ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 – 8 NOVEMBER 2026 YEAR A

RESPONSE: MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR YOU, O LORD MY GOD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

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PARISH INFORMATION

Website: www.stpaul'swoodridge.org

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Custodians on duty

2 – 8 Nov 26	**Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
9 - 15 Nov 26	**Costello & Ula Afakasi**
16—22 Nov 26	**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-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 BURMESE MASS- 1ST SUNDAY 11AM
KARENNI BURMESE MASS- 4TH SUNDAY– 10:30 AM

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 -7pm 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 meeting with Parish Priest. at 3pm every Wednesday. Booking for a meeting with Parish Priest is essential. Baptisms are celebrated individually Baptism—Sundays

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 9am except school holidays.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE – ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT ROLE AVAILABLE: To apply, please provide a resume and a cover letter. Please apply directly through seek via this link: https://au.seek.com/job/95459953.

Thank you!

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, AUDREY LALRUATPUII IBARRA RALTE who will be baptised by FR DANIEL RYAN this Sunday, 8th of November 2026. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION: - Friday, 13th of November 2026 at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It starts with a rosary at 6:30 pm and Mass will be celebrated by FR FRANCISCO EVANGELEST. Benediction and Confessions will follow after the Mass. All are welcome. For more information please contact Ana Vilma Miranda on 0466 721 942; Miguel Miranda on 0434 330 378.

THANK YOU! – to FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL for donating a beautiful piano and a chair to St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge organised by HELEN BOYES, School Principal of St Paul's Primary School, Woodridge.

FROM CHOIR LEADERS MEETING HELD – WEDNESDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2026:
Following the Choir Leaders Meeting, it has been confirmed and approved by FR LADU that SALA MALOMALII REUBEN ENE has been re-elected as the PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY COORDINATOR for another year, which Reuben has accepted to serve God whole heartedly in this ministry with the prayers, love and support of our Parish Community. In God we trust.

ST PAUL'S FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:
Sausage Sizzle, Sunday, 15th of November 2026 after 7:30 am and 9:00 am Masses. Funds raised will go towards Church repairs and Christmas raffle.

CHRISTMAS SHOP – ST PAUL'S PARISH, WOODRIDGE: On 21st & 22nd of November 2026. All proceeds will go towards parish maintenance.

HOLINESS IS NOT A PRIVILEGE RESERVED FOR A FEW – POPE:
Holiness is a calling for everyone, not an achievement reserved for a select group, Pope Leo said during his Angelus address in St Peter's Square.

Source: EWTN News.

POOR BOX – last weekend is $116.05. Thank you.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 25:1-13
This is a parable about being watchful and ready for the coming of the Lord at the end of time. It makes a comparison between two kinds of readiness: 1) readiness to receive the bridegroom and then take part in the wedding celebration and 2) readiness to know Christ and be known by Him and so take part in the fulness of the reign of God. The challenge in this parable is to live a life of goodness and wholeness that would bring us closer to Christ.
Some interpreters have considered the bridegroom (Christ) to be ungracious in refusing entry to the women who came late, but this only shows a lack of appreciation of how stories work. Jesus is making the point that there are no compromises. We are either ready for His coming or we are not. We have lived wisely to prepare ourselves for His coming or we have not. Living according to the values of Jesus gains us entry. By ignoring His teachings, we disqualify ourselves.
The point Jesus makes with the parable is that we have a choice, we can be watchful and prepared and so qualify to enter into God's realm or we can ignore Jesus and His teachings in our life. If we ignore His teachings we are making reckless decisions to turn away from the grace offered to us.
A telling statement in the parable is the one spoken by the bridegroom to those women who were unprepared. He said, 'Truly, I do not know you.' Imagine Jesus is saying to any of us, 'The fact is, I do not know you.' Imagine how devastating that would be. He would be saying that we had not taken His message to heart and lived a quality life by seeing Him in the people we met in life and reaching out to help. It would mean that we had not established a relationship with Him by showing respect and compassion towards others.
Imagine Jesus opening the door and saying,
'Come on in. We know each other. You're the one who always reached out in your life to show love and compassion to others. We are definitely not strangers.'
– Laurie Woods

SYRO-MALABAR EPARCHY TO HOLD ITS FIRST EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY:
The Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle of Melbourne will hold its first Eparchial Assembly this month, giving thanks for faith received from St Thomas the Apostle and discern how that faith can be lived and shared today.

