



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

4-5 MAY 2024 YEAR B

RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS REVEALED TO THE NATIONS HIS SAVING POWER.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love Me will keep My Words, and My Father will love them and We will come to them. 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: <https://stpaulswoodridge.net.au>

Parish Priest **FR LADU JAMES YANGA** Ph (07) 3808 4134
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 Email Address **woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au**
 Office Hours **Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm**

Parish Secretary **Nelda Ward-Naughton** Ph (07) 3808 4134
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 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

Music Co-ordinator: **Sally Pa'apa'a**
 Care & Concern: **Sally Pa'apa'a**
 WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer: **Marina Ene**
 Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au
 Custodians Coordinator: **Marina Ene**
 Email: stpaulcustodian@gmail.com

Custodians on duty

29 April - 5 May 24 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
 6 - 12 May 24 **Costello & Ula Afakasi**
 13- 19 May 24 **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
 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 —4TH SUNDAY 5-7PM
 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, 7pm—Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD

Sunday 9am except school holidays.



BAPTISM PREPARATION MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By



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 at 10:30 am.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

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| Small hosts – 1 jar (1,000 count) | - \$26.95 |
| Medium hosts – 1 box of 50 pcs. | - 24.95 |
| Large hosts – 1 box of 25 pcs | - 56.95 |
| Electricity – church shared w/ school/month | -389.27 |
| Origin – church & presbytery-quarterly | - 654.34 |
| AGL – presbytery – quarterly | - 142.23 |
| Industrial bin collection-monthly | - 1,073.45 |
| Rates – church shared w/ school | - 1,335.79 |
| Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo | - 734.23 |
| Office internet & telephone –monthly | - 327.90 |
| Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery | <u>-27,005.00</u> |

Total Operating Expenses - \$31,771.06

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$1,975.35. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

DINNER DANCE: St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge, will host a Dinner Dance on Saturday, 11 May 2024.

The much needed funds raised at this event will go towards upgrading our parish facilities. Tickets are on sale at \$20.00 or \$180.00 for a table of 10, available at the Piety Store or see Marina. No door sale.

C'mon everyone, bring on your dancing shoes and let's have fun. It's a date!

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$101.20. Thank you.

GOOD NEWS: FR LADU JAMES YANGA – will offer to do 10 Weddings for free at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024:

Six Confirmation Classes - every Thursday at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 16th of May, 23rd and 30th of May, 6th and 13th of June, and ends on 20th of June. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be on the 22nd of June 2024 at 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Bishop TIM NORTON will be the presiding Bishop this year.

Enrolment for Sacrament of Confirmation is now open, and will close on Friday, 31 May 2024. 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.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: John 15:9-17

This reading comes from the Johannine version of the Last Supper Jesus had with a group of His closest followers. In His discourse Jesus speaks of 'commandment' but in Jewish tradition commandments were not just seen as rules to follow but were regarded as gateways by which we allow the Divine to be present in our lives. The rabbis considered the carrying out of a command to be a prayer in the form of a deed.

So, Jesus is saying just as the Father is present in His life as He carries out the divine wishes so He also is present in our lives when we live by the supreme commandment of love. Prompted by appreciating the Divine in others we become conscious of God's presence in our relationships. Notice how Jesus bases His love commandment not on the association of master to servant but on the bond of friendship where each party takes delight in the goodness of the other.

We also get a vision of Jesus' last will and testament in His words at this final friendship meal. He has no Son to carry on His legacy only the women and men who have tied themselves to Him with a commitment to live by His teachings. All He has to leave them is Something of Himself, which is encapsulated in His entreating them to make love the trademark of their union with Him, with each other and with creation.

In today's world, where it is usual for individuals to take sides and favour the mores and traditions of the group they were born into, it becomes normal for people to be caught in divisions and resentment. Very often these are irrational and cause blindness to the worth and goodness of the other. A quick but intelligent reading of John's Gospel will reveal a Jesus who has no time for negative thoughts or passing judgment. He is happy to flout customs and taboos that are based on prejudice and culpable ignorance.

- Laurie Woods

ARCHBISHOP MARK HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU:

There's been a fair bit of talk lately about troubles in our schools – not just in Catholic schools but schools in general. We hear reports of poor educational outcomes, breakdown of discipline and the stress of the teachers. Schools have always been challenging environments; they may be more complex now than in the past; and there's always room for improvement. But the gloomy reports don't match my experience of our schools which, in the face of all the pressures, continue to do a great job equipping our young people for what lies ahead. So thanks to everyone – especially teachers, students and parents – who make our schools what they are.

Source-ALIVE –News from the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

THANK YOU:

1.) SALOTE SOLE for the beautiful flower arrangements of the church altar and for supplying the flowers and PETER GEIDAMOVICS for getting the flower donations from ALDI

2.) To all those who are keeping up with church flowers donations.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – MAY 2024

3-4 May 2024: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
 10-11 May 2024: Sri Lankan Community
 17-18 May 2024: Burundian Community
 24-25 May 2024: Sally Pa'apa'a

READERS THIS WEEK: 4/5 MAY 2024

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

READERS NEXT WEEK: 11/12 MAY 2024

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| 6PM | 7:30AM | 9AM |
| Marina Ene | Lillian Tagalao | Holy Trinity |
| Atele Ula | Sandra Daniels | Choir |
| Pesi Silao | John Moloney | |

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 4/5 MAY 2024 (SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
2. 2nd Reading: 1 John 4:7-10
3. Gospel: John 15:9-17

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 11/12 MAY 2024 (THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY–YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11
2. 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
3. Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

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



God's love for us has been revealed: "Love one another as I have loved you". The world needs people striving to love others with all their hearts. What about you? To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane, by calling 1300 133 544 or by email vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD – We pray for RITA, IGNACIO CASTILLON, ROLSTON FOENANDER, MICHAEL ANDREW KENNEDY, PAUL JOHN & MICHAEL JAURIGUE, OSCAR POLICIOS, FR MARTY LARSEN, LUKE MAUA LEATUA FIAUL, ALFREDO AND VICTORIO BAUTISTA, RUTH PALMANI, 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 ANDREA BENTHAM, VINCENT VETHECAN, GIRLIE GLAVAS, MAUREEN SMITH, HELEN GAINNEY and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY SEWING CLASS: WEDNESDAY GROUP – needs four students to make up for the whole class. Class starts on Wednesday, 15th of May 2024. Anyone interested please contact Bev Anderson on 0408 738 759.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS NATIONWIDE HOLY ROSARY - will be held in churches across Australia again this year on SATURDAY, 25th of MAY between 2:00-4:00pm. Parishes across the Archdiocese of Brisbane are invited to come together united in prayer with the Blessed Mother Mary for God's peace and love in our lives.

This year prayers will be focused on vocations and those in Australia who are suffering from conflict, famine, accidents, abuse, sickness, homelessness or natural disasters. For those who are unable to make it to a Parish, they can pray in their home, preferably at the same time.

Our Lady Help of Christians has in the past come to the aid of Christians, especially when many people have prayed the rosary together. It is hoped that by praying altogether our faith will be nourished and strengthened by the fruits of the Holy Rosary and the intentions of Australia will reach the heart of our Heavenly Mother and given to her Son.

For more information please contact the Communications and Engagement Team – communications@bne.catholic.net.au

In line of the above, CATHOLIC MISSION: THE WORLD MISSION ROSARY – WORLD MISSION MAY ROSARY PRAYERS – would like to invite you to join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

Monday to Friday at 2:00 pm Brisbane/Melbourne time; 12:00 pm Perth time.

Join Zoom Meeting – <https://tinyuri.com/cmprayer>
 Meeting ID – 893 8798 2280
 Password - 876574

DAD JOKES: (IAN ALLEN)

First Man: I had a wooden car once – wooden doors, wooden wheels, even a wooden engine.

Second Man: Really, how was it?

First Man: It wooden go.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

The Lord is my Rock, and my Fortress and my Deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust.


– 2 Samuel 22:2 -3 NKJV

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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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.

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