



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2024 YEAR B

RESPONSE: PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the Kingdom and healed all who were sick. 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: www.stpaul'swoodridge.org

Parish Priest	FR LADU JAMES YANGA	Ph (07) 3808 4134
Presbytery	75 Ewing Road, Woodridge Ph 3808 7661 (8pm-8am)	
Parish Office	3 St Paul's Drive, Woodridge	Ph 3808 4134
Postal Address	PO Box 98 Woodridge 411 4	
Email Address	woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au	
Office Hours	Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm	
Parish Secretary	Nelda Ward-Naughton	Ph (07) 3808 4134
Administration Officer	Mary Ann Policios Barbour	Ph (07) 3808 4134
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

2—8 Sept 24	Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a
9 – 15Sept 24	Costello & Ula Afakasi
16 – 22 Sept 24	Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau
Parish Caretaker:	Glen Reihā
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES:	Margaret Harvey Mob: 0411 300 209

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD
Sunday 9am except school holidays.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



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 —SUNDAYS 4-8PM
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, 6:30pm—Church

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES:

Small hosts – 6 jars (1,000 count)	- \$161.70
Medium hosts – 4 boxes of 50 pcs.	- 55.80
Large hosts – 1 box of 25 pcs	- 56.95
Electricity – church shared w/ school/month	-214.15
Origin – church & presbytery-quarterly	- 741.94
AGL – presbytery – quarterly	- 137.53
Industrial bin collection-monthly	- 1,231.78
Rates – presbytery & 10 Jean St	- 1,192.76
Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly-	1,360.00
Jani King– cleaners for church facilities/mo	- 734.23
Office internet & telephone –monthly	- 329.15
Liturgia – yearly subscription	- 295.00
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 1,748.80
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	<u>-33,053.45</u>
Total Operating Expenses -	\$41,313.24

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,134.10. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS! – to all the winners of Father's Day Fundraising Raffle at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge.

1. Chris & Gee Veamatahau
2. Rosemary Hunt
3. Lusia & Pesi Silao

Total funds raised is \$770.00.

Thank you everyone for all your generous support to the parish.

POOR BOX – last weekend is \$91.00. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024:

Parent Info Session – on Thursday, 3rd of October at 3:30 pm in the church – Fr Ladu and Diane Johnson (APRE), St Paul's Primary School, to talk through First Holy Communion Program and the expectations of parental/carer support during the program.

Six First Holy Communion Classes – every Thursday at 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the church. It starts on the 10th of October, 17th, 24th and 31st of October, 7th of November and ends on the 14th of November. The children must attend all the classes. All parents/carers are also expected to attend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, 16th of November 2024 at 11:00 am at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It will be celebrated by Fr LADU JAMES YANGA.

Enrolment for Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now open, and will close on Monday, 30th of September 2024. A child must be Grade 4 or 9 years old and 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.

GOSSPEL REFLECTION: Mark 7:31-37

Mark describes Jesus coming from the district of Tyre, which was a port on the Mediterranean coast of southern Phoenicia, present day Lebanon. He headed southeast towards the Decapolis area, which was a league of ten ancient Greek cities (Greek. *dekapolis* = ten cities) situated on the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee and the Jordan River. These regions were not inhabited by Jewish people, so Jesus was mostly speaking to non-Jews. Maybe this was a break for Him, getting away from 'His own who received Him not' as John put it in his gospel prologue.

With a reputation for healing Jesus was approached by some individuals who brought along a deaf man. He was probably not deaf from birth since he had some ability to speak. Mark describes Jesus going through a process of healing by putting His fingers into the man's ears and placing a drop of His own spittle on the man's tongue. In the ancient Greco-Roman world spittle was regarded as having healing properties. Even today we recognise that saliva on skin dryness or a wound sets up a small humid environment that can ease inflammation.

Jesus then looked symbolically to heaven, groaned and commanded the healing to take place. Notice that unlike other healers He did not use an incantation, gibberish or secret formulas to bring about a result. He uttered normal speech and a wonder took place. Mark regards this as an amazing miracle and his allusion to Isaiah 35:5 makes it clear that he is convinced Jesus is performing an act that only God can accomplish.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

We are called to be healers. It is only in hindsight that the disciples of the Risen Lord can appreciate the full significance of the words and actions of the itinerant Jesus.

