



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 Camden and The Oaks

31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 29<sup>TH</sup> /30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2022

### From Father Richard Rohr OFM

All great spirituality is about what we do with our pain.

In the second half of life, people have less power to infatuate you. But they also have much less power to control you or hurt you.

### Catholic Mission Appeal

Unbelievable response from our parishioners. So, from a comparatively modest and low-key appeal, how much do you think was contributed? Maybe \$1,000 or \$2,000 or \$3,000! Actually, it was quite a bit more.

The aggregate amount was counted as a little over \$6,100. The history of generosity in our parishes continues. It's one of our finest features. Thanks to all who contributed so generously.

### Pastoral Visitation ~ Ministry for Aged Care

The meeting this Saturday morning at 10:30 AM is expected to be over within the hour. Over dozen parishioners are expected to be present. Meeting to be held in the parish meeting room, adjacent to St Paul's Church.

### Mid-Week Masses 1-4 November

Because one of the priests will be away, mid-week Masses will be:

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mass at Camden at <u>9:15</u> AM – <i>including children from St Paul's School</i>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mass at Narellan Vale at 8:00 AM (Adoration 7:30 AM)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Communion Service at Camden at 9:00 AM
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass at Camden at 9:00 AM
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at Narellan Vale at 8:00 AM
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Service at Camden at 9:00 AM

Apologies for any inconvenience.

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## **Parish Pastoral Council ~ Camden and The Oaks**

Parishioners are invited to register their interest for the formation of a new PPC.

It's humbly acknowledged that sitting around a table and talking to clergy about parish matters may not be everyone's idea of an exciting and fun-filled evening.

However, over the past 10 years, our PPC members have generally found discussion interesting and sometimes even entertaining.

The upcoming meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00 PM. Meetings are followed by a little convivium afterwards for those not needing to depart quickly. And I'm always happy to provide a big party-size bag of Twisties for those who have developed an appetite. No cost to anyone else. Please contact the office if intending to attend.

## **November ~ Month of the Holy Souls**

Throughout the year, our parishioners will very often make request from clergy to offer Holy Mass for their particular intentions, usually for departed family members and friends.

During November, however, all Masses in the parish will be offered by Father Victor and myself for the repose of all the holy souls of the deceased family members and friends from Camden and The Oaks. Those present at Mass will join in with these intentions. There will be a special mindfulness of those whose names are included on the little table before the altar.

## **Catholic Enrichment**

One of the really important programmes that's administered in the Camden parish is the Catholic Enrichment Programme for adults. It doesn't have the same profile as FHC, but it's most certainly as important.

In the coming month, about 12 adults will be fully initiated into the Catholic faith by reception of the sacraments – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. As a parish we offer our prayers that full initiation into the Catholic Church will be truly life-giving for those so blessed.

## **Mass Counts in November**

Will begin from the first weekend in November.

## **St Clare's New Church**

Meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October transpired as scheduled. Resolution reached to engage a project manager to assist with the appointment of an architect.

## First Holy Communion Programme

Although it's a bit early to be 100% certain, our parents and carers have really appeared to be seriously committed to the children's learning and formation. From among the 181 children enrolled, 176 were present at Mass last weekend. So commendable!

Spiritual formation always needs to be a very high priority, and it will be surely a moment of grace when the children celebrate their FHC. Another feature of the programme is that children have freshened up in their ability to pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Act of Contrition. Excellent.

By way of further preparation, the opportunity is available for parents to take their children to confession on Saturday mornings between 9:30 AM and 10:15 AM in the chapel.

There are of course, other details that are most deserving of attention. Family gatherings, gifts and cakes are also totally appropriate. And if there are families who would like to buy a gift, there's always the option of a trip into Sydney to 'Church Stores'. It's only opened midweek and Saturday morning, but there's a good selection of gifts for those able to make the trip. This shop can be found:

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Dymocks Building, 428 George Street, Sydney.

## 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>

## The Oaks ~ Next Sunday 6 November

On Sunday 6 November there will be morning tea after 9.00am Mass with little delights brought along by the families. Custard tarts a specialty. All invited, especially the kids. And yes, Father Michael will be present and will indulge but with restraint and moderation. Hard to resist a good custard tart at morning tea! Preferable to lamingtons.

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October ~ 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 29<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Kerry Todd	Brian Jenkins	Wal Glynn	Chris Keun	Kerry Todd
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Leonie Gray	Maryann Ace	Denise Carney	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Brad McAllister	Maureen Grisdale	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Brad M
Sun 5.00pm	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Judith Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Simon Abernethy	Jacinta Abernethy	Lo Cascio family

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November ~ 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 5<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

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

## 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:* Josie Reynolds, Barbara Little, David Howard, Joan Keoghan, Jean Jabour Nicholson, Alice Barrett, Terence Heron, Nichole Knox, Anton Joseph, *who died recently*. Pamela Carroll, Michael Busby, Dolores Morgan, *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