



# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**21 - 22 FEBRUARY 2026 YEAR A**  
**RESPONSE: BE MERCIFUL, O LORD,**  
**FOR WE HAVE SINNED.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every Word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!**

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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- 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

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

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### Custodians on duty

16—22 Feb 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi  
23 Feb—01 Mar 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau  
02 – 8 Mar 26 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



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS****PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Small hosts – 4 jars (1,000 count)	- \$110.65
Medium hosts – 1 box of 50 pcs.	- 16.80
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 80.35
Energy Australia – parish	- 444.54
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-510.62
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 164.75
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 385.69
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,286.71
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,430.48
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 778.13
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 405.95
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 235.06
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-27,720.98</u>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>- \$33,868.54</b>

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,522.10. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

**LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULES 2026:**

**Saturday: 28 March 2026 – 6:00 pm Mass for Palm Sunday - Fr Ladu**

**Sunday: 29 March 2026 – Palm Sunday – Fr Ladu**  
- 7:30 am & 9:00 am Masses  
- 4pm - 8pm – Weekend Mass Syriac Comm – Fr Lenard

**Monday: 30 March 2026 – 9:00 am Mass – Parish Lenten Retreat – Fr Ray**

**Tuesday: 31 March 2026 – No Mass**

**Wednesday: 1 April 2026 – 9:00 am Healing Mass – Fr Ladu**  
- 6:00 pm – 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation – Fr Ladu

**HOLY THURSDAY: 2 April 2026 – No 9:00 am Mass & No Reconciliation**  
2pm-5pm- Syriac Community Holy Thursday Mass – Fr Lenard  
- 6:00 pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – Fr Ladu  
Rosary after Mass – led by the Samoan Community

**GOOD FRIDAY: 3 April 2026 – No 9:00 am Mass & No Reconciliation**  
- 9:00 am – Stations of the Cross in the Church – Fr Ladu  
- 3:00 pm – The Passion of our Lord – Re-enactment  
- 4:30 pm - Divine Mercy Novena  
- 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm – Syriac Community Good Friday Service – Fr Lenard

**EASTER VIGIL: 4 April 2026 – No 9:00 am Mass**  
- 9:00 am – 1<sup>st</sup> Rite of Reconciliation – Fr Ladu  
- 6:00 pm – Easter Vigil Mass – Fr Ladu  
- 9:00 pm – 11:30pm – Syriac Community Easter Vigil Mass – Fr Lenard

**EASTER SUNDAY: 5 April 2026 – Fr Ladu**  
- 7:30 am & 9:00 am Masses  
4pm – 8pm – Syriac Community Mass – Fr Lenard

**REMINDER FOR FEAST DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**  
Tuesday, 17 March 2026 – Feast of St Patrick  
Thursday, 19 March 2026 – Feast of St Joseph  
Wednesday, 25 March 2026 – Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. All Masses will be celebrated by Fr Ladu.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 4:1-11**

This incident has all the overtones of the temptations experienced by the people in the desert under Moses’ leadership after their exodus from Egypt. These were temptations to turn from God and embrace other deities.

The setting follows on from the end of Matthew 3 where Jesus has a Spirit experience after John immersed Him in the Jordan. Following the prophetic tradition Jesus goes into retreat to reflect on His experience and to discern the inspiration He is having to follow, in some way or other, the direction of John.

Satan puts three tests to Jesus that respond to charges that were later made by His opponents. First to turn stones into bread. Jesus responds with verses from Scripture and dismisses the temptation. This is Matthew’s way of saying Jesus is no magician. Instead of having faith in God the Israelites grizzled in the desert because they had no bread. That was a failure on their part.

Next, Jesus is tempted to jump from the top of the temple. Jesus responds to Satan with a ‘forget it!’ and refers to the Israelites’ blundering by putting God to the test with their discontent and whingeing in the desert.

Lastly, Jesus is tempted with power over all the empires of the world if he was to worship Satan. Again, Jesus gives him the flick and reinforces the conviction that only the Lord God is to be worshipped. This reminds us of the Israelites who worshipped the golden calf that Aaron, brother of Moses, set up for them.

We are seeing in today’s readings the process and effect of temptation in the lives of human beings. Where the first Adam fails the test, Christ as the second Adam comes through with distinction. Israel in the desert fails and Jesus as the new Israel overcomes the force of evil.

- Laurie Woods

**ST PAUL’S PARISH CHOIR** – in preparation for Lent and Easter seasons please note St Paul’s Choir will hold choir practices every Saturday for the whole month of March 2026 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to join as this choir is our Parish Choir. If you wish to obtain a choir uniform please contact Marina on 0426 011 160, ASAP.

**LITURGY/PROCLAIMERS, SACRISTANS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS ANNUAL MEETING & TRAINING** – Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2026, 6:00 pm in the Church at St Paul’s Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Encouraging new volunteers to join. Thank you.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA/PROJECT COMPASSION – UNITE AGAINST POVERTY THIS LENT:** - Your Project Compassion donation helps Caritas Australia work alongside vulnerable communities around the world – supporting long-term development and providing urgent relief when emergencies strike. Envelopes will be on the pews this weekend. Please take one. Thank you.

## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – FEBRUARY & MARCH 2026

20-21 February 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

27-28 February 2026: Zomi Community

6-7 March 2026: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

13-14 March 2026: Samoan Women's Group

### READERS THIS WEEK: 21/22 FEBRUARY 2026

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Rebecca De Los Ama Helen O'Brien Tiitii St Paul's

Julita Jaurigue Lua'ao Perez Tongan Chr

Andrea Nicodemo Idris Atele Ula

### READERS NEXT WEEK: 28 FEB/01 MAR 2026

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Grace Lylia Adokorach Julita Jaurigue Samoan Comm

Joseph Wani Yanga Mary Ann P Barbour Choir

Alfred Ozzi Taban Lua Siasau

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 21/22 FEBRUARY 2026

(1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-19

3. Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS—28 FEB/01 MAR 2026

(2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

3. Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

**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.**



Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling. 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 Bruce Joseph BARBOUR, MEGAN, Reba WILSON, Bev ANDERSON, 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

**POOR BOX – last weekend is \$155.50. Thank you.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AUSTRALIA SOCIETY: -** have chosen NIGERIA as the country this year. St Bernardine's Church at Regents Park service date for this years World Day of Prayer 2026 is on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 at 10:00 am. For more information please contact Jo on 3362 8770 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

**LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES: -** Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: - <https://brucedownes.org/len-2026-sign-up/>  
Go to [BruceDownes.org](http://BruceDownes.org) for more information.

**SHARE THE DIGNITY DRIVE –** for the whole month of March 2026. It's helping women experiencing homelessness and period poverty. Share The Dignity box is located near the table at the entrance of the Church for you to drop in your donations. Thank you.

### DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

I saw my son eating chocolate, even after I had confiscated all his Halloween candy. I asked him where he got it from.

He said, "I always have a few Twix up my sleeve."

### PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Oh, merciful Jesus! You said, "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life"; We beseech You to guide us in our way to Heaven so that we may be able to surmount all the difficulties and obstacles we will encounter in this deceptive world.

Grant to us also the virtue of hope so that we will always thirst for the heavenly things and for Your glory.

– Manuel S Salvador, DD

Coadjutor Archbishop of Cebu

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026:

Parent-Info Session – Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of March, 3:30 pm in the church.

**Five Confirmation Classes –** every Thursday at 3:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 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.

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.



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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  
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