



# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**2 - 3 MAY 2026 YEAR A**

**RESPONSE: LORD, LET YOUR MERCY BE ON US,  
AS WE PLACE OUR TRUST IN YOU.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life,  
says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. 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

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St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

### Custodians on duty

27 Apr—3 May 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**

4 – 10 May 26 **Costello & Ula Afakasi**

11 —17 May 26 **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**

Parish Caretaker: **Glen Reiha**

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

### 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 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.



### PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A PRAYER TO END DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE:

Loving and Just God,

As we cry out for an end to the suffering of the innocent,  
You cry with us.

As we cry out in righteous anger against violence of all  
kinds, You cry with us.

As we cry out in frustration that cultural change is  
happening far too slowly, You cry with us.

While it may feel like it at times, we are not crying out  
alone, we are not crying out in vain... Our cries are Your  
cries too.

As You blend Your voice with ours, lend us Your strength  
too, so that we may continue to do what it takes to put an  
end domestic and family violence.

Lend us Your strength, so we can continue to challenge  
harmful behaviours, misuses of power and authority,  
misconceptions, and misinformation.

Lend us Your courage, so we can continue to bring to light  
the reality of who is impacted, and how widespread  
domestic and family violence is.

Our hands are Yours, so let us not shy away from reaching  
out to those in need of practical support.

Our feet are Yours, so let us not walk away from those in  
need of community and belonging as they bravely step out  
of violent relationships.

Our eyes are Yours, so let us not be blind to those that try  
to cover up the abuse out of fear or shame.

Our ears are Yours, so let us not be deaf to the roaring cry  
that enough is enough... it is time to end domestic and  
family violence once and for all.

We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

HEALING MASS – Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2026, 9:00 am  
at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge and will be  
celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA. All are  
welcome.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE  
– NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE: to be held 3  
May, 10 May, 17 May and 24 May 2026:

The process is different this year in line with the  
Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count  
of Attendance requesting numbers attending online  
Masses, and demographic information in Weekends 3 and  
4. Information about the 'Sex' of attenders is asked  
during Weekend 3; Information about the 'Age' of  
attenders is asked during Weekend 4. There are only five  
age groups: 0-17 years, 18-29 years, 30-49 years, 50-69  
years and 70 years and over.

The information provided through the Mass count  
provides valuable insight into trends of attendance at both  
a local level and a national level.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 14:1-12

This reading is a section of John's account of Jesus' farewell discourse at the last supper. The whole discourse highlights Jesus' affection and deep concern for His disciples after His departure. He begins on a note of reassurance, 'Don't let your hearts be disturbed/unsettled. Trust in God, and trust in Me.' So much of this final discourse deals with the close relationship between Jesus and the men and women who have followed Him through thick and thin so far. When we consider that He has already performed an act of courtesy and service by washing the feet of His close male and female friends, we can't help but be bowled over by His generosity. Here was a Man fully aware that He was about to be arrested and condemned going outside Himself to show the bond He felt with His own. Most of us would be too gripped by fear to think of reaching out to others.

Jesus goes on to emphasise His oneness with the Father. His words are expressing an indescribable unity and harmony between Him and the Father. It's good to keep in mind that the evangelist introduced Jesus as the human form of the Word of God, that is, Jesus is the Supreme Medium of divine communication, revealing to us what God wants us to know.

In response to Thomas' question Jesus declares He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Jewish tradition the Scriptures maintained that the Torah was the way to God and a fulfilling life. But here Jesus is replacing Torah as a living embodiment of the way to authentic life with God. In fact, throughout this gospel we have Jesus speaking the Father's words and doing the Father's works, thereby highlighting the unity of Jesus and the Father.

A takeaway from this is that knowing God is not intellectual, that is, not based on the mind but rather on experience. The love Jesus talks about in His farewell discourse is equally experiential; it doesn't work unless it is in a relationship. Jesus will go on to say that knowing and loving Him will show itself in the effort we make to know and love one another. And it would make sense to say that the first step in this process is to look for the good in the other. It is a sign of sound mental health when we have a habit of looking for the good in those we encounter in life.

- Laurie Woods

ST PAUL'S CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2026 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the parish hall, in line with the upcoming Confirmation 2026 celebration on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May at 11:00 am.

REMINDER - ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: - for July to December 2026 are now on the table at the back of the Church ready for collection.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$188.00. Thank you.

## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – MAY 2026

8-9 May 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

15-16 May 2026: Zomi Community

22-23 May 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

29-30 May 2026: Samoan Women's Group

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 2/3 MAY 2026 (5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 6:1-7

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

3. Gospel: John 14:1-12

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 9/10 MAY 2026 (6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – YEAR A)

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

3. Gospel: John 14:15-21

**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.**



The institution of the Diaconate is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational, or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today. 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 Kolorinda Juwan YANGA, Charlie GURREN, 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.

**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

### THE MARRIAGE COURSE: 7 NIGHTS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP:

The Alpha Marriage Course is a practical, seven-session series designed to help couples strengthen and invest in their relationship, offering couples practical tools to build deeper connection, navigate challenges, and nurture a thriving, lifelong partnership.

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For more information please visit – [tinyurl.com/amc7nights](http://tinyurl.com/amc7nights)

### JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS: 1226-2026 – FRANCISCAN FRIARS VOCATION DINNER BRISBANE:

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Mass + Evening Prayer

Followed by a meal with the Friars

Venue: Kedron Franciscan Friary

Address: 21 Adele Street, Kedron

You're welcome to join the Franciscan Friars at Kedron Friary for a night of prayer, food and faith. It will be an opportunity for men to ask questions about Franciscan religious life.

For further information and to RSVP contact:

Harry Chan OFM – [vocations@franciscans.org.au](mailto:vocations@franciscans.org.au)

or call 0420 582 266

### FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 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, with proceedings led by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay. 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 June 2026 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm/ Sunday, 7 June 2026 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Vigil Adoration: St Stephen's Chapel – Saturday, 6 June 2026 from 7:00 pm to Sunday, 7 June 2026 8:00 am.

For more event information including donations please contact - [inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:inclusion@bne.catholic.net.au)

### LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS

A monastery was in financial trouble, so it went into the fish-and-chips business to raise money.

One night a customer knocked on the monastery door. A monk answered.

The customer asked, 'Are you the fish friar?'

'No,' he replied. 'I'm the chip monk.'

### PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Lord, thank You for the privilege of a personal relationship with You. Help me not to take for granted the awe-inspiring right I have as Your child: to run to You, to be held tight, to be cradled lovingly in Your arms.

- Thomas Nelson  
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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,  
Woodridge. An Appointment is essential. This advisory service is for  
those who cannot afford the services of a migration agent/lawyer. Please ring 1  
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