ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 - 8 FEBRUARY 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: A LIGHT RISES IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows Me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

Website: www.stpaul'swoodridge.org

Parish Priest **FR LADU JAMES YANGA** **Ph (07) 3808 4134**
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Custodians on duty

02—08 Feb 26	**Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
09—15 Feb 26	**Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
16 – 22 Feb 26	**Costello & Ula Afakasi**

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 – 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	-416.36
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	- 4,689.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,550.00
Total Operating Expenses	- $35,016.38

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is $2,224.80. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION - Friday, 13th of February 2026 in the Church. It starts with a rosary procession at 6:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA at 7:00 pm, followed by benediction and confessions. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ana Vilma Miranda on 0466 721 942 or Miguel Miranda on 0434 330 378.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA on the 18th of February 2026 at 9:00 am and 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

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

PASSION PLAY FOR GOOD FRIDAY – at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge - First Meeting on Friday, 20th of February 2026 in the Parish Hall from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm – distribution of Play Parts. Passion Play rehearsals in the Church every Saturday for the whole month of March from 10:30 am to 11:45 am

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHOIR – in preparation for Lent and Easter seasons please note St Paul's Choir will hold choir practices every Saturday for the whole month of March 2026 from 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Parish Hall. Everyone is encouraged to join as this choir is our Parish Choir. If you wish to obtain a choir uniform please contact Marina on 0426 011 160, ASAP. All orders must be in no later than 19th of February.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 5:13-16

Today's gospel passage continues Jesus' words in Galilee but these are addressed to His disciples and not to the crowds in general. He is telling His followers that they are the salt of the earth. This is high praise indeed, and extremely encouraging.

In the ancient Jewish world salt was linked to covenant faithfulness, mainly because it doesn't lose its flavour but retain its qualities in spite of being mixed with other substances. This is the kind of fidelity and perseverance that Jesus calls for. God forbid that salt should lose its flavour! But should this unlikely event ever happen then the salt is totally useless. What an indictment it would be if I ceased to be faithful! I would risk being useless. A fate worse than death, as the saying goes.

Calling His disciples the light of the world Jesus is saying that their goodness and compassion should shine, not in the sense of seeking attention or grandstanding, but simply as a result of being genuinely wholesome and sincere.

The telling point that Jesus added was that people would see the good works of the disciples. The bottom line is, speaking out the good news of Jesus needs to be reinforced with appropriate behaviour. After all, actions speak louder than words and the integrity and compassion of the disciples would provide a convincing and powerful back-up to their preaching.

- Laurie Woods

LITURGY/PROCLAIMERS, SACRISTANS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS ANNUAL MEETING & TRAINING – Wednesday, 4th of March 2026, 6:00 pm in the Church at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Encouraging new volunteers to join. Thank you.

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

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES: - Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: - https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

POOR BOX – last weekend is $139.50. Thank you.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – FEBRUARY 2026
6-7 February 2026: Vaioleti Family
13-14 February 2026: Sia Save Family
20-21 February 2026: Sally Pa'apa'a & Family
27-28 February 2026: Zomi Community

READERS THIS WEEK: 7/8 FEBRUARY 2026

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

READERS NEXT WEEK: 14/15 FEBRUARY 2026

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Rebecca De Los Ama	Marina Ene	Divine Mercy
Julita Jaurigue	Jeannie Stehr	Choir
Andrea Nigodemo Idris	Mago Ioane Tausaga	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 7/8 FEBRUARY 2026 (5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
3. Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS–14/15 FEBRUARY 2026 (6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
3. Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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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Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father." 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/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 Bruce Joseph BARBOUR, MEGAN, 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

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, MICAH KELEKOLIO TAGALOA who will be baptised by FR LADU JAMES YANGA this Sunday, 8th of February 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AUSTRALIA SOCIETY: - have chosen NIGERIA as the country this year. St Bernardine's Church at Regents Park will be hosting this years World Day of Prayer 2026 on Saturday, 7th of March 2026. More information to follow as it comes closer to the date.

SECOND AUXILIARY BISHOP APPOINTED FOR PERTH:
Pope Leo XIV appointed Perth priest Fr Nelson Po as an auxiliary bishop for the Perth Archdiocese.
Source: ACBC Media Blog.

CARE DELIVERED BY RELIGIOUS SISTERS TO BE FORMALLY RECOGNISED:
Catholic Health Australia has welcomed the Albanese Government's decision to ensure personal care minutes delivered by religious sisters in aged care homes are formally recognised and count towards mandated targets.
Source: CathNews.

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS
I went to McDonald's and ordered two large fries.
They gave me about 75 tiny ones instead.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:
Oh, Jesus, who has said, "Learn from Me because I am meek and humble of heart", grant us the virtues of meekness and humility so that we may progress in our spiritual life, and so that our neighbour may see Your Image in us.
– Manuel S Salvador, DD
Coadjutor Archbishop of Cebu

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026:
Parent-Info Session – Thursday, 26th of March, 3:30 pm in the church.
Five Confirmation Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 23rd and 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.
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.

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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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