ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
28 – 29 NOVEMBER 2026 YEAR B

RESPONSE: LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU, LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us Your mercy and love, and grant us Your salvation. 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**
Parish Secretary	**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**

WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer: Marina Ene
Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au
Custodians Coordinator: Marina Ene
Email: stpaulcustodian@gmail.com
St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

Custodians on duty

23 –29 Nov 26	**Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
30 Nov -6 Dec 26	**Costello & Ula Afakasi**
7 —13 Dec 26	**Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
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 -7pm 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



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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 9am except school holidays.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 5 jars (1,000 count)	- $139.02
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 89.02
Origin – parish	- 491.96
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-527.68
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 509.92
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 183.09
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 484.78
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	- 405.70
Whomedia Website	- 636.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 6,476.02
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-19,827.09
Total Operating Expenses	- $35,193.00

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is $1,752.20. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

HEALING MASS – on Wednesday, 2nd of December 2026, 9:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge and will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA. All are welcome.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT ROLE AVAILABLE: To apply, please provide a resume and a cover letter. Please apply directly through seek via this link: https://au.seek.com/job/95459953.

Thank you!

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.

THANK YOU! – to all parishioners for their generous support for Christmas Shop last weekend, and to Peter Geidamovics for organising it. Total funds raised is 784.11 and will go towards Parish Maintenance.
Well done everyone!

POOR BOX – last weekend is $182.40. Thank you.

SYDNEY SHOWS THE WORLD IT'S READY FOR EUCHARIST28:
If Sydney needed any more reassurance that it is ready for the International Eucharistic Congress, Eucharist28, more than 30,000 signs of that reassurance took to the streets on Sunday to show the world it is.
Source: The Catholic Weekly.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 13:33-37
This chapter of Mark is sometimes called the *Little Apocalypse* because it deals with end-time things. In the early part of this chapter Jesus spoke to His disciples about being ready for the end time so as not to be caught unawares. He foretold the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, reminding them that even sacred and apparently permanent institutions will have their end Physical things can't be relied on. He warned about being fooled by false leaders and self-serving prophets. Be smart, he was saying, and don't get sucked into attractive promises.
In a commonsense kind of way Jesus was encouraging the disciples, and us, to read the signs of the times with insight and careful discrimination. Don't treat every mistake or tragedy as an omen of the end of the world. Look out for false messiahs. The fakes will inevitably be exposed by their attitudes and behaviour, i.e., 'by their fruits you will know them.' Take time to judge carefully.
Knowing that evil and suffering will not have the final word is a reason for optimism and in today's passage Jesus is saying that being watchful is the key to a preparation plan. There is wisdom in His call to 'stay awake'. Putting it another way, living with perseverance according to the values of Jesus is the best way to live faithfully. The fable of the hare and tortoise comes to mind. Slow and steady wins the race. Our faith is measured not by bursts of enthusiasm, but by perseverance when faithfulness gets hard.
Notice how vulnerable we can be when faced with a crisis. Panic can deprive us of rational discernment. Can you hear Jesus saying, *Don't make decisions when you are overwhelmed by a crisis or in a time of depression?* Reliance on divine help and our faithfulness to the values Jesus recommends will win out in the end.
– Laurie Woods

RECLAIM CHRISTMAS MARKET:
Looking for a different way to celebrate the Christmas season? The Youth and Young Adults Team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites young adults and young families to Reclaim Christmas Market.
Enjoy a festive evening featuring Christmas market stalls, food, carols and community as we gather to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Bring your friends and family to experience the joy of the season in the heart of Brisbane, surrounded by the beauty of the St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct.
When: Tuesday, 1 December 2026 at 6:00 pm
Where: St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct

NO RECESSION BUT 'THINGS MIGHT GET A BIT HARDER' IN 2027 – CHALMERS: - Next year will see more jobs lost and households cut back their spending, but Treasurer Jim Chalmers says a recession is not forecast despite the prospect that "things might get a bit harder" in 2027. Source: ABC News.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – DECEMBER 2026
4-5 December 2026: Sri Lankan Community
11-12 December 2026: Vaioleti Family
18-19 December 2026: Sia Save Family
25-26 December 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 28/29 NOV 2026 (1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
3. Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 5/6 NOVEMBER 2026 (2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2. 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
3. Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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.

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PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES – We pray for Arestede GOPUCO, Barry WEIS, John HAKIZIMANA, John Claude BUTOYI, Cesilia NAMUGEYO, Bernadette NZORUBARA, John NTAWANKA, 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.

SPORTS CHAPLAINCY TRAINING COURSE:
The Youth and Young Adults team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites those interested in serving in the sporting community to take part in the Sports Chaplaincy Training Course. In partnership with Sports Chaplaincy Australia, this three-day program equips participants with practical skills in chaplaincy, pastoral care and community leadership to support athletes, coaches, officials and families. The course also provides a pathway towards accreditation as a sports chaplain, opening opportunities to serve in local and national sporting clubs across Australia. Scholarships are available to help make this training accessible to those who may require financial assistance. When: 21-23 January 2027 / 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at Hanly Room, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct. Register – tinyurl.com/SportsChap27

CATHOLICS AND ANGLICANS STAND TOGETHER ON RECONCILIATON DAY:
Catholics and Anglicans stood in common bonds of Christian life without ignoring "differences of conviction and wounds in our history", Western Regional Anglican Bishop Cam Venables said in a sermon at an ecumenical gathering in Toowoomba.

Source: The Catholic Leader.

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

ALBANESE STANDS BY BOWEN AFTER COP FAILURE:
Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has maintained it was in Australia's national interest for Energy Minister Chris Bowen to co-host this year's COP31 in Turkiye, despite the summit's negotiations collapsing without any agreed outcomes.

Source: The Age.

FAITH LEADERS WARN LABOR AGAINST TAX CHANGES TO CHARITIES:
Faith leaders have warned Labor not to remove exemptions for religious groups in either its trusts tax legislation or in response to calls from the Bondi royal commission, saying such a move would be a blow to religious freedom.

Source: The Australian.

DAD JOKES: IAN ALLEN
Son: Why does Dad call his desk his 'work station'?
Mum: Well, a bus station is where a bus stops, a train station is where a train stops, so…

PRAYERS FOR YOU:
O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.
– Psalm 16:5-6

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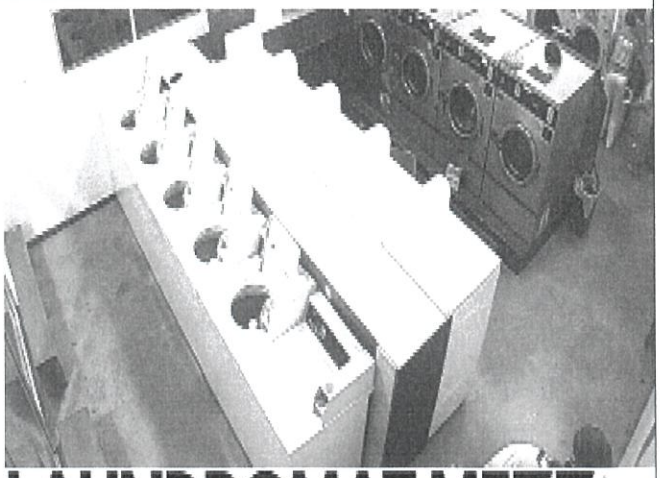

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NEXT TO "FOODWORKS WOODRIDGE"

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.

MAKE IT FABRICS – Do you love sewing but on a budget? See Paola at Shop 4/54 Kingston Rd, Underwood Tel: (07) 3162 4700 for budget sewing materials, laces, trims and sewing machine repairs.