



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 8TH/9TH OCTOBER 2022

Wise Counsel from St Paul to his little mate, Timothy

Train yourself spiritually. Physical exercises are useful enough, but the usefulness of spirituality is unlimited since it holds out the reward of life here and now and of the future life as well; that is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt it.

Mass for Loss of Pregnancies, Infants and Children ~ 10:00 AM, 8 October

Holy Mass to be offered this Saturday morning. Our usual 9:00 AM Mass has been cancelled for this week only but those who normally attend this Mass are asked to attend the 10:00 AM Mass to offer prayerful support. Refreshments available afterwards in the parish meeting room.

Pastoral Visitation ~ Ministry for Aged Care

Wonderful response from our parishioners to take Holy Communion to our older parishioners who can no longer attend Mass. The sharing of prayer and the distribution of Holy Communion to the elderly and housebound is such a holy and noble pastoral practice.

A meeting has been scheduled for 10:30 AM on Saturday 29th October. We're asking all who are involved with this ministry to come along. Please ring the parish office during business hours to notify of your attendance. Ph: 4655 8797. Many thanks

The Oaks ~ Meeting 29th September 2022

A summary of this meeting – in the form of a document – has now been prepared. There had been intentions for the document to be circulated after Masses this weekend at Oakdale and The Oaks.

However, because of the sensitivity of the content and the inclusion of names – and to avoid any kind of hurt or harm to all people concerned – a decision has since been taken to file the document and to provide a copy to Bishop Brian for the sole purpose of requesting permission to sell the parcel of land adjoining the cemetery and zoned RU2.

Parishioners from The Oaks are welcome to contact myself to discuss the matter but the document needs to remain confidential. Even though there can be sharp differences during times of discussion, the good name and reputation of all people need to be preserved as far as possible.

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Covid Update

Remaining restrictions that have applied in our own diocese over the past few years are expected to be lifted by the end of the month. At this time, holy water will be once again available to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church.

However, we now need to have the holy water changed regularly. A good idea is that after a few days of use, the holy water is tipped upon one of our lovely gardens, with containers then refilled.

Parish Pastoral Council

After a few years of hibernation, our PPC will soon be revived. The work of the PPC is to discuss and support various pastoral initiatives, and to share ideas that help to bring greater vitality to parish life.

A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 9th November at 7:00 PM. Meetings are intended to be no longer than 90 minutes, and refreshments are available to those who like to remain for a little fraternity. Please contact the parish office and register for attendance.

Mass Counts in November

For three of the four Sundays in November, there needs to be a count of the number of people at Mass. This is a diocesan directive that applies to all parishes. It's a way of tracking the trends that apply.

So we need to comply. Will probably try to ask for eight volunteers for each Mass with each volunteer counting and recording the number of people at the Offertory in a particular block of pews. Should all be quite painless.

St. Paul's 12th October ~ Midweek Mass.

Clergy and people with leadership positions within the church are obliged to undertake various courses for professional development throughout the year.

Father Victor will be attending an in-service this Wednesday morning and cannot be the celebrant for Mass. Accordingly, a Communion service will be available for those wishing to attend.

St Clare's New Church

Quite a useful meeting transpired on Wednesday 5 October. Those present have now been commissioned to tour various websites to consider architectural styles. The next meeting has been scheduled for 26th October at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at St Clare's.

Heritage Hall

The HH hall is currently without a floor. The timber in the previous floor buckled some months ago because of water and dampness. The delay in constructing another timber floor is due to mysterious drainage complications that still need to be unraveled.

However, the whole process is underway. Need to be patient. Eventually, the HH will return to have the beautiful interior it deserves. Landscaping is also a work-in-progress. Tall trees needed to be removed because falling leaves and needles were cluttering the gutters. 'Will all look quite lovely when completed.

Would You Believe? But it's true!

This Sunday, another eight infants will be baptised, bringing the total number to 401 for the year. Huge.

So, the question is whether the 500 benchmark will be reached? Generally, there are eight baptisms each week and after this Sunday there'll still be 10 Sundays available.

There are no baptisms on the 21 Novembers because of FHC. But there are also some adults to be baptised from our Catholic enrichment programme which is now in full swing. And there are occasions when baptisms are celebrated on a Friday evening. Could be close!

Catholic Primary Schools

So, St Paul's has an annual intake of 90 kindergarten children and the same with St Clare's. Parishioners with a solution or any other helpful ideas are welcome to email the parish office.

First Holy Communion Programme

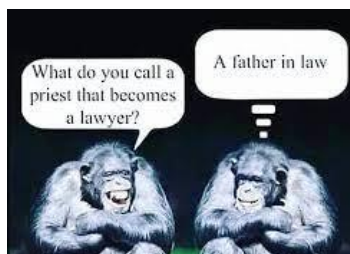
Big weekend with the distribution of books according to a two-step process. (1) An A5 form will need to be collected by candidates at some time through Mass. The candidates' names need to be filled in. (2) The forms are then brought to the attendants in the parish meeting room and exchanged for the workbooks and assistance sheet at the conclusion of Mass.

From the books during the coming week, parents need to complete their own reading on page 3, and assist their children to complete all the activities in the first chapter (pages 4-8). The time allocated ought to be about an hour BUT it shouldn't cause any suffering.

Between now and the day of First Holy Communion, parents/carers should also bring their children to confession. Parish confession times are Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM. The children should receive assistance in preparing their consciences and also advised of the length of time since their most recent confession.

Mater Dei Fair ~ Sunday 23 October 2022

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Mater Dei Country Fair is back on Sunday 23 October 2022 from 9.00am to 3.00pm. Free entry to all, over 50 stalls are booked, including rides, live entertainment, Devonshire tea, white elephant, the ever favourite chocolate wheel, and one lucky attendee will also win \$1,500 in the amazing raffle!



Sunday 9th October ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 8th October

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Rachael
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday 9th October

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva and Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony Lo Cascio

9 th Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Pat O'Flynn	Robin Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	Kerry Todd
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kimberley Logue	Warren Johnson	Denise Carney	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Helen Lanyon	Maria Debrincat	Cathy Conwell	Rafael Z
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Brian Jenkins	Samantha Vegara	Dianne Garland	<i>Dianne Garland</i>	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 16th October ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 15th October

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday 16th October

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

For our Faithful Departed: Alice Barrett, Terence Heron, Nichole Knox, Anton Joseph, John Du Verge, *who died recently.* Michael Busby, Dolores Morgan, Barry Myles, Michael Antalfy, Julie Jenkins, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Dayne Mackie, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. Cath Bourke, Annie Giles, Joan Stanfield, Louis Gauci, *RIP.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Nancy Calarco, Anne Hyeronimus, Maria Irwin, Syd Hyett, Trish Hyett, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael