



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

13 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 YEAR C

RESPONSE: DO NOT FORGET THE WORKS
OF THE LORD!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You, because by Your cross You have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty
8— 14 Sept 25 Costello & Ula Afakasi
15— 21 Sept 25 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
22 -28 Sept 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

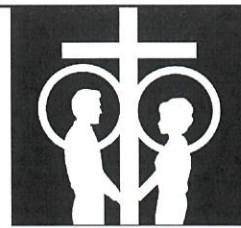
OF THE WORD

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

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

1 PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 6 jars (1,000 count)	- \$170.24
Medium hosts – 3 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 41.85
Large hosts – 10 boxes of 10 pcs	- 149.50
Energy Australia – parish	- 444.54
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	- 281.26
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 161.12
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 376.20
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,421.31
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,371.87
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 762.12
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 328.40
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 271.26
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	- 24,550.00
Total Operating Expenses	- \$30,627.50

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,317.65. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

THANK YOU:

To the Fundraising Committee for their dedication and amazing effort for organising Father's Day Dance and Raffle Draw, to everyone who made it happen, and to all the parishioners for their continued support to the parish. God bless us all.

CONGRATULATIONS! – to the winners of the Father's Day Raffle Draw.

1. Donatien Kuyaga & Fidensi Nizigiyimana
2. Tomasi Louis & Marie Leota Alosio
3. Donatien Kuyaga & Fidensi Nizigiyimana

QUEENSLAND CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2025:

From Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 September 2025, we come together to recognise Queensland Child Protection Week – a time to celebrate our shared responsibility in creating safe, supportive, and nurturing environments for children and young people.

Keeping children safe from harm is a responsibility we all share. When communities work together, children grow up feeling valued, protected, and heard.

Children and young people often show great courage when they share their experiences. Listening to them – and believing them – is one of the most powerful ways we can protect them. By responding with care, respect, and action, we send a strong message that their voices matter. If you believe a child is in immediate danger or a life-threatening situation, call Triple Zero (000).

If you are concerned that a child in Queensland may be experiencing harm, is at risk of harm, or may be neglected, you can:

. During business hours – contact your nearest Child Safety Regional Intake Service.

. After hours – call the Child Safety After Hours Service Centre on 1800 177 135 (available 24/7).

Together, we can create a Queensland where every child is safe, supported, and able to thrive.

Protecting children is everyone's business.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 3:13-17

So, today is dedicated to the importance of what the cross represents for the followers of Jesus. In time, the cross became the badge of the Jesus people because it stood for the enormous gift of Himself that Jesus made for our sake. As St Paul put it, He humbled Himself and submitted Himself to death on a cross.

It is worth bearing in mind that the cross in the gospel of John is a sign of triumph over death, whereas in the three Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke it is presented as a tragedy. John doesn't quote Jesus crying out, 'My God, My God why have You abandoned Me?' because he wants to focus on Jesus' gift of Himself as sacrifice. John parallels this self-sacrifice with the Paschal Lamb that was slaughtered by the Israelites in Egypt as food for their escape to freedom under the leadership of Moses.

The key issue, though, in all four gospels is that Jesus' death on the cross is not the end. The resurrection of Jesus is His ultimate victory over death and so the climax of each gospel is Christ Risen. He was lifted up on the cross for our salvation and then was raised up from the tomb in ultimate triumph over death.

Our partnership with Jesus is a journey to wholeness where we become part of the realm of God. After all, He said, if you take My yoke upon you, that is, if you do it My way we will be in partnership, and you will find deep peace and wholeness in your inmost being, knowing that you are on the right track (Matthew 11:29-30, My paraphrase).

- Laurie Woods


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

ST PAUL'S PARISH PUBLIC ROSARY: - On Saturday, 11th of October 2025 after 9:00 am Mass. Please contact Adela Eastell for more information.

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY: - Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled Church.

In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

ROSTERS		
CLEANERS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025		
12-13 September 2025: Sia Save Family		
19-20 September 2025: Sally Pa’apa’a Family		
26-27 September 2025: Zomi Community		
3-4 October 2025: Veamatahau & Ioane Family		
READERS THIS WEEK: 13/14 SEPTEMBER 2025		
6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Pesi Silao	Shana Tominiko	Holy Trinity
Marina Ene	Lillian Tagaloa	Choir
Atele Ula	Theresa Tominiko	
READERS NEXT WEEK: 20/21 SEPTEMBER 2025		
6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Rebecca De Los Ama	Marina Ene	Holy Trinity
Julita Jaurigue	Jeannie Stehr	Choir
Andrea Nigodemo Idris	Mago Ioane Tausaga	
THIS WEEK’S READINGS- 13/14 SEPTEMBER 2025 (THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS SUNDAY – YEAR C)		
1. 1st Reading:	Numbers 21:4-9	
2. 2 nd Reading:	Philippians 2:6-11	
3. Gospel:	John 3:13-17	
NEXT WEEK’S READINGS-20/21 SEPTEMBER 2025 (25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C)		
1. 1st Reading:	Amos 8:4-7	
2. 2 nd Reading:	1 Timothy 2:1-8	
3. Gospel:	Luke 16:1-13	
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.		
<div> vocation BRISBANE.com</div> <p>“God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life.” Follow Christ with your life that you too may have eternal life. (John 3:13-17). To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</p>		
<u>PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES</u> – We pray for Fr John CHALMERS, Matthew & Peg EDWARDS, 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.		
<u>PRAYERS FOR THE SICK</u> – We pray for God’s healing touch for Ndayizeye Lina GABRIELL, Liliana DERNIER, Kevin HICKS, Tess VETHECAN, 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.		
POOR BOX - last weekend is \$194.70. Thank you.		

CONGRATULATIONS! – and welcome into our faith community, Nay MOH, Shar REH, and Oo Reh OO who were fully initiated on Friday, 12th of September 2025, and Zylah Marina FRANK who was baptised on Saturday, 13th of September 2025 by FR LADU JAMES YANGA. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

SAVE THE DATES:

LOGAN DEANERY BEAUDESERT PILGRIMAGE: - Saturday, 22nd of November 2025. A Family Day of prayers, reconciliation, music, food, followed by Mass. Please register your interest to travel by bus, number of people will determine bus fares. Please write your name in the folder at the entrance of the Church.

30 November 2025 – St Paul's Multicultural Mass at 9:00 am. More details to follow.

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE FACES RETIREMENT WITH 'MIXED FEELINGS':

Archbishop Mark Coleridge says he faces his retirement on Thursday with “very mixed feelings” of loss, anticipation and what he calls the “sneaky working of grace”.

Source: The Catholic Leader.

JOKE: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

Breaking news: historians believe that they've uncovered a cache of pencils that once belonged to William Shakespeare.

A spokesperson said, “They're so badly chewed on the ends, we can't tell if they're 2B or not 2B.”

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

You guard us, Lord God, beneath the shelter of Your wings till the storms of destruction pass by.

– Psalm 57:1

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025:

Parent-Info Session – Friday, 17th of October at 3:30 pm in the Church.

Five First Holy Communion Classes – every Friday at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Church. It starts on the 24th of October, 31st of October, 7th of November, 14th of November and ends on the 21st 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, 22nd of November 2025 at 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 Friday, 17th of October 2025. 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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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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