



ST. PAUL'S  
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NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## *Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks*

**32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 5<sup>TH</sup> /6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

### **From Pope Francis**

In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life. In the family we first learn how to show love and respect for life; we are taught the proper use of things, order and cleanliness, respect for the local ecosystem and care for all creatures.”

### **Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023**

Parents/carers are invited to enroll their children in the Penance Programme. Children must have been baptised and be in at least Year 2 in 2022, and be going into at least Year 3 in 2023. Children younger than this cannot be accepted into the programme.

The initial weekend is 26/27 November 2022 at all Masses at The Oaks, Oakdale and Camden.

If interested in enrolling, please be mindful of the requirement for parents/carers and their children to have a weekly presence at Sunday Mass. Family members need to be committed and motivated.

If intending to be away on holidays during the programme – December, February, March – please leave enrolment until another time. However, in recognition that everyone needs to have a well-deserved holiday, the programme is not administered from Christmas until the end of January. Comprehensive details will be contained in a programme timeline that will be distributed on 26/27 November.

### **Pastoral Visitation ~ Ministry for Aged Care**

Wonderful meeting last Saturday morning with more than 20 people expressing interest in becoming Special Ministers of the Eucharist. The extra commitment from so many parishioners will add considerable momentum to this most important ministry.

A ceremony will be organised as soon as possible to formally commission the new Special Ministers.

### **Parish Pastoral Council ~ Change in Meeting Date**

The meeting of the PPC had been scheduled for 9 November at 7:00 PM. It's now been rescheduled a week later for 16 November at 7:00 PM. Apologies for any inconvenience.

The Catholic Enrichment Programme, in which over a dozen people are being fully initiated into the church, needs a final evening of preparation.

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## November ~ Month of the Holy Souls

The opportunity is still available for parishioners to include the names of deceased family members and friends among those names on the Table of Prayerful Remembrance before the altar in St Paul's Church. Names can be placed in any of the collection bags or delivered to the parish office during our normal midweek business hours.

## Catholic Enrichment

Very special ceremony on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00 AM Mass. There are adults to be baptised and many others to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church by reception of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The prayerful best wishes of the whole parish accompany our catechumens at this time. 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.

## Mass Counts in November

A random selection of parishioners – 8 in total for each Mass – will be invited to count at the Offertory the people who are present at Mass. The idea is that each counter tallies the people in one block of pews and writes the answer. Hopefully, everything will go ok.

## St Clare's New Church

Initiatives are now being taken to engage a Project Manager to assist with the appointment of an architect.

## 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>

## First Holy Communion Programme

Books need to be returned this weekend. They will be reviewed quite closely. Those which have been completed to a high standard will be issued with a parish stamp on the inside front cover and returned the following weekend. But if they require further work, parents/carers will be contacted.

Here in our parishes of Camden and The Oaks, we've formulated a new ministry, possibly a first in our country.

This new ministry is called the "Follow-Up Ministry"

Even though our parishes together are very large, there's a serious commitment to attend to all parishioners whenever necessary and according to circumstances. It may be Communion to the Sick or Anointing of the Dying or special assistance and attention to families in sacramental programmes.

This "Follow-Up Ministry" is simply labelling what's been happening for a long time.

Actually, and to conserve time and energy, we're rather hoping that the ministry will not need to be over-activated with follow-up for the FHC books.

### 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

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Stephen Barrett	Diane Kennaugh	Wal Glynn	Brian Jenkins	Valentina V
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Nada Simich	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Michael Reardon	Rafael Z
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene K

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November ~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 12<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

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

## 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.

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael