

# ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



**4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**31 JANUARY - 01 FEBRUARY 2026 YEAR A**

**RESPONSE: HAPPY THE POOR IN SPIRIT;  
 THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS THEIRS.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!**

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## PARISH INFORMATION

Website: [www.stpaulswoodridge.org](http://www.stpaulswoodridge.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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**RCIA Coordinator:** Tess Vethecan-Kessels

**WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer:** Marina Ene  
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**Custodians Coordinator:** Marina Ene  
**Email:** [stpaulcustodian@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulcustodian@gmail.com)  
**St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643**

### Custodians on duty

26 Jan— 01 Feb 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi  
 02—08 Feb 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau  
 09 – 15 Feb 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a  
 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 – 4 jars (1,000 count)	- \$110.65
Medium hosts – 1 box of 50 pcs.	- 16.80
Large hosts – 5 boxes of 10 pcs	- 80.35
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	- 348.46
Rates – church & presbytery	- 1,286.71
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly	- 1,430.48
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 778.13
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 405.95
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 1,399.76
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,550.00
Total Operating Expenses	- \$31,646.72

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$1,957.00. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

**HEALING MASS** – will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA, Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, 9:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish Hall, Woodridge. All are welcome.

**ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE'S INSTALLATION OF NEW TILES IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY:** - Work on tiles to be installed will commence on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2026. All Masses will be held in the Parish Hall while work is ongoing. Thank you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** - at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge for the different parish communities, and will start on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 and will finish on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2026.

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm – Tamil Community

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm – St Paul's

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Burmese Community

7:30 pm – 9:00 pm – Syriac Community

**POOR BOX** – last weekend is \$250.65. Thank you.

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP SHANE:

I am pleased to announce that, effective 1 January 2026, Liturgy Brisbane has transitioned organisationally under the umbrella of Archdiocesan Ministries. This move presents valuable opportunities for both Liturgy Brisbane and Archdiocesan Ministries.

These two areas have enjoyed a long-standing constructive working relationship, and this transition will allow us to further strengthen that collaboration. Importantly, there will be no practical changes to the publications, mission or service provisions of Liturgy Brisbane. Ultimately, this enhanced partnership will better serve the parishes and communities across our Archdiocese and the wider Church in Australia.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 5:1-12

Matthew has put in one place a selection of Jesus' beatitudes as a masthead to the teachings that follow. It helps to realise that Matthew has written his gospel for a largely Jewish community. Having asked for baptism and adhering to the teaching of Jesus these people are wondering if they have turned away from the teachings of Moses and the prophets that make up their long Jewish religious tradition. In chapters 5-7 Matthew will demonstrate that Jesus has not gone against Moses but is, in fact, fulfilling the tradition of Moses.

A significant aspect of beatitudes in general is that they occur everywhere in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Hebrew beatitude always begins with *ashrei*, which means noble or blessed.

Jesus is talking about a state of being blessed, approved of, or favoured, which is different from feeling joyful or delighted.

In the first of these beatitudes the expression 'poor in spirit' is very often misinterpreted as being humble. The problem with this is that 'poor in spirit' in the Hebrew Bible more often means 'crushed in spirit'.

So, Jesus is saying it is a blessed thing to be crushed in spirit because it gives a person grounds to turn to God for relief. To a society where suffering was regarded as a punishment from God Jesus is saying that such an equation is rarely justified. On the contrary, God is on the side of decent people who are suffering from stress. If I can feel your pain in my heart and respond with kindness and compassion then, Jesus is saying, it is a blessed thing. – Laurie Woods

**THANK YOU!** – to all those who came and celebrated Australia Day at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It was a beautiful celebration. God bless us all!

**OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS PARISH – SPRINGFIELD:** - WE'RE HIRING! –  
**EVANGELISATION PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:**

OLSC are seeking a passionate and faith-filled Evangelisation Pastoral Associate to play a key leadership role in the growth and development of discipleship within our parish community.

**Location:** Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish, Springfield, Qld. **Hours:** Part-time 30 hours per week.

