



# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**28 - 29 SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR B**

**RESPONSE: THE PRECEPTS OF THE LORD GIVE JOY TO THE HEART.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Your Word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. 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
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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  
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Email: [stpaulcustodian@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulcustodian@gmail.com)

### Custodians on duty

23 - 29 Sept 24 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a  
30 Sept - 6 Oct 24 Costello & Ula Afakasi  
7 - 13 Oct 24 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau  
Parish Caretaker: ppGlen Reiha  
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: Margaret Harvey Mob: 0411 300 209

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

### 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



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

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 6 bags (1,000 count)	- \$119.70
Medium hosts – 4 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 55.80
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 74.75
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	- \$41,793.85

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,202.30. 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.

**HEALING MASS** – will be celebrated by Fr LADU JAMES YANGA on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2024, 9:00 am at St Paul’s Catholic Prish, Woodridge.

### 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. Confirmation 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.

### GOSSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

The practical social teaching in this passage reminds the disciples and us that the followers of Jesus should hold to a superior ethical standard in human relationships. Jesus is offering a parallel argument to the one we saw coming from Moses in the first reading. If someone does a service in the name of Christ then who can question its authenticity? Goodness and integrity do not depend on our belonging to the right club. The motivation behind a good deed determines its value.

The ‘little ones’ may well refer to the previous incident when Jesus held a child in His arms and declared that anyone who received a child in His name receives Himself and the God who sent Him. But the ‘little ones’ also applies to the decent and upright people in society and particularly to the insignificant and powerless who can be easily downtrodden. Then Jesus utters what is arguably His most damning statement about people who lead others astray and cause them to fall.

Mark uses the Greek word *skandalon*, which is usually translated as a stumbling block. We get our English word scandal from the Greek. But Jesus is not so much talking about scandal, as we understand it; He is talking about putting an obstacle in front of an innocent person which causes them to trip and fall over. In other words, if you influence somebody to the extent of damaging their lives then you might as well be drowned in the sea with a heavy weight around your neck. This is serious stuff. It is saying that an unrepentant person guilty of corrupting a blameless individual, particularly a child, deserves to be cast out of sight, into oblivion, forgotten about.

Today’s passage concludes with Jesus’ remarks about the divine justice people can expect if they effectively rebel against God by committing evil acts in word or deed. When He talks about ‘entering into life’ beyond death maimed or incomplete we can see the intention of His metaphor. The point is, the wholeness of an individual does not depend on physical entirety but on spiritual completeness.

– Laurie Woods.

### 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 \$81.00. 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.

### INCORPORATION AIMS TO STRENGTHEN FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION:

Catholic Schools Broken Bay will be incorporated as of January 1, 2025, marking a significant step forward in the governance of Catholic education in the diocese.

Source: CathNews.

## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2024

27-28 September 2024: Burmese Community  
4-5 October 2024: Veamatahau & Ioane Family  
11-12 October 2024: Sia Save Family  
18-19 October 2024: Divine Mercy Group

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

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Bernie Beswick	Lua Siasau	Samoa Community
Pesi Silao	Atele Ula	Choir
Maureen Langley	Sally Pa'apa'a	

### READERS NEXT WEEK: 5/6 OCTOBER 2024

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Neville Pearson	Mary Ann P Barbour	St Cecilia's
Danielle Anderson	Lua'ao Perez	Choir
Bernie Beswick	Astrid Vaotogo	

### THIS 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

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 5/6 SEPT 2024 (27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Genesis 2:18-24
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11
3. Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

**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.



Some people do not respond to God's call because they feel they are not worthy to do God's work. And they are not – nobody is! But still, God calls. There is enough ministry for many more. Answer God's Call. 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 Malaga Malu IOANE, 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, 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 Teresita ARRASTIA, 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.

**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.

### POOREST AUSTRALIANS PRICED OUT OF RENTAL MARKET:

Australians on the lowest incomes have been priced out of renting in almost every corner of the country, despite the Albanese Government's recent 10 per cent increase to Commonwealth Rent Assistance, a new report has found.

Source: The Guardian.

### IRISH ARCHBISHOP SAYS CHURCH RENEWAL IMPOSSIBLE UNTIL ABUSE CRISIS ADDRESSED:

Until the abuse crisis is fully addressed, there will not be "authentic, enduring renewal and reform" in the Church, according to Archbishop Dermot Farrell, the Primate of Ireland.

Source: Crux.

### JOKE: LAURIE WOODS

A reporter interviewed a 103 year old woman. 'And what is the best thing about being 103?' asked the reporter. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

### PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Thank You, Father, for friends who uplift, encourage, support, and pray for me when I don't know how to pray. They are an embodiment of Romans 12:12 – "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (ESV). Please shape me into this kind of prayer warrior for others.  
- Thomas Nelson

## 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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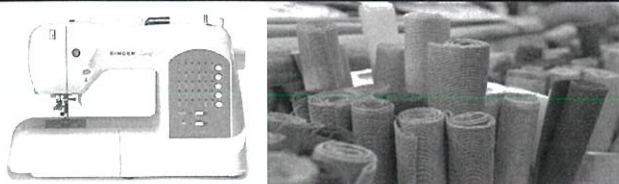
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## ST VINCENT DE PAUL MIGRATION ADVICE

**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  
4131 (across from Super Cheap)

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