



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



EASTER SUNDAY

4 - 5 APRIL 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

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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- 1ST SUNDAY 11AM
KARENNI MASS- 4TH SUNDAY-
10:30AM

PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty

30 Mar—5 Apr 26 Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
6 - 12 Apr 26 Costello & Ula Afakasi
13—19 Apr 26 Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a

Parish Caretaker: Glen 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



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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026:

Enrolment for Sacrament of Confirmation is now open, and will close on Thursday, 23rd of April 2026. A child must be Grade 3 & older. Baptism 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.

Five Confirmation Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 23rd of April, 30th of April, 7th and 14th of May and ends on 21st of May. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday, 23rd of May 2026, 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. FR LADU JAMES YANGA will be the celebrant this year.

ARCHBISHOP SHANE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU:

Easter invites us to see the world with new eyes, to recognise that God's love always brings life, even in the darkest experiences. Jesus' resurrection is not only a moment in history, it is the power that renews hearts, families and communities. In Catholic education, we seek to share that same hope and new life with every student and their family. Our schools are places of learning that build communities shaped by the Gospel, helping young people grow in wisdom, compassion and faith. As we respond to the changing needs of our families and society, we remain anchored in our conviction that Christ is Risen and that His life gives meaning to our own. Teachers, staff and parents together play a vital part in nurturing this hope. By your care, encouragement and example, you help your children encounter the living Christ in their daily lives. I thank you for the generosity, patience and joy you bring to this shared mission. May the peace and promise of Easter fill your homes and hearts with lasting joy.

THANK YOU & HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

Thank you to all volunteers and parishioners for helping out in the Holy Week celebration. God bless us all.

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION:

This year the Eucharistic procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi at the Cathedral of St Stephen will be on Sunday, 7th of June 2026 at 2:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried and move through the city streets and return to the Cathedral for Benediction. Processions have long been part of our Catholic tradition.

They express our shared journey of discipleship and remind us that we walk together in faith, guided by the presence of Christ among us. In this Jubilee Year of St Francis, we are especially called to walk with a spirit of simplicity, peace, and fraternity. In this year's procession we will also carry the Migrant Jubilee Cross as part of its National Pilgrimage. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the faith, gifts and resilience that migrants and communities bring to our local Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 20:1-9

There is excitement. People are running. But at the centre of this story is the quiet enigma of an empty tomb. The setting is mysterious -very early, still dark. The very ambiguity invites us to wonder with the disciples what is going on.

The wrapping cloths of Jesus' burial are the symbol of Jesus' resurrection. That is enough for Peter and John – and presumably Mary of Magdala – to come to understand what has happened and to believe.

In what follows in John's gospel, Mary encounters the Risen Lord in the garden, at first thinking He is the gardener. It is a pity we do not hear this part of the story today.

Still, we have the whole Easter season to uncover the real presence of the Risen Lord. The ambiguity of this account of the resurrection actually fits our own experience well, for we encounter the Risen Lord in the mystery of the Word and Sacrament.

- Break Open The Word 2026

SACRAMENTAL TEAMS TRAINING NIGHT:

The Children & Families Team from Archdiocesan Ministries invites you and your team to an evening of formation, training and fellowship for sacramental teams to: deepen your understanding of the theology of the Sacraments of Initiation; explore Church wisdom for contemporary challenges in sacramental preparation and share resources and ideas.

Can't make this one? This session will be repeated at different times and locations across the archdiocese.

When: Thursday, 23 April 2026

Where: Hendra Catholic Parish Centre

Please register at – tinyurl.com/SacramentalTraining

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, 10th April 2026 at 7:30 pm (3rd April is Good Friday, no Mass) Fr Neville Yun, CCR Brisbane Chaplain 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 Sponsored by CCR Bardon.

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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 \$96.80. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – APRIL & MAY 2026

10-11 April 2026: Syriac Community
17-18 April 2026: Sri Lankan Community
24-25 April 2026: Vaioliti Family
1-2 May 2026: Sia Save Family

READERS THIS WEEK: 4/5 APRIL 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Alfred Ozzi	Julita Jaurigue	Samoan Comm
Angela Tagala	Lua Siasau	Choir
Pesi Silao	Lua'ao Perez	

READERS NEXT WEEK: 11/12 APRIL 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Marina Ene	Lillian Tagaloa	Holy Trinity
Atele Ula	Theresa Tominiko	Choir
Rebecca De Los Ama	Shana Tominiko	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 4/5 APRIL 2026 (EASTER SUNDAY – YEAR A)

- 1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43
- 2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
3. Gospel: John 20:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 11/12 APRIL 2026 (2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
3. Gospel: John 20:19-31

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.



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PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD/ANNIVERSARIES – We pray for Frank SIDDLE, Florencia ARANAS, 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 Reba WILSON, MEGAN, 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.

PM ANNOUNCES CUT IN FUEL EXCISE, encourages Australians to 'ENJOY' EASTER: Anthony Albanese has urged Australians not to cancel their Easter getaways amid escalating fuel pressures as he announced a cut in fuel excise. - Daily Telegraph.

SVDP SEWING CLASS AT WOODRIDGE:

St Vincent de Paul Sewing Class will start on the 18th of May 2026 and ends on the 26th of August 2026. It is divided into three groups – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please contact Bev Anderson on 0408 738 759 to register your interest.

A MORNING'S PRAYER:

Easter celebrates the resurrection and how we've come this far. You are invited to the first A Morning's Prayer Retreat for 2026 with the theme Ourt of the Desert, Into New Life.

Facilitated by the Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries, this session will reflect on our spiritual journey through the teachings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers, exploring how we can embrace new life during Easter.

When: Saturday, 18 April, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston

Find out more and register at – tinyurl.com/AMP261.

LAUGHS: LAURIE WOODS

Two university students studying chemistry were coming up to their final exam but were so confident they decided to drive to the town two days before the exam and go to a party with some friends. After the party they overslept and were hungover and didn't make it back to the campus in time to do the exam.

They found the professor and put up the excuse that they had a flat tyre and couldn't get help to be able to make it back in time. The professor gave them a chance to sit the exam the next day, so they studied hard that night in preparation.

Next day the professor put the two lads in separate rooms and handed each his paper. The first problem was worth 5 points and was simple. They thought, 'This is going to be easy.' They each turned the page to Question 2, and it read, 'Which tyre?' (95 points).

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Dear Lord, thank You for the gentle reminder that this life is temporary – and so are difficult circumstances. It is easy to feel overwhelmed because this life is all I know. Help me lift my eyes to You, from where my help comes.

- Inspired by Psalm 121:1

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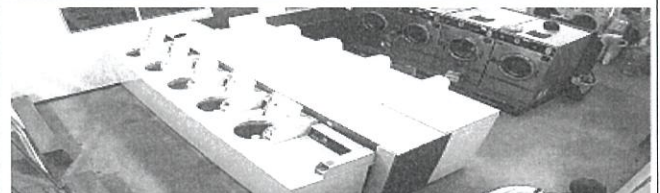
RUMMIKUB = Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Ed Centre Cost:
2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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
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