



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
29 - 30 NOVEMBER 2025 YEAR A
RESPONSE: LET US GO REJOICING TO THE HOUSE
OF THE LORD.

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

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty

24— 30 Nov 25 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
 1— 7 Dec 25 Costello & Ula Afakasi
 8— 14 Dec 25 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
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-

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 ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 6 jars (1,000 count)	- \$170.24
Medium hosts – 3 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 41.85
Large hosts – 10 boxes of 10 pcs	- 149.50
Energy Australia – parish	- 444.54
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-335.94
Origin – presbytery-quarterly	- 297.83
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 161.12
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 385.69
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,244.75
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,430.48
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 778.13
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 330.15
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 616.20
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-24,550.00</u>
Total Operating Expenses	- \$30,936.42

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$1,978.20. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

MULTICULTURAL MASS – Sunday, 30th of November 2025, 9:00 am and will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Entertainment will be in the parish hall after the Mass. Different parish communities will showcase international cuisine guaranteed to ignite your taste buds! All are welcome. Please wear your National Dress and bring a plate to share. Let's celebrate our diversity and unity in Christ.

Thank you to MAYOR JON RAVEN and his wife, St Paul's Primary School Principal HELEN BOYES, St Paul's APRE DIANE JOHNSON, Archdiocese Multicultural Pastoral Care Project Officer LILIANA ORTIZ and her husband. We are truly delighted and grateful to you all for celebrating with us in our Multicultural Mass celebration. God bless us all.

HEALING MASS – will be celebrated by Fr Ladu on Wednesday, 3rd of December 2025, 9:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

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

GOOD NEWS! FR LADU JAMES YANGA – offers to do three Weddings for free at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Please call (07) 3808 4134 for information.

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, LUNA MAREE ATHENA RIMENE who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 30th of November 2025. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 24:37-44

The gospel reading from Matthew also stresses the need for vigilance. As Jesus says, we do not know the day or the hour of our reckoning. The point Jesus makes is that people were so busy pursuing their own lives of self-indulgence and the satisfaction of their egos that they did not take time out to reflect on their behaviour and their goals.

We see something of this in modern society where so many people seem to be living on automatic pilot, going through a series of routines and then wondering what they have really achieved. Dissatisfaction is inevitable if we don't have goals to strive for and clarity about what we want and what values we adopt to achieve our goals. An endless spiral of unmindful routine can easily wind up in depression, which, along with anxiety, is one of our current world's most prevalent sicknesses.

Jesus uses the analogy of the householder who would surely protect his house and belongings if he knew he was about to be burgled. But if he was drifting and was unaware that he was about to be burgled and so dropped his guard then he would be rendering himself and his house vulnerable. The implication of Jesus' analogy here is that a life of mindfulness and clarity will keep us spiritually awake and focused on sound goals so that we will always be prepared to face our God.

– Laurie Woods.

WASTE TIME WITH GOD: - Come and "be" with God praising, worshipping and listening to HIM.

Church of the 12 Apostles, 111 Yallambee Road, Jindalee. Saturday, 6th of December 2025 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.


EVERYONE from everywhere is WELCOME!

Enquiries: Len Airey, Mission Team Coordinator, CCR Brisbane – email: lenpatairey@gmail.com or call on 0421 977 849; Audrey Chan-Seow on 0435 558 390.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:

- will be installed in the usual location near the table at the entrance of the Church at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. The tree has leaves attached with suggested items parishioners may consider donating. Your donations will provide goods to place in the 40 plus Christmas Hampers. St Vincent de Paul rely heavily on this tree. Thank you.