Source: CathNews.

MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS 'SAILS' INTO DARWIN:
A year after it first "set sail", the Migrant Jubilee Cross travelled throughout the Darwin Diocese in October, bringing parish communities together in prayer, reflection, and solidarity with migrants and refugees.
Source: CathNews.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2026
13-14 November 2026: Burundian Community
20-21 November 2026: Divine Mercy Group
27-28 November 2026: Syriac Community
4-5 December 2026: Sri Lankan Community

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 7/8 NOV 2026 (32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
3. Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 14/15 NOVEMBER 2026 (33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A)

1. 1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13
2. 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
3. Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

PIETY STORE – Opening hours are: Monday and Wednesday 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 Didiella UWIMANA, Robin CLARK, Justine MANGWI, Reba WILSON, 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.

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

NEW APPOINTMENTS STRENGTHEN CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S DIOCESAN NETWORK:
Caritas Australia has welcomed five new diocesan directors this year, strengthening its nationwide network of local Catholic leaders who help bring the Church's mission of compassion, justice and solidarity to life in communities across Australia.

Source: CathNews.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – FACETS OF GRACE:
The Adult Formation team from Archdiocesan Ministries is delighted to invite women to a transformative retreat exploring Saint Teresa of Avila's Interior Castle. During our time together we will discover the facets of grace available to all of us and Teresa's beautiful metaphors revealing the beauty and dignity of our souls.
This retreat is for women of all ages who are seeking to connect with God in a creative and fresh way. Whether you're new to retreat experiences or seasoned, you are very welcome. Come as you are.
When: 7 December 2026, 6:00 pm
Where: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (267 Wellington Street, Ormiston).
Register here: tinyurl.com/womensRdec26

LEAVE YOUR COMFORT ZONE ON WORLD DAY OF THE POOR:
Townsville Bishop Tim Harris says World Day of the Poor on November 15 is an opportunity for all Christians to draw closer to Christ by encountering those who live in poverty in the community.

Source: ACBC Media Blog.

POPE PRAYS FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH:
Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this November in praying for the proper use of wealth.

Source: Vatican News.

DAD JOKES: KIT & ANDREW CHILVERS
My wife says the salads I make tend to be a bit on the "dry" side.
It's definitely something that needs addressing.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:
You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.

– Psalm 32:7

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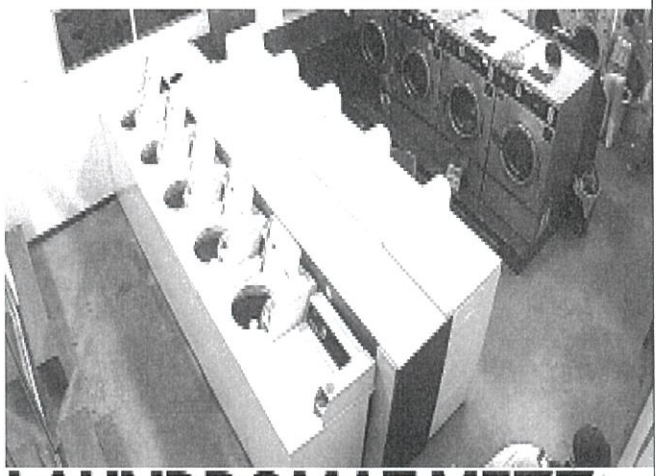
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CARPET BOWLS – Every Thursday 10-12pm in the Fr David Batey Hall. Joining fee $2 Session $4 Contact Connie on 0423 004 684

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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