



ST. PAUL'S
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CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 28 July 2024

Wednesday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola

Born in 1491 at Loyola in northern Spain, his early adult life was in the army. But he later converted to a life of holiness. He studied theology at Paris and gathered companions around him. Afterwards in Rome, he formed the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). He was an enormous contributor to the reform of the church. He died in 1556

“O my God, teach me to be generous
to serve you as you deserve to be served
to give without counting the cost
to fight without fear of being wounded
to work without seeking rest
and to spend myself without expecting any reward
but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will.
Amen”

Great TV ~ Great Alternative

The Olympic Games are expected to achieve a huge global audience. And many of our own parishioners will be among the viewers.

BUT

Were you aware that leading up to last weekend on Sunday 21st July, a Eucharistic Congress was held in Indiana, the first for 81 years in the United States? The primary purpose of this national event was to worship Jesus in the Eucharist as one church.

Keep in mind also that the Catholic Church specialises in Processions with a cross bearer, candles bearers, adult servers and priest. This is quite normal to Sunday Mass in our own parish.

However, in the case of this Eucharistic Congress, there's a spectacular Procession with accompanying sacred music by the Indianapolis Philharmonic Orchestra.

Parents ~ don't delay

Go to the smart TV or computer with you kids and teenagers and watch for about 15 minutes or longer.

Go to Google and type in: **Closing Mass of the National Eucharistic Congress**

Midweek Masses from Tuesday 30th to Friday 2nd

Because of clergy annual leave, there will be a need for HC services this coming week at Camden. Everything expected to be back to normal at Camden from Saturday 3rd August.

The Oaks

Very good meeting on Thursday evening 25th July. Discernment process about the maintenance and upgrade of property now in progress. There was ongoing discussion about large – and potentially hazardous – trees in close proximity to the heritage hall. Further discussion focused upon the condition of the guttering and downpipes. It was acknowledged that a full restoration of all the parish buildings would NOT be a quick project and most likely take quite a few years.

St Clare's Church

Rome wasn't built in a day. And so it is with our own church. But developments have been taking place. Our highly specialised consultants needed to respond to Camden Council's RFIs (request for information). This process has now been completed and submitted back to Camden Council. Hopefully, the additional information will assist in bringing the DA for the church to formal approval.

Masses in our Catholic Schools

Thursday 25th July: **Feast Day Mass at Magdalene**

Truly amazing how over 1,100 teenagers can sit in school uniform so still and so reverently for an hour. Bishop Brian was the celebrant. Everything was so impressive. Not hard to understand why demand is far greater than the number of places available.

Friday 26th July: **Feast Day Mass at Mater Dei**

Great work from our teachers to prepare the children and teenagers for Mass. This school has such a special place in our hearts and in our parish. Mater Dei is the Latin for Mother of God. And may Mary always insist to her Son that divine love and blessings will forever shower upon this wonderful school which is surely one of the most beautiful and precious across our whole nation.

Friday 26th July: **Regional Year 6 Mass**

Year 6 students came together from St Paul's Moss Vale, St Thomas Aquinas Bowral, St Michael's Mittagong, St Anthony's Picton, St Clare's Narellan Vale and St Paul's Camden. Bishop Brian was the celebrant. Father Sean and Father Michael were concelebrating. The students were noticeably prayerful and reverent. This has been a wonderful development from the time of Bishop Ingham

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly ~ 28 July

Lovely prayer cards have been produced by Bishop Brian's media personnel in Wollongong. Cards include a very striking picture of Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne, as well as Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus. Cards have been positioned on the magazine tables in our churches. Complimentary.

Men's Night ~ 6:30 PM ~ 7 August

Advanced notice for the next scheduled meeting on 7 August. Father James is expected to provide a presentation. All the men of our parishes are welcome. And interestingly, those who have been present for the three meetings so far are beginning to know one another a little better. Good fraternity.

And from the most recent meeting, there came a really good quote from the analytical philosopher, Bertrand Russell. This man wouldn't normally be quoted in church publications as he was a self-professed agnostic and sceptical about religion.

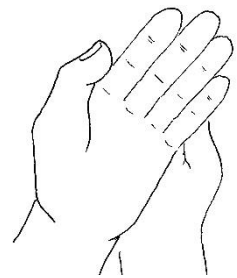
But he did share a useful insight with this quote:

"The trouble with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so sure of themselves while wiser men are full of doubts".

In case you missed it ~ Receiving Holy Communion

Holy Communion should always be received with great reverence. Regardless of age – and if receiving HC on the hand – the following procedure is intended to assist all our parishioners:

1. Hands should be rather flat and pointing in a mostly forward direction.
2. Thumbs should be pointing in the same direction as the fingers, and not poking out at near 90 degrees.
3. Upon receiving the host – and in response to the words "*The Body of Christ*" – the communicant answers "*Amen*", and then without turning takes one step – and only one step – to the side.
4. The lower hand comes from underneath to gently hold the host and place it in one's mouth.
5. The practice of lifting both hands to the mouth and consuming the host from the palm of the upper hand – as if to swallow a bunch of peanuts – is far short of the reverence required.



Thanks in anticipation.

Diocesan News

Ignite Conference 2024 ~ Rise Up

Ignite Conference 2024: Rise Up! Brisbane 19-22 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.

Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

For more information, go to ignite.conference.com.au and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event.

Wollongong Diocesan Youth Council

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry.

The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA.

Does this sound like you? Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf>. For more information, please contact our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au / M0B: 0431 611 128

More Diocesan News

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

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

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

Saturday/Sunday 27th/28 July ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Sarah
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father David O'Brien
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father Michael

Nicole
Choir
Trent & Damian
Craig

28 th Jul	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Maria Kosiak	Angelina Vecchio	Sharon Picken	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kimberley Logue	Warren Johnson	Cheryl Carroll	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Caridi	Michael Reardon	Chris Keun	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Margaret Thornton	Stephen Barrett	Melissa Scavo	Jody Musso	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd August ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Sarah
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father David O'Brien
Father James
Father James
Father James

Nicole
Steve & Damian
Choir
Jody & Tasha

For our Faithful Departed: Mary Chambers, Valma Pigram, Johannes Jufferman, Anthony Paul, Ilona Holmick, Zoe Valentine, Hareth Daood, Bernard Rogers, Rosemarie Patten, Aggie White, *who died recently.* Bernard Cramery, Lydia Perinich, Santina Mazzaferro, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Michael Vella, Mario Fenech, Vaughan Family, Burns Family, Lewis Family, Ryan Family, Dianne Thoms, Cath Bourke, Clem O'Brien, Diane Vella, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, *Requiescat in Pace.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Wal Glynn, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Margaret Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Anne Lonsdale, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael