



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

Second Sunday of Advent ~ Year A

From Father Richard Rohr OFM

The ego hates losing – even to God.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Parents with children in Year 2 or higher, and who are interested in further developing their children's spiritual formation, are invited to enrol them this week at any of the weekend Masses.

Please be mindful that families need to be motivated and committed to the requirements of the programme especially in having a presence at Sunday Mass in our own parishes of Camden and The Oaks.

If away on holidays during February or March in 2023, please do not enrol as it will not be possible to meet the programmes requirements. Thanks in anticipation.

St Vincent De Paul ~ Christmas Appeal

Upon leaving the church, parishioners are invited to contribute a few dollars to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. These proceeds are dedicated to providing hampers and gifts to people in and around our own parishes.

In past years, there had been appeals for food but the logistics of receiving, sorting and delivering had become so extraordinarily large and so seriously burdensome that there needed to be a more manageable process. Accordingly, a more streamlined approach was adopted. That's why cash contributions are now preferred and greatly appreciated.

Personally, I'll be offering a 'pineapple' for the appeal but not at every Mass.

The Oaks ~ Morning Tea

Our parishioners are invited to move to the hall after Mass for a little fraternity and to share in a variety of delicious home-made cakes, slices and tarts. By any measure, the assortment is virtually impossible to beat. Hoping for vanilla slice as a new feature! Always enjoyable.

Questions:

- (1) At 10:00 AM on a warm Sunday morning, would you prefer ice-cream cake or mud cake? (2) What would be the preference of your kids / grandkids?

This is an information-gathering exercise. Feedback appreciated.

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Ordination of Reverend James Arblaster

A few years ago, Reverend James Arblaster was assigned to Camden for a short-term pastoral placement. Father Joe – now at Shellharbour – provided most of the guidance and companionship.

Reverend James was ordained a deacon earlier this year on 30 April. He will be ordained a priest very soon at Fairy Meadow on Saturday 10 December at 10:00 AM. Our prayerful best wishes are extended to RJA during this time.

St Clare's Church

In searching for an architect, a notice appears in this week's edition of the Catholic Weekly inviting expressions of interest. Within the notice, there's an accompanying image of a basilica. That image was neither intended nor approved. The intention was to have an image of St Clare. The advertisement will appear for the following three weeks with the correct image.

Saturday/Sunday 3rd/4th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

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

Saturday/Sunday 10th / 11th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Ilona & 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.

4 th Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Toni Sillis	John Roberts	Wal Glynn	Brian Jenkins	Valentina V
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Joseph Hanson	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Michael Reardon	Brad M
Sun 5.00pm	<i>No Acolyte</i>	Brian Jenkins	Samantha Vergara	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Cheryl

Kind Regards

Father Michael & Parish Office

For our Faithful Departed: Brett Gray, Giovanna Caltagirone, Gary Burton, Liviana Demurtas-Costa, *died recently*. Anne Garofalo, Dorothy Jones, Joseph Ellul, Jason Whitfield, Peter Mulholland, William Mulholland, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Patrick Harriden, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Louis Gauci, *RIP*.

We Pray for those who are unwell: Liam Cantarella, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Anne Hyeronimus, Maria Irwin, Syd Hyett, Trish Hyett, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.