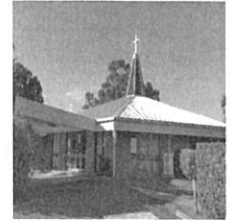




# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
21 - 22 SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR B**

**RESPONSE: THE LORD UPHOLDS MY LIFE.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**



## St Paul's Catholic Community Mission Statement



We gather in the Spirit of Jesus as a welcoming, friendly and caring community of many cultures and backgrounds to live the Gospel relevantly as we respond to the needs of Logan City.

We value wide participation and collaboration of all ages and cultures in community, worship and outreach.

We seek opportunities to grow to a full communion of Christians as we live the Gospel in our daily lives. We strive to become a more vital Christian community by developing relationships of love justice and peace in our families, society and all of God's creation.

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

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	<a href="mailto:woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au">woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au</a>	
Office Hours	Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm	
Parish Secretary	Nelda Ward-Naughton	Ph (07) 3808 4134
Administration Officer	Mary Ann Policios Barbour	Ph (07) 3808 4134
Pastoral Council Chairman:	Peter Geidamovics	
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](mailto:pwoodridge@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Music Co-ordinator: Sally Pa'apa'a  
Care & Concern: Sally Pa'apa'a

WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer: Marina Ene  
Email: [safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Custodians Coordinator: Marina Ene  
Email: [stpaulcustodian@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulcustodian@gmail.com)

**Custodians on duty**  
 16 - 22 Sept 24 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau  
 23 - 29 Sept 24 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a  
 30 Sept - 6 Oct 24 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  
TUESDAYS - NO MASS  
8 AM — SATURDAY  
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

## 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, 6:30pm—Church



**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Small hosts – 6 jars (1,000 count)	- \$161.70
Medium hosts – 4 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 55.80
Large hosts – 1 box of 25 pcs	- 56.95
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-214.15
Origin – church & presbytery-quarterly	- 992.84
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 137.53
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 1,231.78
Rates – presbytery & 10 Jean St	- 1,192.76
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly-	1,360.00
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 734.23
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 329.15
Liturgia – yearly subscription	- 295.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 2,002.71
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-33,053.45</u>
Total Operating Expenses - \$41,818.05	

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time  
Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,217.00. 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.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:**

Parent Info Session – on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of October at 3:30 pm in the church – Fr Ladu and Diane Johnson (APRE), St Paul’s Primary School, to talk through First Holy Communion Program and the expectations of parental/carer support during the program.

Six First Holy Communion Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 7<sup>th</sup> of November and ends on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 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 Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2024. A child must be Grade 4 or 9 years old and 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

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$76.20. Thank you.

**GOSSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 9:30-37**

This is the second of the passion predictions in Mark and it reinforces the fact that the suffering and brutal death of Jesus are more noticeably in focus in the second half of this Gospel. It is also clear that Jesus’ teaching is no longer addressed to the crowds but more particularly to His band of followers.

The message of Jesus here is that respect for all is the mark of His followers. By taking a child and setting him in view of everybody and then putting His arm around him, Jesus is dramatizing a parable. He is acting out the respect and concern one should have for the insignificant and the powerless in society. It also happens that the Aramaic word *talya* can mean both child and servant. The implication of this little tableau for the disciples is that instead of bothering about their own position they should be more concerned for the weakest and most vulnerable in their society.

Jesus is making a radical counter-cultural statement to the effect that anyone who welcomes the lowest in society in His name is, in effect, welcoming *Him*. The power of His proposal lies in the fact that it goes against normal social practice in that worldview to warmly welcome a child or a servant. In both Aramaic and Mark’s Greek the verb translated in some versions as ‘welcome’ means to receive, in the sense of taking an active step to bring a person into the embrace of friendship, warmth and glad acceptance. This cannot be done in a cavalier or passive way but must be a conscious act of generosity.

Jesus is inviting us into a transformational presence that involves seeing beyond the surface of a person or situation. This is an intuitive approach to relationships where we forego snap judgements and take time to read the energy of a situation, a person’s body language, possibilities. There are times when we move past a situation and review how we dealt with it. Did we intuit possibilities? Did I consider what might have lain beneath the surface?

– Laurie Woods.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS –**

Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 at 11:30 am, to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends.

RSVP: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of September

Email: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au); phone: 3324 3030. Cathedral car park will be September 2024 after 6:00 pm Mass at St Paul’s Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Please bring a plate to share.

**THANK YOU** – to the Refugee Association of Logan (RAL) under the leadership of CHRIS MIRANDA for their donation of vertical blinds for two windows in the Parish Meeting Room.

God bless you all.