Assistance provided by St Vincent de Paul for the month of September – 78 households (included No Fixed Addresses - 4 of) attended to; 247 persons assisted (123 -0 to 16 years old, 31 – 17 to 24 years old, 61- 25 to 44 years old, 27 – 45 to 64 years old, 5 – 65 years old and older; 54 were singles, 29 were partnered, and 60 were singles with children; \$4,335.00 Food Vouchers; \$400.00 (16 x \$25.00 Clothing Vouchers); \$265.00 Furniture; Total Monetary Assistance provided is \$5,000.00

ROSTERS		
CLEANERS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025		
28-29 November 2025: Sia Save Family		
5-6 December 2025: Sally Pa’apa’a & Family		
12-13 December 2025: Zomi Community		
19-20 December 2025: Veamatahau & Ioane Family		
READERS THIS WEEK: 29/30 NOVEMBER 2025		
6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Marina Ene	Lua Sisau	Refer Multicultural
Tess Vethecan-Kessels	Seilala Otuafi	Roster
Bernie Beswick	Sally Pa’apa’a	
READERS NEXT WEEK: 6/7 DECEMBER 2025		
6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Bernie Beswick	Julita Jaurigue	Samoan Comm
Adela Eastell	Mary Ann P Barbour	Choir
Andrea Nigodemo Idris	LuaSiasau	
THIS WEEK’S READINGS- 29/30 NOVEMBER 2025 (FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A)		
1. 1st Reading:	Isaiah 2:1-5	
2. 2 nd Reading:	Romans 13:11-14	
3. Gospel:	Matthew 24:37-44	
NEXT WEEK’S READINGS-6/7 DECEMBER 2025 (SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A)		
1. 1st Reading:	Isaiah 11:1-10	
2. 2 nd Reading:	Romans 15:4-9	
3. Gospel:	Matthew 3:1-12	
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.		
<div>vocation BRISBANE.com</div> <p>In our materialistic society, our hearts can be hardened with the desires of the flesh. Stay awake and pray for the strength to stand with confidence before Jesus, by following His authentic call for your life. To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au</p>		
PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES – We pray for Eeseese PARLOUR-PALAT, SATHEESHKUMAR B.K, Sati TOKE, all our November offerings, 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 David ALVARADO, Ndayizeye Lina GABRIELL, Liliana DERNIER, Kevin HICKS, Tess VETHECAN, Reba WILSON, Bev ANDERSON, Abner TAGALA, and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.		
POOR BOX – last weekend is \$68.75. Thank you.		

ANSWER THE CALL TO MERCY AND COMPASSION:

Do you have a heart for those on the margins?

We are seeking one or two kind, empathic women of deep faith to serve as Pastoral Visitors to join Centacare's teams of chaplains at a women's correctional centre.

Pastoral Visitors offer friendship, hope, and spiritual support to incarcerated women through weekly visits – being a living sign of God's love and mercy.

Training, mentoring, and ongoing support are provided. If you feel called to accompany women in their journey of faith, healing, and transformation, we would love to hear from you.

“I was in prison and you visited Me...” – Matthew 25:36

For more information or to express your interest, please contact: Centacare Pastoral Ministries:
Email: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au
Phone: 3324 3193

2025 YOITH LEADER'S CELEBRATION:

A night of celebration for all those who have given their time and talents to serving in ministry to young people in 2025!

Hosted by the Youth and Young Adults team of Archdiocesan Ministries, join us for a special event where we celebrate the great things God has done through you in 2025 and recognise those who have served in special ways with the Youth Leader Awards.

When: Thursday, 4th of December

Where: Garden Marquee, Victoria Park, Herston

For more information, please visit – tinyurl.com/YLC-2025.

ST VINCENT'S TO SHIFT HALF ITS SERVICES TO AT-HOME OR ONLINE CARE BY 2030:

St Vincent's, the country's largest network of non-profit public and private hospitals, will shift half of all its services to at-home or online care by 2030, devoting hospital space to intensive care and emergency wards.

Source: The Australian.

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS

Grandson: Even though you've been married to grandma for 50 years, you're still so romantic. You still call her “darling”, “honey”, “love”...What's the secret?

Grandpa: I forgot her name ten years ago, and I'm scared to ask her.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Lord, help me to cherish these precious days of total dependency on You. It is easy to forget that they are a gift, that You are, day by day, teaching me to awaken every morning with this request on my heart: that You would grant me Your perfect portion for whatever the day holds.

– Thomas Nelson



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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
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