 21 April 2026. We trust that you will embrace this training which is a one-off module with some of the content being absorbed into future Safeguarding Training modules.

Additionally, the Office for Safeguarding Services will be offering some webinars to provide contextual information on the Reportable Conduct Scheme and step through some practical scenarios addressing how our obligations can be met.

### ST PAUL'S PARISH, WOODRIDGE BANK DETAILS:

For those who wish to donate directly online. Thank you.  
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BSB: 064 786  
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### GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 20:19-31

This episode with Thomas is unique to John, but it has the same intention as the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus to the disciples in Luke 24. Both texts affirm the bodily resurrection of Jesus – Luke's Jesus asks for something to eat, John's Jesus challenges Thomas to feel His wounds – but they also insist that Jesus' body is not the same as it was. He can appear and disappear at will, He can pass through the locked doors. His body does not have the same physical substance as before.

The doors are locked because the disciples are in fear of the Jews – but they are Jews. So what is the issue here? John's gospel consistently refers to the Jewish authorities that were opposed to Jesus as 'the Jews'. This does not mean all the Jews. Only those who took exception to Jesus, His mission and the effect He was having with a considerable number of His Jewish compatriots.

What is striking here is that Jesus makes no reference to Peter's cowardice in denying Him or the flight of the rest of them for fear of apprehension and torture. They abandoned Him in disgraceful fashion and yet He has no recriminations. In fact, He begins with the standard Jewish blessing of peace and commissions them to spread the Good Word.

Thomas in this scene is the evangelist's mouthpiece for those who cannot deal with the reality of a human being rising from the dead. Thomas seems to be hard-headed but when he is challenged by Jesus he folds and expresses his faith. This is a true to life recognition of Jesus' identity and it takes us back to the beginning of this gospel where 'the Word became human and lived among us.'

- Laurie Woods

### POPE CALLS ON WORLD LEADERS TO LAY DOWN THEIR WEAPONS:

Pope Leo XIV delivered a passionate appeal for peace on Easter Sunday, declaring that the power of the Risen Christ is "entirely nonviolent" and urging world leaders to lay down their weapons and choose dialogue over domination.

Source: OSV News.

### SURGE IN NUMBER OF ADULTS BEING BAPTISED, CONFIRMED:

Saturday night's Easter Vigil Masses were marked by a worldwide trend – a 30 per cent surge in the number of adults, mainly young people in their 20s, being baptised or confirmed into the Catholic Church.

Source: The Australian.

### SVDP SEWING CLASS AT WOODRIDGE:

St Vincent de Paul Sewing Class will start on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 and ends on the 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$241.70. Thank you.

## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – APRIL & MAY 2026

17-18 April 2026: Sri Lankan Community  
 24-25 April 2026: Vaioleti Family  
 1-2 May 2026: Sia Save Family  
 8-9 May 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

### READERS THIS WEEK: 11/12 APRIL 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Marina Ene	Lillian Tagaloa	Holy Trinity
Atele Ula	Theresa Tominiko	Choir
Rebecca De Los Ama	Shana Tominiko	

### READERS NEXT WEEK: 18/19 APRIL 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Atele Ula	Lua'ao Perez	Divine Mercy
Pesi Silao	Mago Tausaga	Choir
Rebecca De Los Ama	Marina Ene	

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 11/12 APRIL 2026 (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:42-47
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
3. Gospel: John 20:19-31

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 18/19 APRIL 2026 (3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21
3. Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

**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.**



It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: “We have seen the Lord.” With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto: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 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.

**EASTER CALLS US TO RECOMMIT TO BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS:** This weekend we Christians, no matter what the perilous circumstances in which we find ourselves, joyfully declare that the Lord is Risen, that hope triumphs, ultimately, writes Fr Frank Brennan SJ. Source: The Australian

### CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:

**WALK WITH JESUS:** Please save the date -

This year the Eucharistic procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi at the Cathedral of St Stephen will be on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 at 2:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried and move through the city streets and return to the Cathedral for Benediction.

Processions have long been part of our Catholic tradition. They express our shared journey of discipleship and remind us that we walk together in faith, guided by the presence of Christ among us. In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, we are especially called to walk with a spirit of simplicity, peace, and fraternity. In this year's procession we will also carry the Migrant Jubilee Cross as part of its National Pilgrimage. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the faith, gifts and resilience that migrants and communities bring to our local Church.

**Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition:** Hanly Room, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> of June from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm & 7<sup>th</sup> of June from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Vigil Adoration:** St Stephen's Chapel, Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> of June from 7:00 pm – Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> of June 8:00 am.

For more information please contact – [inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au)

### LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS

Bill's wife was pregnant. The couple were meeting with their doctor to go over preparations for the birth. The doctor asked Bill, 'Have you ever been present during childbirth before?' Bill said, 'Yes, one other time.' The doctor asked, 'And what was that experience like?' Bill said, 'The room was very dark and then suddenly very bright, but I don't remember much before that.'

### PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Lord, right now I feel so overwhelmed. Help me to rest in You. Help me to remember that You love me, that You are with me even in my deepest heartaches. Help me to remember Your promise that nothing “will be able to separate me from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:39 NASB

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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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