



ST PAUL'S PARISH WOODRIDGE



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
20 - 21 DECEMBER 2025 YEAR A
RESPONSE: LET THE LORD ENTER;
HE IS KING OF GLORY.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a Son;
His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

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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
ZOMI MASS- 1STSUNDAY 11AM
KARENNI MASS-4TH SUNDAY- 10:30AM

PARISH INFORMATION

Website: www.stpaul'swoodridge.org

Parish Priest **FR LADU JAMES YANGA** Ph (07) 3808 4134
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RCIA Coordinator: **Tess Vethecan-Kessels**

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

WH&S & Local Safeguarding Officer: **Marina Ene**
Email: safeguarding.woodridge@bne.catholic.net.au
Custodians Coordinator: **Marina Ene**
Email: stpaulcustodian@gmail.com
St Vincent de Paul Helpline - 1800 846 643

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

Custodians on duty

15— 21 Dec 25 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
22— 28 Dec 25 **Chris & Joycelyn Veamatahau**
29 Dec - 4 Jan 26 **Sofeni & Sally Pa'apa'a**
Parish Caretaker: **Glen Reiha**
Parish Liaison Officer to ROSIES: **Margaret Harvey** Mob: 0411 300 209

BAPTISM PREPARATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD
Sunday 9am except school holidays.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

By appointment with priest



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



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	- 439.41
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	- 1,309.82
Repairs & Maintenance – Presbytery	-24,625.00
Total Operating Expenses	- \$31,814.30

Plus Miscellaneous Expenses – varies each time

Total collections from weekend Masses last week is \$2,132.00. Thank you all for your generosity and continual support to the parish. God bless everyone.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES & CONFESSION 2025:

2nd Rite of Reconciliation – Monday, 22 December 2025
at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, 23 December 2025 – No Mass

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, 24 December 2025

No Morning Mass

6:00 pm – Children’s Mass –

5:30 pm Christmas Carols – St Paul’s Choir

Choir/Carols/Offertory: St Paul’s Choir

12:00 am – Midnight Parish Mass – 25 December 2025

11:30 pm – 12:00 Midnight Christmas Carols –

Divine Mercy Choir

Choir/Carols/Offertory: Divine Mercy Choir

Christmas Day – Thursday, 25 December 2025

9:00 am Parish Mass

8:30 am – Christmas Carols – St Mother Teresa Choir

Choir/Carols/Offertory: St Mother Teresa Choir

4:00 pm – Syriac Mass

Friday, 26 December 2025 & Saturday, 27 December

2025 – No Morning Mass

Saturday, 27 December 2025 – 6:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, 28 December 2025 – Masses at 7:30am & 9:00am

St Paul’s Parish Community welcomes visitors to our Masses this Christmas Season. Please take the Christian greeting of our community to your home Church with our prayerful blessings. – Fr Ladu

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:

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Account Name: St Paul’s Catholic Parish, Woodridge

BSB: 064 786

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GOSPEL REFLECTION: Matthew 1:18-24

Matthew gives an account of Joseph being told in a dream by a heavenly messenger that the pregnancy of his betrothed has been brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. His initial reaction to her condition was to terminate his marriage arrangement with Mary. In the custom of the day a marriage was only complete when the man took his bride into his home. So, Joseph wanted to avoid a) marrying an adulteress and b) exposing Mary to public shame. Matthew adds that Joseph was *dikaios*, a straight-up, decent and fair kind of guy, but also conscious of maintaining his loyalty to the requirements of Torah. Hence his dilemma. Addressing Joseph as son of David the messenger underlines the genealogy that Matthew had previously documented showing the connection of both Joseph and Jesus to Abraham and David.

To demonstrate the child’s destiny, Matthew draws attention to the name He is to be given, Yeshua, the Aramaic form of the Hebrew, Joshua (*Ye-hoshua* =YHWH saves). He then cites the Immanuel passage of Isaiah 7:14 drawing on the Greek Septuagint translation. The Greek has the word *parthenos* for the Hebrew *‘almah*, which means a young woman. What clouds the issue a little here is that *parthenos* means a young woman of marriageable age but also has the more nuanced idea of ‘virgin’. The young woman in Isaiah’s oracle is clearly not a virgin, but the ambiguity of *parthenos* allows Matthew to apply the prophecy to Mary’s virginal conception.

Matthew explains how Immanuel means God-is-with-us, which would seem an unnecessary clarification for his mostly Jewish community. It does, however, show that there were non-Jewish converts in the Matthean church who might have needed a translation.

Matthew’s stress on the Immanuel prophecy demonstrates how the early Christian communities saw Jesus. Where David was the great messiah of Jewish history, Jesus was the ultimate Messiah who fulfilled all prophecy.

– Laurie Woods

POPE PRAYS FOR VICTIMS OF BONDI BEACH TERRORIST ATTACK:

Pope Leo XIV has condemned Sunday’s terrorist attack on the Jewish community at Bondi Beach, saying: “Enough with these forms of antisemitic violence! We must eradicate hatred from our hearts.”

Source: NCR Online.

THANK YOU:

- 1.) Pehbu Bu & Bumeh Bu - \$400.00 - for Church fundraising.
 - 2.) Chat & Ernie Alcantara - \$500.00 – for Church donation
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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.

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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,
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