



ST. PAUL'S  
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CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

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ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
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OAKDALE

## *Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 21<sup>ST</sup>/22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2023**

### **From St Clare of Assisi**

“Our labour here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamour of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.”

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

After a three-week lead-in during Advent in 2022, the Penance programme paused over the holidays and is soon to resume. Families need to be motivated and have a commitment, especially in having a presence with children at Sunday Mass, which includes the Saturday evening Vigil.

The nurturing of the children's spiritual formation is an act of love. And conversely, it is the forgetfulness of God that can so easily leave people feeling empty, depressed and wandering through life aimlessly.

Your children deserve the best. The Lord Jesus said to his followers: “I am the way, the truth, and the life”. Don't be fooled by the fleeting lights of this world. And the quote from the top of the page from St Clare is most worthy of prayerful reflection.

**The Penance programme resumes for 2023 next weekend 28/29 January with a required presence at Mass.**

### **Parishioners please note: Mass for teachers and ancillary personnel**

For almost 20 years, teachers and ancillary personnel from the four schools in our parish have gathered to celebrate Mass together. Quite a beautiful custom.

This coming Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January, the morning Mass at Camden – normally 9:00 AM – will be brought forward to 8:30 AM. Our parishioners are most welcome to attend.

Mass in St Clare's presbytery on that day is cancelled.

At the 8:30 AM, there will be sacred music and a homily from Father Michael. This Mass is an excellent opportunity to offer prayers for the work of our schools over the coming year.

### **Heritage Hall**

Developments had been moving slowly last year. But finally, however, there's been a breakthrough. And a report has been completed to outline the scope of works necessary to overcome problems that emerged when, in the first half of 2022, there had been such a heavy and persistent deluge of rain. Gratitude is extended to the professional people who assisted in the process.

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The HH is a shared resource between St Paul's parish and St Paul's school. Plans will soon be activated.

However, there's not likely to be too much change left over from \$100,000. When our dedicated parishioners commit financially, it is to projects like our HH where funds are allocated – in addition to the normal everyday operating costs. Many thanks.

## The Oaks

Following the preparation of professional reports and extensive consultation over the past 18 months, petition to Bishop Brian was initiated in 2022 to sell the parcel of land adjoining the cemetery.

Permission has been granted and the matter has now been referred to a Project Manager.

There will be more reporting as developments unfold.

## Baptisms

As a matter of interest, there were just over 500 baptisms in the parish in 2022, a record for Camden. Hard to imagine there would be too many other parishes in the country with so many.

## St Clare's New Church

Following a four-week period of advertising in the Catholic Weekly, there was an unexpectedly large number of responses from architects – that were based locally, interstate and even overseas – offering expressions of interest. Had no idea that the Catholic Weekly would have such reach.

The process is now being further progressed and it is anticipated that a contract between one of these architects and the church will be exchanged by the end of February. Design work will begin immediately.

## Plots for Sale

One of our parishioners has two plots for sale at Forest Lawn at a discount for members of our own parish – just \$7,500 for both. This is quite a reasonable offer as plots at St Aloysius, The Oaks cost \$4,000 each. Those interested are welcome to contact the parish office for contact details.

## *Funerals in the Parish Church at Camden*

Tuesday 24 January	Sam Fenech	11:30 AM
Wednesday 25 January	Lillian Patterson	11:00 AM

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 21<sup>st</sup> January

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

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

22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	John Roberts	Maria Kosiak	Trish O'Flynn	John Tannous	Eugene K
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Rebecca Ward	Anthony McElhone	Lisa McFadzean	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Julie Sligar	Nada Simich	Michael Reardon	Julie Sligar	Julie Sligar
Sun 5.00pm	<i>None</i>	Margaret Thornton	Joseph Hanson	Dianne Garland	<i>Volunteer required</i>	<i>TBA</i>

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 28<sup>th</sup> January

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January

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

*For our Faithful Departed:* Lillian Patterson, Denis Hehir, Liam Cantarella, Sam Fenech Maria Irwin, *who died recently*. Dorothy Dunn, Anne Garofalo, Dorothy Jones, Joseph Ellul, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Barry Myles, Denise Grissell, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Louis Gauci, *RIP*.

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Brian Jenkins, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Anne Hyeronimus, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

**Kind Regards**

**Father Michael**