ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
24 – 25 OCTOBER 2026 YEAR A
RESPONSE: I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

Website: 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	**woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au**
Office Hours	**Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm**
Administration Officer	**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**

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Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au
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Email: stpaulcustodian@gmail.com
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Custodians on duty

19 —25 Oct 26	**Costello & Ula Afakasi**
26 Oct – 1 Nov 26	**Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
2 - 8 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 -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

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

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 5 jars (1,000 count)	- $139.02
Medium hosts – 5 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 72.60
Large hosts – 3 boxes of 10 pcs	- 55.12
Origin – parish	- 491.96
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-438.25
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 509.92
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 183.09
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 479.33
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,286.71
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,533.31
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	– 807.70
Flocknote Licence Renewal	1,795.00
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 405.95
Whomedia Website	- 636.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 3,542.84
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-19,842.33
Total Operating Expenses -	$32,219.13

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is $2,356.35. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

SUBMIT YOUR LOVED ONES' NAMES FOR ALL SOULS' DAY PRAYER:

We invite your parish community to share the following message on social media so loved ones may be remembered in prayer on All Souls' Day.

On 2 November, the Church marks All Souls' Day, a time to remember and pray for our loved ones who have passed away. This year, you can have their names inscribed on a cross and placed within the Cathedral of St Stephen, a cherished tradition of prayer and remembrance. For those who believe in Christ, death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life with Him. Add your loved ones' names to this year's All Soul's Day prayers by 29 October: https://bit.ly/remembersouls.

PLEASE NOTE: ST PAUL'S PARISH ENVELOPES FOR ALL SOUL'S DAY – are on the table at the Church entrance. Thank you.

ST PAUL'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

Sausage Sizzle, Sunday, 15th of November 2026 after 7:30 am and 9:00 am Masses. Funds raised will go towards Church repairs and Christmas raffle.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE:

Christmas Carols immediately after 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, 13th of December 2026. All choir groups wishing to participate please contact Sala Malomalii Reuben Ene on 0451 915 921 by 6th of December 2026.

ST PAUL'S CHOIR LEADERS MEETING:

On Wednesday, 28 October 2026, 5:30 pm in the parish hall. All choir leaders are encouraged to attend to discuss Christmas Mass roster, Christmas Carols and Leadership.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 22:34-40

The Great Commandment of love is very well-known. With total engagement of our person (heart, soul and mind), we are called to love God and one another. It is beautiful, inspiring but, in this form, also rather abstract.

We need to take the lead of the first reading and make it concrete. The stranger, the widow, the orphan, the poor person: they give the commandment some traction. To translate it into our own culture, we bring to mind the unemployed, those living with a disability or domestic violence, those who encounter prejudice or discrimination. This is where the commandment to love plays out.

The text should be read warmly and with fresh enthusiasm.

– Break Open The Word 2026.

PASTORAL CARE IN HOSPITALS:

Centacare is seeking people interested in volunteering once each week to provide pastoral and spiritual care to Catholic patients in our public hospitals in our strongly established teams. The people we are seeking must have a qualification or significant background in a human service discipline with some level of formal theological training. If you are retired, or semi-retired from such a career, in very good health and have one morning per week available for a most rewarding volunteer role in the spirit of the Gospel, please talk further with me with no obligation.

Email – judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

Mobile – 0428 669 572

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SEWING CLASS 2027 – will start on 1st of February 2027. To register your interest please contact Bev Anderson on 0408 738 759. Thank you.

POPE CONTINUES RECOVERY IN VATICAN, WEEKLY GENERAL AUDIENCE CONFIRMED:

Pope Leo XIV will not travel to his residence in Castel Gandolfo this week but instead continue his recovery at the Vatican, the Holy See Press Office announced.

Source: Vatican News.

CHRISTMAS SHOP – ST PAUL'S PARISH, WOODRIDGE: - On 14th & 15th of November 2026. All proceeds will go towards parish maintenance. Thank you for your great support.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2026
30-31 October 2026: Samoan Women's Group
6-7 November 2026: Burmese Community
13-14 November 2026: Burundian Community
20-21 November 2026: Divine Mercy Group

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 24/25 OCTOBER 2026 (30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
3. Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 31 OCT/1 NOV 2026 (ALL SAINTS DAY SUNDAY – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
2. 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3
3. Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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.

vocation BRISBANE.com **In pursuing and living our vocation, we must seek to live these two commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and to love your neighbour as yourself. 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 Bruce Joseph BARBOUR, 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.

VIEWING AI FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE:
Wellington University professor of computer graphics Neil Dodgson has delivered a sobering message about the capabilities of artificial intelligence and how Christians should respond to the emerging technology at the Brisbane Catholic Professionals lunch..

Source: The Catholic Leader.

POOR BOX – last weekend is $85.40. Thank you.

VOCATION BRISBANE - GRATIA PROGRAM:
Vocation Brisbane's Gratia Program helps women discern a call to Religious Life through active lay ministry in a local parish, mentoring from a Religious Sister, ongoing formation, and a growing spiritual life.
Women who feel God may be calling them to something more are encouraged to apply. Interested individuals can complete the application form and email it, along with a short introduction, to vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.
For more information, contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544 or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.

A LIVING UNION RETREAT – UNDERSTANDING YOUR IDENTITY IN JESUS:
Understanding our identity in Jesus is foundational to life. Brought to you by the Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries, A Living Union is a retreat designed to uncover your true identity in God and discover what it means to live in union with the Trinity. The retreat is intergenerational, with discounted tickets available for young adults (18-35).

When: Friday, 6 November – Sunday, 8 November 2026, 6:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: $450.00 live-in / $250.00 live-out ($220.00 live-in for young adults 18-35). Financial support available if cost is a barrier – contact – formation@bne.catholic.net.au

Register at – tinyurl.com/LivingUnionRetreat26

LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS
A man ran into the doctor's office screaming with pain.
'Please help me, I've been stung by a bee.'
The doctor said reassuringly, 'Don't worry. I'll put some cream on it.'
'You'll never find that bee. It must be miles away by now.'
'No you don't understand,' answered the doctor. 'I'll put some cream on the place where you were stung.'
'Oh! It happened in the garden in my backyard.'
'No! said the doctor, getting frustrated. 'I mean where on your body did the bee sting you?'
'On my finger! The bee stung me on my finger.'
'Which one?' the doctor asked.
'How am I supposed to know? All bees look the same to me!'

PRAYERS FOR YOU:
And now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant.

– 2 Samuel 7:28

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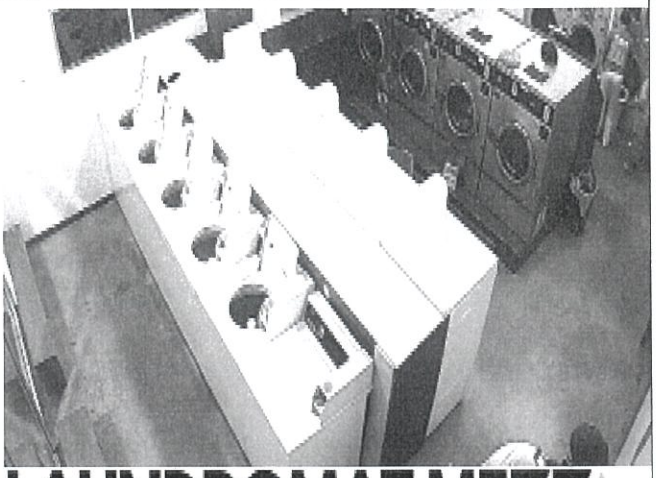
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RUMMIKUB = Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Ed Centre Cost: 2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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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