

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC PARISH CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC PARISH THE OAKS

> ST CLARE'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 12TH/13TH MARCH 2022

Moral Insight

From Pope Francis:

The heart of man may reject the light and prefer the shadows, because light lays bare his evil deeds.

Those who do evil hate light.

Those who do evil hate peace.

War does not begin on the battlefield: war, wars begin in the heart, with misunderstanding, division, envy, with this struggle with others.

Season of Lent

The Opening Prayer at Mass for this coming Monday:

O God, who have taught us to chasten our bodies for the healing of our souls, enable us, we pray, to abstain from all sins and strengthen our hearts to carry out your loving commands.

Project Compassion Boxes still available from St Paul's inside the church, as well as the Chapel, and entry areas at The Oaks and Oakdale

Sacrament of Penance Programme

It is with great regret that the traditional practice of encouraging parents and children to both celebrate the Sacrament of Penance during the same ceremony cannot take place this programme because of Covid concerns. Hopefully, the precautions taking place this year will not be necessary in 2023.

So there will be two ceremonies for the children:

Tuesday 22nd March at 6:00 PM Wednesday 23rd March at 7:00 PM

Each ceremony will be limited to 80 children, and there will be four priests in attendance.

Adults are encouraged to make a confession on a Saturday morning in the confessional where there is a curtain between priest and penitent or at least a metre when sitting and communicating in a more conversational way.

Please ensure that you and the children are all able to recite the Act of Contrition perfectly.

For this weekend, the following will apply:

At the end of Mass, please come towards the sanctuary and see the presiding priest to collect a personalised form in which parents and carers are to nominate their preferred ceremony. These forms will only be available to the families who have handed in the books and received a parish stamp.

Please then move to the meeting room to return the completed form and to collect your child's stamped book. A leaflet will be provided next week to advise of the ceremony to which each family has been assigned. Thanks

In Other News

- 1. It has been felt that wipes in the church are now no longer necessary. However, our parishioners are most welcome to bring their own and to wipe around where they will be sitting.
- 2. Hand sanitiser will continue to be provided. All attending our Masses are encouraged to make use of this very necessary hygiene product.
- 3. The periodical 'Australian Catholics' is available for collection on the magazine tables in the three churches. The magazines are complimentary and always contain topical reading.
- 4. Bellringers at Camden are now able to recommence this centuries-old craft. Practice can begin from this coming week. Because of the proximity of bellringers to each other, masks need to be worn. It is anticipated that the bells will be rung in our parish at Easter. It's with great anticipation that we welcome the return of our bellringers.
- 5. A herd of cattle was almost going to find a temporary home in the school yard at St Paul's during the height of the flood on Tuesday. The herd needed to be moved to higher ground when the showground and surrounding fields went under. A late change of plans saw the cattle guided towards the sale yards where they were taken to safety on a truck. It was quite a spectacle watching the cattle mooing down Mitchell Street.
- 6. New projectors have been installed in the church. A really tough decision needed to be made between projectors and large LCD screens. The cost was comparable. It was acknowledged that the LCD screens would have delivered a slightly better resolution and sharper colour contrast.

However, when not in use – such as with weddings – three big black screens would have been quite foreign to the ambiance of the church which is styled with sandstock brick. The three projectors are state-of-the-art. Parishioners can form their own opinion over the weekend when they will be used for the first time. Might have a guessing competition as to the cost!

Sacrament of Confirmation for The Oaks and Camden

Hopefully, the timeline will have been prepared by next week and then be available within a few weeks afterwards.

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Great Opportunity for Free ~ Access to FORMED

FORMED is a great resource that has been purchased by the Office of Bishop in Wollongong to give Catholics the opportunity to access this "Catholic Netflix" with great documentaries, resources, movies, talks and so on. It's like a big library website that covers all aspects of the Christian faith. There are materials for adults and children.

Sign up for free by contacting helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Brochures available from the magazine table.

And BTW: Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith.

A simple way to stay informed and connected is to invite the faithful to subscribe at https://dow.sh/stayingconnected to receive regular stay connected updates or visit https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

Sunday 13th March ~ Second Sunday in Lent Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

el Choir
el Eva and Darko
Tony

Sunday 20th March ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Vigil ~ **Saturday Evening**

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Io

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Maria C. and Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

Kind Regards Father Michael

Sunday 13th March ~ Second Sunday in Lent Time

13-Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	PC
9.00am	Pat O'Flynn				
5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Ken Potter	Wal Glynn	Trish O'Flynn	Eugene Kosiak
		Kimberley			Cheryl/
8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Logue	Leonnie Gray	Lorraine Phillips	Kathryn
		Oscar		Michael	Raefel
10.00am	Mark Coleman	Marimbe	Helen Lanyon	Reardon	Zoric
		Samantha	Samantha		Lo Cascio
5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Vergara	Vergara	Diane Garland	family

Position Vacant - St Mary's Towers

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre are looking for a kitchen hand or cook or someone prepared to work in either of these positions. We are particularly looking for someone Monday to Friday but also someone who is flexible with their time, for some weekends. Generally, shifts are 9 am to 2.00 pm. If you would like to work with a friendly, enthusiastic team and love to prepare food (no formal qualifications needed), then please send your resume to Amy at amy.parish1976@gmail.com Own transport to Douglas Park is essential.