# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
## 14 – 15 NOVEMBER 2026 YEAR A

**RESPONSE: HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Live in Me and let Me live in you, says the Lord; My branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!**

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## PARISH INFORMATION

**Website: www.stpaul'swoodridge.org**

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| **Parish Priest** | **FR LADU JAMES YANGA Ph (07) 3808 4134** |
| Presbytery | 75 Ewing Road, Woodridge Ph 3808 7661 (8pm-8am) |
| Parish Office | **3 St Paul's Drive, Woodridge Ph 3808 4134** |
| Postal Address | PO Box 98 Woodridge 411 4 |
| Email Address | **woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au** |
| Office Hours | **Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm** |
| Parish Secretary | **Mary Ann Policios Barbour Ph (07) 3808 4134** |
| Pastoral Council Chairman: | **Peter Geidamovics** |
| | **Email: pastoral.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au** |
| Pastoral Council Secretary: | **Marina Ene** |

**St Paul's School Principal: Helen Boyes Ph (07) 3208 2868**
St Paul's Primary School Email: **pwoodridge@bne.catholic.edu.au**
RCIA Coordinator: **Tess Vethecan-Kessels**
Choir Coordinator: **Reuben Ene**

**WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer: Marina Ene**
**Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au**
**Custodians Coordinator: Marina Ene**
**Email: stpaulcustodian@gmail.com**
**St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643**

**Custodians on duty**

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| **9 – 15 Nov 26** | **Costello & Ula Afakasi** |
| **16 -22 Nov 26** | **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau** |
| **23—29 Nov 26** | **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a** |

Parish Caretaker: **Glen Reiha**
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: **Margaret Harvey** Mob: 0411 300 209

### 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 BURMESE MASS- 1ST SUNDAY 11AM**
**KARENNI BURMESE MASS- 4TH SUNDAY– 10:30 AM**

### 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** -7pm 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

### BAPTISM PREPARATION
### MARRIAGE



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 meetiing 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.




### PREPARATION

**By appointment with priest**



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:**
Congratulations to our 21 communicants who will celebrate their First Holy Communion this Saturday, 21st of November 2026. Mass will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA at 11:00 am.

A quick reminder to parents/carers to please come half an hour early for the seating arrangements. Thank you and see you then!

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT ROLE AVAILABLE:**
To apply, please provide a resume and a cover letter. Please apply directly through seek via this link: https://au.seek.com/job/95459953.

Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS SHOP – ST PAUL'S PARISH, WOODRIDGE:** On 21st & 22nd of November 2026. All proceeds will go towards parish maintenance.

**POOR BOX** – last weekend is $153.90. Thank you.

**THE SECRET CATHOLIC BY PETER PELLICAAN:**
Archdiocesan Ministries Executive Director Deacon Peter Pellicaan's book, *The Secret Catholic*, in now available to order.

For many, curiosity about faith begins quietly. *The Secret Catholic* is written especially for the average person who is just a little bit curious about the Catholic faith, or for someone who knows a person who occasionally asks questions about Catholicism. It is the kind of book you might leave nearby, on a coffee table or a shelf, in the hope that it will be picked up, read, and perhaps even spark a journey toward becoming a Catholic.

Order at tinyurl.com/TheSecretCatholic

**POPE HIGHLIGHTS SOCIAL PROBLEMS ON DAY ONE IN ARGENTINA:**
On his first day in Argentina, Pope Leo XIV spoke about crime, economic inequality and political polarisation, among other topics, in a wide-ranging speech to President Javier Milei and other dignitaries.

Source: EWTN News.

**CALL FOR PACIFIC TO BE RECOGNISED AS A 'SACRED OCEAN':**
Caritas Oceania has called on governments, international leaders, and Church communities worldwide to recognise the Pacific as a "sacred ocean" and to take urgent action in response to extreme human and ecological disruption.

Source: CathNews.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 25:14-30**
This parable is all about the way we respond to the gifts we have and the realisation of our potential. It is so easy to hear this story and feel that the third servant is badly done by. We could think that there is really nothing wrong with being so paralysed by fear that we never step into the unknown or take a risk. The problem here is that the third servant did nothing wrong but his mistake was not measuring up to the expectations of his master.
What happens if you don't use your gifts? They atrophy; they wither away for lack of exercise. Thinking also of the woman in the first reading from Proverbs we could come to the conclusion that the measure of a worthwhile life is found in the responsible exercise of the gifts that have been given to us. It's about the faithfulness, wisdom, courageous generosity and responsibility of the response.
Notice there is no comparison between the first and second servant. They are both equally commended for having brought in worthwhile returns on their investments, even though the sums are different. Each one has achieved his potential and stands to receive a suitable reward. It tells us that our worth is not measured in comparison with others. What matters is our faithful response to the opportunities we have seized and the use we have made of our gifts.
The issue with the third servant tells us that fear of failure, criticism or making mistakes can cause us to seize up and not take even a first step to achieve anything worthwhile. Commitment to using our talents and being prepared to have-a-go is the first step on the journey to achievement.
Spiritual maturity becomes visible in the small but meaningful ways we show dependability, integrity, generosity and care for others.
Rather than waste time comparing ourselves with others we do better to notice the gifts that other people have and offer a word of appreciation where appropriate.
– Laurie Woods