– Laurie Woods.

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

AFRICAN MASS – on Sunday, 15th of September 2024, 12:00 pm at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge by Fr LADU JAMES YANGA.

GOOD NEWS!: FR LADU JAMES YANGA – offers to do 10 Weddings for free at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. Please call (07) 3808 4134 for information.

MARIAN VALLEY SHRINE OF OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AT CANUNGRA PILGRIMAGE – will be on Wednesday, 11th of September 2024.

Bus leaves at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge at 8:30 am and depart from Canungra at 2:30 pm. Fr Ladu will celebrate the Mass. Bus fare is now \$25.00 per person due to huge price hike. For more information please contact Adela Eastell.

ROSTERS

CLEANERS – SEPTEMBER 2024

6-7 September 2024: Syriac Community
13-14 September 2024: Samoan Women's Group
20-21 September 2024: Sri Lankan Community
27-28 September 2024: Burmese Community

READERS THIS WEEK: 7/8 SEPTEMBER 2024

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Neville Pearson	Lillian Tagaloa	Holy Trinity
Danielle Anderson	Sandra Daniels	Choir
Bernie Beswick	John Moloney	

READERS NEXT WEEK: 14/15 SEPTEMBER 2024

6PM	7:30AM	9AM
Marina Ene	Marina Ene	Divine Mercy
Atele Ula	Jeannie Stehr	Choir
Pesi Silao	Sally Pa'apa'a	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 7/8 SEPT 2024 (23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7
2. 2nd Reading: James 2:1-5
3. Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS– 14/15 SEPT 2024 (24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME–YR B)

1. 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9
2. 2nd Reading: James 2:14-18
3. Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

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.



Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the Kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So, take heart, be not afraid, and consider your part in God's Kingdom. 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 Matthew EDWARDS, Antonio KOLIO, Ted WARREN, Darren GODLEY, Catheryn WALTER, Henry GILBERT, Shane DONAGHUE, Sheila EBORN, Leuluso'o VAILISIO, Robin WALLACE, Peter Robert HUNTER, 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, Vincent VETHECAN, Bev ANDERSON, Maureen SMITH, Helen GAINNEY, Abner TAGALA, Vick NORONHA, and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – on Saturday, 28th of September 2024 at 11:30 am, to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or more are invited to attend, together with family and friends.

RSVP: Wednesday, 25th of September

Email: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au; phone: 3324 3030. Cathedral car park will be available.

BAPTISM – Congratulations and welcome into our faith community, VALENTINO SOIA STOWERS and SALIA ZOLA BIGIRIMANA who will be baptised by Fr Ladu James Yanga on SUNDAY, 8th of SEPTEMBER 2024. Our prayers and warm wishes are extended to your parents, Godparents, extended families and friends.

QLD – “RESPECT AT WORK” – The Queensland Government have released a bill that threatens our ability to say and teach what we believe.

The “Respect at Work” bill creates a ban on “hateful” speech that could include a wide range of religious teaching. It also empowers the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner to investigate churches and other faith groups to ensure compliance.

Faith leaders have told the Government what is wrong with the bill, but have been ignored.

The most important thing you can do is to write to your local MP and tell them you are concerned about the bill. Learn more about the bill and write to your MP today – <https://contactyourmp.org.au/qld>

DAD JOKES: LAURIE WOODS

Customer: I'd like a pair of stockings for my wife.

Salesman: Sheer?

Customer: No, she's at home.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your Name forever and ever.

- Psalm 145:2 NASB

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS:

On Friday, 13th of September 2024 at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. It starts with Rosary procession at 6:30 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Ladu at 7:00 pm. For more information please contact Marta Rodriguez.

PPARISH 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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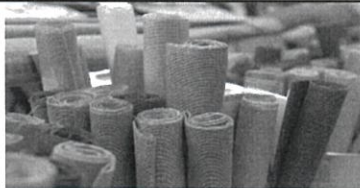
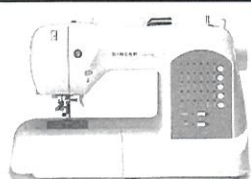
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL MIGRATION ADVICE

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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