



ST. PAUL'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

### 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 24 August 2024

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Memorial of Saint Monica, Patron Saint of Mothers**

Mother of Saint Augustine one of the most brilliant philosophers and well know Saints of all time.  
Saint Monica said "I cried to the Lord in my distress and He answered me."

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

**Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor**

Saint Augustine was born on 13 November 354 in what is now Algeria and died 28 August 430. He was one of the most significant thinkers of the Catholic church, wrote many books, sermons, letters and treatises. He practiced great poverty and supported the poor. His words still give comfort and are often quoted.

Saint Augustine said "here we do not speak evil of anyone"

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr**

Saint John, said "I am baptising you with water but one is coming who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and I am not fit to undo His sandals". John baptised Jesus in the River Jordan. He is recognised as the fulfillment of a prophesy in Isaiah, a messenger sent ahead to proclaim repentance as a voice crying in the wilderness telling of the coming of the Messiah.

### Saint Paul's Primary School ~ Mini Vinnies Appeal

Last week Saint Paul's primary School's Mini Vinnies group comprising students and teachers held their Annual Winter Appeal. Each class in every grade were asked to donate one allocated item of a grocery staple, such as rice or pasta. As we can see in the accompanying photo the appeal has once again been a huge success. The school can be very proud of the kindness and generosity of the pupils and their families.



### Backup Penance Programme ~ at Camden only

This weekend a leaflet will be distributed with the times allocated for the children's first confessions. Should families not have submitted a confession time request they should contact the Parish Office in normal hours on 4655 8797. There are still some marked books to be picked up, these will be on the magazine tables in the Chapel.

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## Diocese Mass of Celebration for Significant Marriage Anniversaries

This Sunday 25 August, members of our Parish will be travelling to the Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong to be part of the Annual Mass for Anniversaries. The Mass is being celebrated at 2.00pm and Bishop Brian is the celebrant. After Mass our parish members and their families will attend a special afternoon tea where they will be joined by other couples from all over the Diocese who will also be celebrating their Special Anniversaries this year.

Our Parishioners celebrating are:

Nel and Wal Glynn	17 September 1955	69 years
Mary and Joseph Cassar	16 August 1964	60 years
Cynthia and Ray Cusack	24 October 1964	60 years
Evelyn and Geoff Fowler	19 September 1964	60 years
Monica and Peter Tattam	24 October 1964	60 years
Carmen and Peter Grizelj	29 April 1984	40 years
Margaret and Christopher Pisani	17 November 1984	40 years
Alexandra and Michael Vainauskas	9 June 1984	40 years
Lisa and Michael Fowler	10 December 1994	30 years
Helena and Robert Wickert	4 December 1999	25 years

Our congratulations are extended to all those who are celebrating having reached the wonderful milestones that they all have.

## Non Delivery of Catholic Weekly

After many years of service, the gentleman who previously delivered our copies of the Catholic Weekly has retired. Our supplier arranged with another service for the delivery of the weekly. Unfortunately, as parishioners who purchase the Catholic Weekly will have noticed the delivery system has not been successful, and we have not been getting our copies in a timely manner. Apologies are offered to all who have missed out over the past couple of months. The Catholic Weekly supplier is endeavouring to make other arrangements but until then we may not have the Catholic Weekly available for purchase each weekend. Again, apologise to all.

## First Holy Communion Enrolment

Early notice is given for families wishing to enrol children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Children who have been baptised and have made their sacrament of Penance will be able to have their names taken for enrolment over the weekend of Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September. Further information will be provided in next week's message.

## Meeting at The Oaks ~ Thursday 5 September ~ 6:00 PM

Father Michael would like to invite parishioners from The Oaks to attend a meeting at 6.00pm on Thursday 5th September. Everyone is encouraged to attend and we will enjoy some fraternity afterwards.

## 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](https://ignite.conference.com.au) and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or [Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto: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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> August ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Maria B & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Communion Service	Jo
Sundays			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father David O'Brien	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Maria Kosiak	Chris Keun	Trish O'Flynn	Angelina Vecchio	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Anthony McElhone	Rebecca Ward	Clare Power	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Carol Ann Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Julie Sligar	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Reardon	Michael Toweel	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Melissa Scavo	Dianne Garland	Craig

## Saturday/Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug/1<sup>st</sup> Sep ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

### Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

### Celebrant

Father James  
Father Michael

### Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Sarah  
Jo

### Sundays

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

Father Michael  
Father James  
Father James  
Father Michael

Nicole  
Steve & Damian  
Choir  
Jody & Tasha

*For our Faithful Departed:* Elaine Williams, Marie-Jose Guernier, Gregory Stapleton, Maria Lichtenberger, Elva McDonald, Frank Micallef, Kevyn Moore, Joseph Vella, *who died recently*. Joan Blewett, Stephen (Tony) Crnek, Cath Bourke, Richard Shami, Neill Chapman, Vincent Grech, 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**