FR LADU



## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

20-21 September 2024: Sri Lankan Community

27-28 September 2024: Burmese Community

4-5 October 2024: Veamatahau & Ioane Family

11-12 October 2024: Sia Save Family

### READERS THIS WEEK: 21/22 SEPTEMBER 2024

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Rebecca De Los Ama	Lua Siasau	St Paul's Tongan
Julita Jaurigue	Theresa Tominiko	Choir
Fred Koelmeyer	Atele Ula	

### READERS NEXT WEEK: 28/29 SEPTEMBER 2024

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Bernie Beswick	Lua Siasau	Samoan Community
Pesi Silao	Atele Ula	Choir
Maureen Langley	Sally Pa'apa'a	

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 21/22 SEPT 2024

(25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3:16– 4:3
3. Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 28/29 SEPT 2024

(26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME–YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Number 11:25-29
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 5:1-6
3. Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**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.**



When Jesus says, “If you wish to rank first, you must remain the last one of all and the servant of all”, many people could immediately turn and walk away. Are you willing to serve as Jesus did? 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 Dorothy Margaret MCGIRR, Rev Fr John Sebit MARCELLO, Richard NEILSON, Brian GODLEY, Fosi HUNT, Matthew EDWARDS, Antonio KOLIO, Ted WARREN, Darren GODLEY, Catheryn WALTER, Henry GILBERT, Shane DONAGHUE, 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 Elaine STEVENS, Reba WILSON, Vincent VETHECAN, Bev ANDERSON, Maureen SMITH, Helen GAINEY, Abner TAGALA, Vick NORONHA, and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.

**END OF MONTH COFFEE** – on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> of September 2024 after 6:00 pm Mass at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Please bring a plate to share.

Contact Peter & Paola Geidamovics.

**CATHOLIC MISSION** – parish appeal date will be on 19/20 October 2024. Catholic Mission envelopes will be on the pews on this weekend. Please take one.

In 2024, the theme for World Mission Sunday is, “Go and Invite Everyone to the banquet” (Mt 22:9) and the focus of Catholic Mission's Parish Appeal will be supporting the work of the Church in Mongolia. Social stigma, poor access to services, and the harsh Mongolian winter mean that the most vulnerable people will often struggle to access the support that they need to help them get back on their feet. Recognising this need, the church has begun work on the house of Mercy and when complete, it will provide a safe space for people needing shelter, food, education and basic medical care. Thank you.

**PUBLIC ROSARY 2024: Saturday, 12 October 2024, 9:00 am** at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Please contact Adela Eastell for more information.

### SECOND SYNOD SESSION TO OPEN WITH PENITENTIAL LITURGY:

The second session of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, set to bring 368 bishops, priests, religious and lay people to the Vatican, will begin by asking forgiveness for various sins on behalf of all the baptised. Source: CNS.

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH – ANNUAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN VALLEY** – on Saturday, 5 October 2024 at The Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, 2541 Beechmont Rd, Witheren.

Celebrant – Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green  
OSPPE - Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese. Please call Jan 0438 721 447/Maureen 0413 136 544.

### JOKE: LAURIE WOODS

A boxer kept swiping the air furiously but could not hit his opponent. ‘How am I doing?’ he asked his trainer at the end of the round. ‘Well, if you keep this up,’ said the trainer, ‘he might feel the draughts and catch a cold.’

### PRAYERS FOR YOU:

The joy of the Lord is your strength.  
- Nehemiah 8:10 NASB



## PARISH SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

**RUMMIKUB CLUB** – Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Education Centre. Cost: \$2. BYO lunch. Wanted more members. Contact **Reba 0403 482 210** or **Anne 0403 300 660**.

**CARPET BOWLS** - Carpet Bowls are played every Thursday 10 – 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Joining Fee \$2, Session \$4 Contact **Connie on 0423 004 684**.

**TAI CHI Class - Thursdays 4:30pm-5:30pm** in the Parish Hall with Joseph Cheng. (By donation.) All Welcome. Tai Chi is for all ages regardless of what state of health you are in. Regular Tai Chi exercise will improve your health hence leading to longevity. **Joseph Mobile: 0434 445 678**



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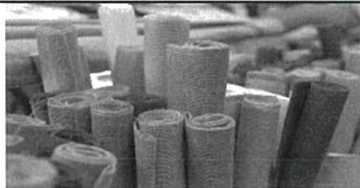
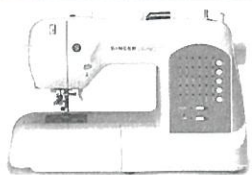
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**SERVICE** - This **FREE** service of a Migration Agent/Lawyer is offered on the first Saturday of each month from 10am-1pm in the Meeting Room at St Paul's Parish, Woodridge. An Appointment is essential. This advisory service is for those who cannot afford the services of a migration agent/lawyer. Please ring **1 800 846 643** between 6pm and 9pm.

## Jomeday Christian Therapeutic & Healing Massage/Reflexology

Call Jocelyn on (07) 5660 0793 or 0430 352 639 to book an appointment.

Shop 1: 674 Kingston Rd, Loganlea Qld  
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