
ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 7 - 8 DECEMBER 2024 YEAR C



RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US: WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.

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

FR LADU JAMES YANGA

Ph (07) 3808 4134 75 Ewing Road, Woodridge Ph 3808 7661 (8pm-8am) Ph 3808 4134

Parish Office Postal Address **Email Address**

3 St Paul's Drive, Woodridge PO Box 98 Woodridge 411 4 woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au Monday-Friday 10am-4:30pm

Office Hours Parish Secretary Administration Officer Mary Ann Policios Barbour

Nelda Ward-Naughton

Ph (07) 3808 4134 Ph (07) 3808 4134

Pastoral Council Chairman: Peter Geidamovics

Pastoral Council Secretary: Marina Ene

Ph (07) 3208 2868 St Paul's School Principal: Helen Boyes St Paul's Primary School Email: pwoodridge@bne.catholic.edu.au

RCIA Coordinator: Tess Vethecan Choir Co-ordinator: Sally Pa'apa'a Sally Pa'apa'a Care & Concern:

WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer: Marina Ene

Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au

Custodians Coordinator: Marina Ene

stpaulcustodian@gmail.com Email:

St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

Custodians on duty

2-8 Dec 24 2-15 Dec 24 Costello & Ula Afakasi

Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau

16-22 Dec 24 Parish Caretaker: Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a Glen Reiha

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 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.



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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

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

Maria Rosay Group -2pm every 1st Friday of the month - Meeting Room

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



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 – 3 boxes of 10 pcs - 44.85

Electricity – church shared w/ school/month -203.36

Origin – church & presbytery-quarterly - 992.84

AGL – presbytery – quarterly - 137.53 Industrial bin collection-monthly - 1,207.63

Rates – presbytery & 10 Jean St - 1,153.28

Rates - church shared w/ school/quarterly- 1,350.44 Jani King— cleaners for church facilities/mo - 762.12

Office internet & telephone – monthly - 329.15

Liturgia – yearly subscription - 295.00 Repairs & Maintenance – Church 1,114.50

Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery –34,953.45

Total Operating Expenses - \$42,761.65 Plus Miscellaneous Expenses - varies each time Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$3,623.50. Thank you all for your generosity and

AFRICAN MASS – will be celebrated by FR LADU JAMES YANGA on Sunday, 15 December 2024, 12:00 pm at St Paul's Catholic Parish, Woodridge. All are welcome.

continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – will be drawn after Christmas Eve Mass on 24th of December 2024.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Third Prize is yet to be announced as it has changed.

Prizes:

First Prize - Mass Set

Second Prize - Holy Family Statue

Third Prize - to be announced

Tickets on sale for a \$1.00 each or \$5.00 for six tickets. All proceeds will go towards Sacristy renovations and Parish Maintenance. Thank you.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: PASTORAL OR FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish is currently seeking volunteers to join the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council in 2025. If you are interested in joining one of the two councils and you are able and willing to obtain a Blue Card and police check, please provide an Expression of Interest letter addressed to Chairman of Pastoral Council & Chairman of Finance Council stating the following points:

- Why you are interested in joining your selected council (Pastoral or Finance)
- Why you would be suitable for the role
- Skills you have that are suitable for the role

The closing day for this EOI is 4:00 pm, Friday, 20th of December 2024.

All correspondence emailed to Woodridge Pastoral Council— <u>pastoral.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au</u> or provided to the Parish office in a sealed envelope.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Luke 3:1-6

Luke's Infancy Narrative has just concluded and this extract marks the beginning of his account of the mission of the adult Jesus. We notice that he is careful to locate events in history by mentioning Tiberius Caesar as emperor, Herod Antipas as ruler in Galilee, the northern province of first century Palestine, and other historical characters. He also imitates the style of the ancient books of prophecy by using the literary form that signals divine inspiration with, 'the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah' (Aramaic: Jochanan bar Z'chariah). In both Hebrew and Aramaic the name John, Yechonatan/Yochanan means 'gift of God'.

We know that John was using a ritual washing by full immersion in the Jordan River as a public testimony to a person's change of heart and return to God. John was clearly inviting those who listened to him to symbolise their change of life and their return to the Lord by undergoing a cleansing, a 'washing'. Later, the first followers of Jesus borrowed John's washing practice and turned it into an initiation rite for new members. John's immersion washing was never intended to be an initiation rite nor was it ever said to take away sin. By the time candidates in the first century were admitted to sacramental Baptism they had already confessed and had their sins forgiven.

