



ST. PAUL'S
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THE OAKS

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CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 18 August 2024

Tuesday 20th August

Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

Patron Saint of Bee Keepers, Bees, Candle Makers and Chandlers. Cistercian. Canonised by Pope Alexander III on January 18 1174.

Saint Bernard said: "God loves us boundlessly; the measure of love is love without measure."

Wednesday 21st August

Memorial of Saint Pius X

Pope of the Catholic church from 1903 until his death in 1914.

Saint Pius said: "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers, it is the prayer that touches most, the Heart of the Mother of God and if you wish peace to reign in your home, recite the family Rosary.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven."

Saturday 24th August

Feast Day of Saint Bartholomew

One of the Apostles.

Jesus said of Saint Bartholomew "here is a child of Israel who has no guile within him."

Saint Bartholomew said: "Love is an undulating energy that moves through you, within you, radiates out of you and changes everything."

Australian Catholics Magazine ~ Spring 2024 Edition

The Spring edition of the "Australian Catholics" Magazine is now available for pickup from the magazine tables in the church. The Spring theme of the magazine is Do Good, Be Good, Spread Good News, and with this goal there is some very good reading to be had within its pages. Well worth a look.

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Backup Penance Programme ~ at Camden only

Books that have been satisfactorily completed will be returned, and are available for pickup in the Chapel. Satisfactory books will have been stamped within the front cover. If your child's book has pages marked with a paper tab but is stamped there is no need for the book to be returned for further marking but parents/carers are requested to revisit those pages that have been marked and correct any work that needs reviewing.

A leaflet will also be available with the times families have been allocated to attend the Prayer Assessment evening. As well a form will be distributed for families to indicate their preference of Confession time. Although these dates were to be advised when the original timeline was distributed there has been the extra week added to the programme. Should families be unable to attend either evening please contact the Parish Office on 4655 8797 during normal hours and every effort will be made to accommodate each candidate.

Prayer Assessment Evening ~ Wednesday 21 August

A leaflet will be distributed as indicated in the Back-up Penance notice. Parents/Carers are asked to attend at their allotted time slot, as there are not as many children in the Back-up programme as the Main Penance programme held earlier in the year, the sessions will commence promptly on time.

Planned Giving Envelopes

The Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2024 – 2025 Financial year have been on a table in the Chapel for several weeks now. There are still a few packs of envelopes waiting to be collected. If you have yet to pick up your envelopes, could we please ask that you do so this weekend. Those envelopes not picked up this week will need to be collected from the Parish Office during normal hours. Father Michael and Father James thank all those who contribute to the Parish.

Thank you from St Vincent de Paul

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society has asked if their thanks can be extended to every family that has contributed to their Food Drive. A special slide has been placed with those on the Parish Electronic sign and everyone is encouraged to have a look at it. The response to the appeal has been overwhelming and has made a great difference to how the volunteers can help those families suffering from cost-of-living increases. The parish will continue to leave the baskets in the Chapel for as long as parishioners still donate. "Thank you for helping to feed Jesus' poor".

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.

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Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
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
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

18 th Aug	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Pat O'Flynn	Sandra Skarsky	Russell O'Brien	Diane Kennaugh	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Warren Johnson	Kimberley Logue	Simon Huntley	Kathryn Hampton	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Nada Simich	Oscar Marimbe	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Peter Grizelj	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Judith Madsen	Ann Madsen	Jody Musso	Joseph Hanson	Craig

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Nicole
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Craig

For our Faithful Departed: Maria Lichtenberger, 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