Send your interest via submitting a Resume to

Father Neville Yun – [pp.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:pp.springfield@bne.catholic.net.au)

**CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO – SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH:**

All are invited to the Brisbane launch of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 Social Justice Statement, "The Cost of Our Living: Economic and Social Justice for the Common Good", to be launched by Archbishop Shane Mackinlay.

**When:** 10 February Tuesday at 7:00 pm

**Where:** St James Parish, Coorparoo

To find out more and register, or access the livestream link, please visit – [tinyurl.com/sjstate26](https://tinyurl.com/sjstate26).



## ROSTERS

### CLEANERS – JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

30-31 January 2026: Syriac Community

6-7 February 2026: Vaioleti Family

13-14 February 2026: Sia Save Family

20-21 February 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family

### READERS THIS WEEK: 31 JAN/01 FEB 2026

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Tess Vethecan-Kessels	Mary Ann P Barbour	Samoan
Bernie Beswick	Lua Siasau	Comm Choir
Marina Ene	Julita Jaurigue	

### READERS NEXT WEEK: 7/8 FEBRUARY 2026

6PM 7:30AM 9AM

Marina Ene	Lillian Tagaloa	Holy Trinity
Atele Ula	Theresa Tominiko	Choir
Pesi Silao	Shana Tominiko	

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 31 JAN/01 FEB 2026 (4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Zephaniah 2:3: 3:12-13

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

3. Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS-7/8 FEBRUARY 2026 (5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

3. Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

**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.**



We are called to be happy in all seasons and share it with others. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today? 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 Andrew & Jane BLACK, 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 MEGAN, David ALVARADO, Ndayizeye Lina GABRIELL, Liliana DERNIER, Reba WILSON, Bev ANDERSON, Abner TAGALA, Kevin HICKS, and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.

**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

## INVITATION TO AN ANOINTING MASS:

An invitation is extended to the people of the Archdiocese to attend the monthly Anointing Mass at St Mary Magdalene's Church, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at 7:30 pm. Fr William Aupito Luliano, PP St Mary's Parish, South Brisbane will be the celebrant. The Sacrament of Anointing will be administered during the Mass and further prayer ministry will be available after Mass.

For more information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

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## LIVING PRAYER – A LENTEN RETREAT:

Lent has a way of drawing us beneath the surface of our usual patterns and into a more attentive way of living before God. The Adult Formation team of Archdiocesan Ministries invites you to come away for a weekend and to listen more deeply to God's transforming presence.

Live in and live out options are available.

When: Friday, 27 Feb to Sunday, 1 March 2026

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

To find out more and to register your attendance, please visit – [tinyurl.com/LentRetreat26](http://tinyurl.com/LentRetreat26)

## ALBANESE DELIVERS FORCEFUL AUSTRALIA DAY MESSAGE TO NEW CITIZENS:

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese delivered a forceful Australia Day message to new citizens, warning that respect for democracy and shared values is not optional. Source: SMH.

## POPE WARNS AI AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES RESHAPING OUR LIVES:

In his message for the 60<sup>th</sup> World Communications Day, Pope Leo XIV offers a stark warning: AI and digital technologies are reshaping human communication, creativity and identity.

Source: OSV News.

## SISTERS OF MERCY CELEBRATE 180 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA:

The Sisters of Mercy are called to be, in a very particular and unmistakable way, living images of God's mercy as it is made known to us in the life, teachings and ministry of Jesus, Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB said.

Source: The Record.

## LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS

I said to the Gym instructor, 'Can you teach me to do the splits?

He said, 'How flexible are you?'

I said, 'I can't do Tuesdays.'

## PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Oh, merciful Jesus, You had forgiven those who crucified You; we implore You to give us a forgiving heart so that we may always pardon those who will hurt us in word or in deed.

– Manuel S Salvador, DD

Coadjutor Archbishop of Cebu



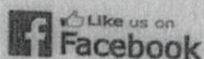


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Joining fee \$2 Session \$4 Contact Connie on 0423 004 684

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,  
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