



ST. PAUL'S
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THE OAKS

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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 15TH/16TH OCTOBER 2022

From Mother Theresa

We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.

Mass for Loss of Pregnancies, Infants and Children

Gratitude is extended to our parishioners who attended this Mass last Saturday morning. Very supportive to those who were present and who have suffered such loss. Sacred music was exceptionally beautiful and the fraternity afterwards quite delightful. In terms of the hospitality, one of the features was the serving of 'Father Michael's Assorted Sandwiches'. Hard to beat, especially when so well prepared by our locals. Many thanks.

Pastoral Visitation ~ Ministry for Aged Care

Reminder of the meeting that has been scheduled for 10:30 AM on Saturday 29th October in the parish meeting room, located adjacent to the St Paul's Church and Chapel. 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 Old St Thomas Chapel, Narellan

Many parishioners would be aware of the Old St Thomas Chapel, Narellan. Looking from Camden Valley Way, it's positioned just behind the police station.

The chapel is NOT Catholic and has no connection with our own parish. Please be mindful of the following:

Weddings

It is possible to have a Catholic wedding at St Thomas but such weddings are rare and not encouraged. The reason is that people of the Catholic faith are generally required to be married in the Catholic Church. In our own parish, weddings are celebrated in the parish church at Camden or at Mater Dei.

However, it is possible to apply for a dispensation and, if granted, means that a wedding can also take place outside of a Catholic Church, say in a park or a reception venue or an ecumenical chapel. Once again, the wedding would presume to have a presider who's a Catholic minister (bishop, priest or deacon).

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outside Catholic churches and chapels. So even if a dispensation is granted, it may be virtually impossible to find a priest to preside.

In church law, it's also even possible for a Catholic to apply for a dispensation from a Catholic ceremony. So, for example, if a Catholic man and an Anglican woman are engaged, and if the man doesn't have any interest in church but the woman is deeply committed to her own church, then an application for dispensation from being married in the Catholic Church could be submitted and granted. Generally, the main condition is that there's agreement to baptise children in the Catholic Church.

Baptisms

Church law requires baptisms to be celebrated in the parish church unless there's a dispensation from the bishop. Accordingly, there's the very strong presumption that there will be no baptisms in The Old St Thomas Chapel according to 'The Rites of the Catholic Church'. The website for the St Thomas chapel states that Catholic Baptisms are able to take place. This is false.

Please be aware that there's a 'denomination' which includes the term 'catholic'. Please don't be fooled.

If a mum and dad have their baby baptised in this chapel by an ecumenical minister, it is NOT a baptism in the Catholic Church and will NOT be included in St Paul's baptism register. And the baby will NOT be Catholic.

Furthermore, the baby, upon reaching an age for enrolment into kindergarten into one of our Catholic primary schools, would have little or no prospects for success. The babies who have been baptised in St Paul's church would have the first priority, followed by those baptised in other parish churches. In addition, upon reaching the age they SHOULD be eligible for sacramental programmes, again they would be considered NOT baptised Catholic.

It's definitely worth being mindful that the total number of baptisms at St Paul's this year will be very close to 500. The yearly intake for kindergarten places at St Clare's and St Paul's is 180 together. Babies who are baptised at The Old St Thomas Chapel by an ecumenical minister really have no chance at all.

Covid Update

Extract from Most Reverend Brian Mascord, Bishop of Wollongong:

Now that the authorities have removed restrictions, it is appropriate to revoke diocesan restrictions:

Holy Day Dispensation

Commencing the weekend of 29/30 October 2022, the obligation to attend Holy Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will be reinstated. However, out of proper self-care and responsible love for their fellow worshippers, the faithful should not attend Mass or gatherings when ill.

Receiving the Eucharist "on the tongue"

Pastors may commence administering Communion on the tongue. However (writes Father Michael), in our own parish only the priest will distribute communion in this manner. Those wanting to receive communion on the tongue should be positioned towards the end of the communion line.

Holy Water stoups

The stoups will now be filled. Water will be changed regularly. When no longer required, the water will be tipped onto our garden.

Parish Pastoral Council ~ Camden and The Oaks

Remember the renewal programme that was administered in our parish during May this year. The programme was led by Mr Stephen Littleton who had had many years of experience. The renewal programme – the first for six years at Camden – was both pastoral and financial.

