ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
6 - 7 DECEMBER 2025 YEAR A

RESPONSE: JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Custodians on duty

1— 7 Dec 25	**Costello & Ula Afakasi**
8 — 14 Dec 25	**Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
15 – 21 Dec 25	**Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**

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 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

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 9am except school holidays.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest

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	- 3,218.71
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,550.00
Total Operating Expenses	- $33,538.93

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is $2,376.00. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

THANK YOU!

To all parishioners of St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge for their great support of last Sunday's Multicultural Mass and celebrations. Special thank you to Marina Ene for organising it. To Salote Sole for the beautiful floral arrangement of the Church altar. To the different parish communities and individuals who have given their time, money and effort to make the celebrations possible. It's a resounding success!

Donations from different parish communities -

1.) Tongan Community - $2,000.00
2.) Samoan Community - $933.00
3.) Filipino Community - $631.00
4.) Sudanese Community - $157.00

Total donation is $3,721.00. Thank you.

We are a great parish. God bless us all – Fr Ladu.

POOR BOX – last weekend is $93.60. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION: - Saturday, 13th of December 2025 at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It starts with a rosary at 5:30 pm, and Mass will be incorporated in the Saturday 6:00 pm Vigil Mass and will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ana Vilma Miranda on 0466 721 942 or Miguel Miranda on 0434 330 378.

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.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 3:1-12

The commanding figure of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness is vividly drawn in today's gospel. He is by the River Jordan baptising people, challenging them to repent and turn away from their sins. In the next chapter of Matthew's gospel, Jesus begins His preaching with the very same words as John the Baptist uses here: Repent for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand!

John evidently thinks that the religious leaders who come for baptism are hypocrites in that they are not genuinely repentant. He fearlessly challenges all who come to produce the good fruit which is a sign of a change of heart. The image is strong. The axe is laid to the roots of the tree that fails to give good fruit and it will be thrown on the fire. Eastern icons of the Baptism of the Lord often show an axe ready in the fork of a tree beside John the Baptist as a visible sign of his call to repentance.

The passage ends with John humbly deferring to Christ who will come after Him; He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and fire. John employs a new image to announce that Christ will harvest the wheat and burn the chaff.

– Break Open The Word 2026

ARCHBISHOP SHANE HAS MESSAGE FOR YOU:

As the school year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on this new chapter in my ministry. These first months as Archbishop have been a time of many new experiences and new faces. It has been a true joy to be out and about, meeting so many wonderful people across our communities and discovering the unique gifts each brings to our shared journey of faith. There is a particular joy in encountering families and parishioners, and especially the young people in our Catholic schools, where faith and learning are nurtured together. Though much is still new to me in this role, I am deeply grateful for the welcome I have received and look forward with hope and eagerness to meeting many more members of our Catholic community in the months and years to come. As we prepare for the summer holidays, let us take time to ready our hearts and minds to celebrate Christmas. May we embrace the true meaning of Christmas, a time of joyful expectation and renewal, and take time to show our appreciation for those we love, our wider communities and all whom we encounter.

CHRISTMAS BOWL:

Christmas Bowl is more than fundraising. It is a shared spiritual practice, a way to live out Christian discipleship, stand with families who have been displaced, and make God's love visible in action.

Envelopes will be on the pews. Please take one. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – DECEMBER 2025

5-6 December 2025: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family
12-13 December 2025: Zomi Community
19-20 December 2025: Veamatahau & Ioane Family
26-27 December 2025: Samoan Women's Group

READERS THIS WEEK: 6/7 DECEMBER 2025

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Bernie Beswick	Julita Jaurique	Reuben's Choir
Adela Eastell	Mary Ann P Barbour	
Andrea Nigodemo Idris	Lua Siasau	

READERS NEXT WEEK: 13/14 DECEMBER 2025

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Pesi Silao	Shana Tominiko	Holy Trinity
Marina Ene	Lillian Tagaloa	Choir
Atele Ula	Theresa Tominiko	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 6/7 DECEMBER 2025 (SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10
2. 2nd Reading: Romans 15:4-9
3. Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS–13/14 DECEMBER 2025 (THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
2. 2nd Reading: James 5:7-10
3. Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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 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, 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.

UNDER-16S BAN TO MAKE AUSTRALIA A 'REAL-LIFE LABORATORY':
Australia's under-16 social media ban will make the nation a real-life laboratory on how best to tackle the technology's impact on young people, experts say.
Source: The Australian.

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

YOUNG PILGRIMS URGED TO NURTURE THE LIFE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN: -The Australian Catholic Youth Festival has concluded, with Melbourne Archbishop Peter A Comensoli sending the 6000 young participants forth as "pilgrims of hope" and "the Spirit's new shoots". – CathNews.

30TH ANNIVERSARY: 1995 – 2025:
Celebration of the Blessing of the Pauline Fathers Monastery & Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians 'Marian Valley' with a Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Krzysztof Nykiel, Bishop Regent of The Apostolic Penitentiary, Rome & Most Reverend Columba Macbeth-Green, Bishop of Wilcannia-Forbes on Saturday, 13th of December 2025 at 11:00 am.
Followed by festivities.
Let us give thanks to God for His many blessings.

POPE HAILS LEBANON AS EXAMPLE OF TOLERANCE:
Pope Leo XIV hailed Lebanon as an example of tolerance and urged Christian and interfaith leaders to continue working to maintain a peaceful coexistence in a region where religious tensions are often acute.
Source: Crux.

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS
Dad: I took your old Cluedo to the charity shop today, but I told them it was always Colonel Mustard who did it.
Son: Why did you have to give the game away?

PRAYERS FOR YOU:
Heavenly Father, I know Your Word promises that You will never leave me, never forsake me, but right now I am feeling alone and forgotten. Please renew me. Refresh me. Help me to sense Your presence once again. Help me to rejoice in You and rest in Your grace.
– Thomas Nelson

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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 1 800 846 643 between 6pm and 9pm.**

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