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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 11 August 2024

Wednesday 14th August

Feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pope John Paul II called Saint Maximilian a Saint for our troubled age. Saint Maximilian died in Auschwitz concentration camp a casualty of World War 2 in 1941.

Saint Maximilian said:

1: Let us not forget that Jesus not only suffered, but also rose in glory; so too we go to the glory of the resurrection by way of suffering and the Cross.

2: The Cross is the school of love.

3: Do not forget that holiness exists not in extraordinary actions, but in performing your duties towards God, yourself and others, well.

4: For Jesus Christ I am prepared to suffer still more.

During the War Saint Maximilian ran a hospital, assisted refugees and sheltered Jews, eventually being arrested and sent to Auschwitz. Saint Maximilian offered himself to save another inmate who was chosen by the Gestapo to be starved to death in a bunker.

Thursday 15th August

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Feast of the Assumption ~ 15 August ~ Mass at 9:15am and 7:00pm

This coming Thursday is a Holy day of Obligation. It is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Morning Mass will be at 9.15am and a special evening Mass will be celebrated at 7.00pm. Our Choir will be providing Sacred Music at the morning Mass, and Belinda and Tasha for the evening. The school children of Saint Paul's will be in attendance at the morning Mass and Father James will be the celebrant at both the morning and evening Masses.

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Saint Vincent de Paul ~ Food Drive

Many thanks to all those families who have responded to the request for grocery items for our Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Parishioners may have noticed the very full baskets in the chapel after every Mass last weekend. The baskets will be in the Chapel each week and if each family were in a position to give just one item to the needy it would make a huge difference to the Society. Again, many thanks.

Backup Penance Programme ~ at Camden only

This week there will be tubs in the church for the return of the completed Workbooks. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to just run their eyes over the finished work. Every puzzle and question should be answered, books not completed to a satisfactory level will need to be returned for further work and candidates cannot be allocated a position at the Penance Ceremonies until the workbooks are to a good standard. Adjusted timelines will also be distributed along with a selection sheet for the Prayer assessment evening that has been added to the programme. Prayer Assessment selection sheets should not be taken home but completed and handed back to the attendants. Families who find they have a problem with timing should contact the Parish office on 4655 8797 during normal office hours and every effort will be made to accommodate every family. Thank you in anticipation and we apologise for any inconvenience.

August Monthly Men's Evening ~ Wrap Up

Last Wednesday evening, 7 August our men's group met in the Parish meeting room for their monthly meeting. Again this very popular parish initiative was well attended with 30 men coming along to the prayer and reflection section of the evening and 20 heading over to the Plough and Harrow to enjoy the fraternity that has developed amongst the attendees. Next month's meeting will be on schedule the first Wednesday of September. More information in the weekly message, later in the month.

Father Sean Cullen ~ 40 Years a Priest celebration

Many of our parishioners will be familiar with Father Sean Cullen who was assistant priest at Saint Paul's Camden from 1986 until 1988. Father Sean continues to support Saint Paul's in many ways. Last Sunday 4 August Father Sean, currently the Parish Priest of Corpus Christ Parish Bowral and Episcopal Victor for Clergy in the Wollongong Diocese celebrated 40 years of ordination to the priesthood. A very wonderful Mass was celebrated in Saint Thomas Aquinas church with Father Michael being the homilist. A celebration luncheon was then held at Mittagong RSL Club. A number of Saint Paul's Parishioners travelled down to be part of the Mass and luncheon and to show the parish's appreciation of our priests. Bishop Brian, Father Michael and Father Sean's brother shared many laughs and stories of times spent with Father Sean. Congratulations are offered to Father Sean.

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 / MOB: 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 10th/11th August ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Maria C
Jo

Sundays

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
Choir
Eva & Darko
Tony

11 th Aug	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Sandra Skarsky	Fabian Menolotto	Angelina Vecchio	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Deanna David	Kathryn Hampton	Glenn Crawford	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Joseph Hanson	Leonie Gray	Michael Reardon	Enzeigh Thomas	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Dianne Garland	Stephen Barrett	Therese Easter	Samantha Vergara	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th August ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
Jo

Sundays

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father David O'Brien	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

For our Faithful Departed: Maria Lichenberger, Elva McDonald Frank Micallef, Kevyn Moore, Joseph Vella, Mary Chambers, Valma Pigram, Johannes Jufferman, *who died recently.* Cath Bourke, Richard Shami, Neill Chapman, Vincent Grech, 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, 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: Joseph Camilleri, Peter Williams, 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

St Paul's Parish Office