**GREEN ROSARIES AND A COMMITMENT TO PRAYER AND SERVICE:**
The Little Friars and Nuns have arrived in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese for a 10-day visit following an invitation from Bishop Michael Kennedy.

Source: CathNews.

**HELPING CHURCH WORKERS CONNECT THEIR WORK WITH ITS MISSION:**
Catholic organisations face a shared challenge: helping employees from diverse faith backgrounds understand the Church's mission and how their everyday work contributes to it.

Source: The Catholic Weekly.

## ROSTERS

**CLEANERS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026**
20-21 November 2026: Divine Mercy Group
27-28 November 2026: Syriac Community
4-5 December 2026: Sri Lankan Community
11-12 December 2026: Vaioleti Family

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 14/15 NOV 2026 (33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)**

1. 1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
3. Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 21/22 NOVEMBER 2026 (CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – YEAR A)**

1. 1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
3. Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

**PIETY STORE – Opening hours are: Monday and Wednesday 9:30 am – 10:30 am. Saturdays: 6:45 pm, Sundays: 8:15 am and 10 am.**

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**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 Didiella UWIMANA, Robin CLARK, Justine MANGWI, Reba WILSON, 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**

**ALL CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO BE EVANGELISTS – POPE:**
**Pope Leo XIV said all Christians are called to be saints and, hence, evangelists, drawing inspiration and guidance from the Church's canonised holy men and women.**
**Source: EWTN News.**

**HOBART SYNOD – Heralds new era for missionary Church: - Tasmania is a beautiful place but it is also the least religious place in Australia, according to Hobart Archbishop Tony Ireland. Source: Hobart Archdiocese.**

**ADVENT ALL-IN – ENCOUNTER – RENEW - REJOICE:**
**Logan Deanery Youth will be hosting an Advent All-In with the theme "Prepare the Way of the Lord" and are inviting all the youth aged 12-35 to join them for a night of praise, worship and fellowship.**
**- Praise and Worship**
**- Guest Speaker**
**- Testimony**
**- Prayer Teams**
**- Reconciliation**
**- Prayer Activities**
**- Food for Sale**

**When: Friday, 27 November 2026 at 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**
**Where: St Edward the Confessor School Hall, Daisy Hill.**

**WOMEN'S RETREAT – FACETS OF GRACE:**
**The Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries is delighted to invite women to a transformative retreat exploring Saint Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle. During our time together we will discover the facets of grace available to all of us and Teresa's beautiful metaphors revealing the beauty and dignity of our souls.**
**This retreat is for women of all ages who are seeking to connect with God in a creative and fresh way. Whether you're new to retreat experiences or seasoned, you are very welcome. Come as you are.**
**When: 7 December 2026, 6:00 pm**
**Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston).**
**Register here: tinyurl.com/womensRdec26**

**DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS**
**I never remember what people tell me at New Year's Eve parties.**
**It just goes in one year and out the other.**

**PRAYERS FOR YOU:**
**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.**
**– Psalm 19:14 ESV**

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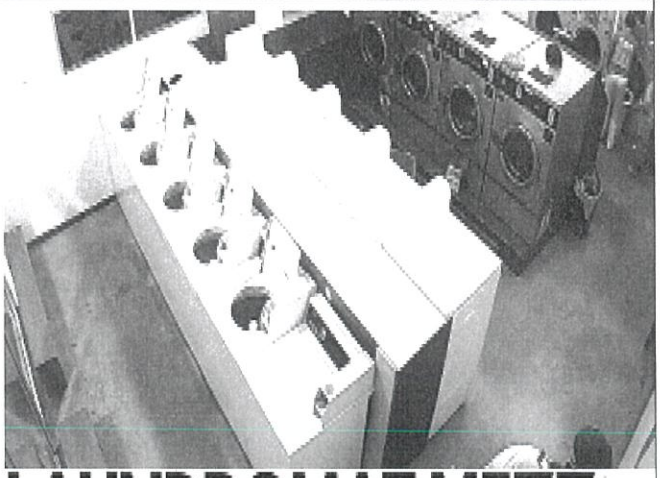
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**RUMMIKUB** = Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Ed Centre Cost: 2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

**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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