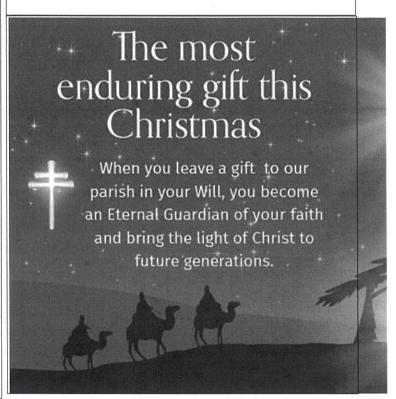
- Laurie Woods.

POOR BOX - last weekend is \$80.30. Thank you.

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



ROSTERS

CLEANERS - DECEMBER 2024

6-7 December 2024: Syriac Community 13-14 December 2024: Sia Save Family 20-21 December 2024: Burmese Community

27-28 December 2024: Burundian Community

READERS THIS WEEK: 7/8 DECEMBER 2024 6PM 7:30AM 9AM

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

READERS NEXT WEEK: 14/15 DECEMBER 2024

THIS WEEK'S READINGS- 7/8 DECEMBER 2024 (2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR C)

1. 1st Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

3. Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS- 14/15 DECEMBER 2024 (3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YR C)

1. 1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
 2. 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
 3. Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

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.

John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Promote the gospel in our community (Luke 3:1-6). 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 Elaine STEVENS, Reba WILSON, Vincent VETHECAN, Bev ANDERSON, Maureen SMITH, Helen GAINEY, Abner TAGALA, Vick NORONHA, and all the sick of the parish. May the healing power of Jesus Christ breathe across your being now.

ST PAUL'S PARISH CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT – Saturday, 21st of December 2024 at 6:00 pm in the Fr David Batey's Hall. Everyone is invited to please participate. Let's Christmas and celebrate the birthday of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH, WOODRIDGE FINAL TRAINING FOR READERS/LITURGY SERVERS – on Wednesday, 11 December 2024 at 6:00 pm in the church. Please note you must complete this training if you wish to read over the Christmas Masses and in 2025.

Those that had previously attended are also welcome to attend as a refresher. If you have any questions, please contact Marina.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTIONS – Friday, 13th of December 2024. Rosary procession at 7:00 pm and 7:30 pm Mass by FR LADU JAMES YANGA. Please wear your traditional dress and bring a plate to share.

ARCHBISHOP MARK HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU:

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the many moments of grace that our schools and communities have known through the year - like the young girl who comforted her classmate with real tenderness, or the students who debate and learn with great energy and enthusiasm, or teachers who go the extra mile to lead the young into life. I think too of parents who have been the living embodiment of God's loving presence in a world that can seem at times messy and harsh. The challenge before us is not to retreat into some fake fantasy world, but to discover the extraordinary at the heart of our ordinary daily interactions. In our Catholic schools, we continue to feed not just the mind but also the heart and the soul, so that every child in our schools will come to know that we are accompanied and nurtured by a love greater than ourselves. Thanks to so many for all this year has been.

DAD'S JOKE: IAN ALLEN

Hotelier: It's f50 a night but f25 if you make your own bed.

Guest: I don't mind making my own bed.

Hotelier: Good, I'll just get you the hammer and nails and some wood.

PRAYERS FOR YOU:

Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses.

- 1 Kings 8:56



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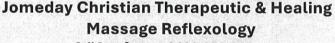
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RUMMIKUB = Wednesdays 10am-3pm in Room 1 at the Adult Ed Centre Cost: 2 BYO Lunch Contact Reba 0403 482 210 or Anne 0403 300 660.

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.

MAKE IT FABRICS – Do you love sewing but on a budget? See Paola at Shop 4/54 Kingston Rd, Underwood Tel: (07) 3162 4700 for budget sewing materials, laces, trims and sewing machine repairs.

MIGRATION AGENT (MARA#9253287) Anabelle Buenavista Havelock AB cum laude, LLB

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29 Wembley Road (PO Box 6287) Logan Central, Qld 4114

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