



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 - 18 MAY 2025 YEAR C

RESPONSE: I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR EVER,
MY KING AND MY GOD.

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

Website: www.stpaul'swoodridge.org

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12—18 May 25 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
19—25 May 25 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
26 May - 01 June 25 Costello & Ula Afakasi
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 & presbytery	- 1,135.24
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,352.70
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 762.12
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 328.15
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 473.66
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,550.00

Total Operating Expenses - \$30,937.55

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,509.00. 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.

THANK YOU:

- 1.) To the Fundraising Committee for their dedication and amazing effort with Mother's Day Dinner Dance and to all who helped out to make the event possible. Total funds raised is \$16,490.00. Well done everyone!
- 2.) Salote Sole for the beautiful corsages for all the mothers on last Sunday's Mother's Day celebration.
- 3.) To all parishioners for their generous support for all the parish fundraising. Total funds raised for Church repairs and maintenance is now \$41,735.55. God bless us all.

SAMOA MASS:

. Mo I latou uma e fia au ai i viiga o le Atua mo le fu'a a Samoa I le aso 1 Iuni 2025. I le Misasa e taitai e le Afioga Patele Talipope Vaifale, o aso o aoga pese mo le misasa: (for all those who wish to join the choir for Samoan independence commemoration services below are the dates).

. Aso Sa aso 4 Me 2025 I le 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Palisi Woodridge.

. Aso Sa aso 18 Me 2025 I le 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Palisi Woodridge

. Aso toanai aso 24 Me 2025 I le 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Fa'ata'ita'ina o le misasa ma Patele Talipope.

. Aso toanai aso 31 Me 2025 I le 10:00 am – 1:00 pm fa'ataitaina mulimuli.

. Aso Sa, aso 1 Iuni 2025 I le 5:00 pm amata le Misasa I le palisi Woodridge.

Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 13:31–35

This is the Last Supper scene after Judas had received the piece of bread from Jesus and went out into the dark. The writer is referring to a previous statement where he wrote about Jesus the light coming into the world but people preferred the darkness because their deeds were evil (John 3:19). This scene also heightens the contrast between Judas and the Beloved Disciple.

This is the beginning of Jesus' farewell discourse, which is quite lengthy in the fourth gospel. As we know, Jesus will warn His men and women followers that they will have to undergo insult and even arrest and torture for their allegiance to Him. He assures them that the Paraclete, the Spirit of support and reassurance, will sustain them and give them the courage to endure.

Jesus addresses His disciples as 'children' (Greek. *teknia*), which was a term commonly used by teachers for their pupils. It went some way to expressing the relationship between rabbis and students. For their part, students were very respectful of their teachers in this society.

The high point here is that Jesus voices His signature requirement. His authentic followers will be known by the love they have for one another. Although this already exists in Jewish tradition and most particularly in Leviticus 19:18, *You shall love your neighbour as yourself*, Jesus is here making love the identifying mark of His committed followers. The love He speaks of is grounded in respect and appreciation of the other, and it is worth bearing in mind that looking for the good in others is a sign of maturity and sound mental health.

– Laurie Woods

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$122.90. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025:

Five Confirmation Classes – every Friday at 3:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 23rd of May, 30th of May, 6th and 13th of June, and ends on 20th of June. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday. 21st of June 2025, 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. FR LADU JAMES YANGA will be the celebrant this year.

Enrolment for Sacrament of Confirmation is now open, and will close on Friday, 16th of May 2025. 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.

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

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – MAY & JUNE 2025

16-17 May 2025: Burundian Community
23-24 May 2025: Burmese Community
30-31 May 2025: Divine Mercy Group
6-7 June 2025: Vaioleti Family

READERS THIS WEEK: 17/18 MAY 2025

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Rebecca Delos Ama	Marina Ene	Divine Mercy
Julita Jaurigue	Jeannie Stehr	Choir
Andrea Nigodemo Idris	Mago Ioane Tausaga	

READERS NEXT WEEK: 24/25 MAY 2025

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
St Mother Teresa Choir	Helen O'Brien Tiitii	St Paul's
	Kolise Ioane Tausaga	Tongan Chr
	Mago Ioane Tausaga	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 17/18 MAY 2025 (5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR C)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27
2. 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5
3. Gospel: John 13:31-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 24/25 MAY 2025 (6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR C)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
2. 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
3. Gospel: John 14:23-29

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.



God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal His presence. (Revelation 21:1-5). 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 Fran KENNEDY, 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 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.

SYDNEY PRIEST ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE CONSECRATED UNDER NEW PONTIFICATE:

As the world reacted to the election of Pope Leo XIV, Fr Matthew Timonera OFM Cap was quietly preparing for a momentous milestone of his own-ordination to the priesthood.

Source: The Catholic Weekly.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

Sunday, 22 June 2025, 2:00 pm - Cathedral of St Stephen, Brisbane City.

Starting and ending at the Cathedral of St Stephen and featuring prayers, rosary, hymns and Benediction with proceedings led by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Also includes:

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

(Saturday 21st – Sunday 22nd June, 9:00 am-5:00pm, Hanly Room) and

Vigil Night Adoration

(Saturday 21st June 7:00 pm – Sunday 22nd June 8:00 am, St Stephen's Chapel)

Email: inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au

Phone: 0475 408 508.

ARCHBISHOP'S VOCATION DINNER FOR MEN:

The Archbishop's Vocation Dinners are evenings that provides space for those discerning their vocation to gather and connect.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will share his vocational discernment journey to provide insight and wisdom into your own discernment and your current questions.

When: Thursday, 22 May 2025

To express your interest in attending, please email – vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS

A man was talking to his four-year-old son who was cute, inquisitive and bright. Out of the blue he asked his Dad to explain what marriage was.

The boy was having some difficulty getting the idea, so the father took out the photo album and showed pictures of his wedding day. He explained the process of the bride dressed in her bridal gown arriving at the church, processing down the aisle, and then the reception.

'Now do you understand?' he asked.

'I think so,' the boy said. 'Is that when Mummy came to work for us?'

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways.

- Psalm 119:15

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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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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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