As promised, there will be no further referencing to further financial renewal until 2027. However, the process of pastoral renewal needs to be fairly continuous as a way of responding to the many needs that invariably arise.

During May an opportunity was available for parishioners to select areas of parish life to which they might want to have some involvement. And among the many options, about 15 people indicated an interest in the PPC.

So please be mindful that a first post-covid meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 9th November at 7:00 PM in the meeting room.

Our emerging council will be ‘breaking new ground’ as it will be open to parishioners from both parishes.

November Mass Offerings

Parishioners are advised that all Masses – weekend and midweek – are offered for the repose of the Holy Souls in November. Specifically, the Masses will be offered for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners from Camden and The Oaks

There are specially designated envelopes for the standard offering of \$20, an amount that was determined by the Australian Bishops Conference about 10 years ago. Alternatively, the option is available to simply use an envelope and write the name(s) of the deceased person(s) on the outside. The names will be recorded together in the form of a document and then framed and positioned in front of the altar.

Offerings can be dropped into any of the collection bags at Mass or delivered to the parish office during opening hours.

Mass Counts in November

Reminder that as a diocesan requirement, the Mass count will need to apply for three of the four weekends at all Masses in November. The weekend of First Holy Communion on 20/21 will be omitted. You might be tapped on the shoulder to count at one of the Masses.

St Clare's Fair ~ Saturday 5 November 2022

After a very long 2 years due to COVID, St Clare's Catholic Primary School will be holding their Annual Fair on Saturday, 5 November 2022 from 9.00am – 3.00pm on the school premises at 59 Holdsworth Drive, Narellan Vale. We will have plenty of stalls including the chocolate wheel, homebake, Devonshire tea, BBQ, books and many more plus plenty of rides and activities for the kids! We are hoping that the sun will be shining on us and that we can provide the community with a wonderful event.

For more information, please see our Facebook event pages “St Clare's Fair” - <https://fb.me/e/3wXnMamyt>

St Clare's New Church

Reminder that the next meeting has been scheduled for 26th October at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at St Clare's. Please try to have undertaken a little homework before the meeting according to our agreement from our last meeting 5th October. Hope to be able to make more progress.

First Holy Communion Programme

More 'help notes' will be distributed this weekend to assist with completion of the second chapter, children's names will need to be recorded by the attendants after Mass. Parents are advised that the full benefits of the programme will only come to fruition if they are prepared to dedicate an hour of time each week to their children. Please do not disregard the enormous importance of your own presence and participation.

From among the 183 children enrolled in the programme, all but a dozen collected their books last week. If the remaining books are uncollected after Masses this weekend, the families will be presumed to have withdrawn. Many thanks for the commitment so far from such a very large number of parents and carers. Greatly appreciated.

Handmade Holy Christmas Cards For Sale

Proceeds raised from the sale of the cards will go directly to feeding and educating some of the most disadvantaged children of India who are being cared for by the Carmelite priests and sisters. These cards will be on sale before and after mass on the weekend of the 19th and 20th November. These beautiful handmade cards will be \$5:00 each. Last year we sold out before the final mass on Sunday so please get in early to avoid disappointment. We are happy to take orders beforehand, please contact Ann Stomber on 0425 331 371 to arrange pickup. Donations will also be gratefully accepted for this very worthwhile cause.

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

16 th Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Patrick O'Flynn	Jim Gallagher	Toni Sillis	Trish O'Flynn	Brian Jenkins	Valentina V
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Kathryn Hampton	Glenn Crawford	Lisa McFadzean	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Nada Simich	Michael Reardon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Cathy Conwell	Brad M
Sun 5.00pm		Judith Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Margaret Thornton	Samantha Vergara	Craig

Sunday 23rd October ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 22nd October

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

Sunday 23rd October

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent, Damian and Betty
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

Diocesan News

Get connected with what is on around the diocese. Conscious that with many messages to choose from to put in your bulletins every week, we are continuing to include a short message near the top of the message suggestions that captures an opportunity for the faithful to stay connected with what is happening around the diocese.

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:

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

For our Faithful Departed: Joan Keoghan, Jean Jabour Nicholson, 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