



**ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN**

**ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS**

**ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN**

**ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE**

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 15 September 2024

Friday 20th September Saints Andrew Kim and Companions

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon is the first native-born Korean priest and is patron saint of Korea. He was martyred with nearly 10,000 other Koreans, mostly lay people, before Christianity was tolerated in Korea in 1884.

In 1846, at the age of 25, he was tortured and beheaded near Seoul on the Han River. His last words were:

This is the last hour of life, listen to me attentively: if I have held communication with foreigners, it has been for my religion and my God. It is for Him that I die.

The Oaks

Another very good meeting on Thursday evening 5th September. Almost 20 people in attendance. A decision was taken to relocate the parish office into the cottage which will first require an upgrade.

A working bee has been organised for Saturday 14th September at 9:00 AM. All invited.

Notwithstanding some minimal pruning, two huge gum trees remain in very close proximity to the hall. There was general consensus that these trees continue to pose a risk especially during times of extremely strong winds. Further inquiry will be undertaken.

St Paul's Church ~ Sound System

Initiatives have been undertaken to upgrade the audio system in the church. The present sound system is almost 40 years old. Only a few years ago, the projectors were upgraded in what has turned out to be an excellent investment. Hoping the same outcome will be achieved with a superior sound system in the church and the chapel. It's expected that the work will be completed before the end of the year.

The Oaks ~ Sound System

Initiatives will soon be taken to introduce amplification into the church. Although the space is not so large, the voice of readers and priests does not always carry with necessary volume to the rear of the church or the choir loft.

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Sacrament of First Holy Communion

231 children are now enrolled for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Children who have made their Sacrament of Penance can still be accepted this weekend at all Masses, but after 6.00pm Sunday it will not be possible to accept any further candidates. Families not enrolled but wishing for their children to be part of the Sacrament will need to wait until the 2025 programme.

Families with completed enrolment forms need only to hand them to the attendants with the \$25.00 administration fee at the end of Mass. A small number of Prayer Packs containing “The Act of Contrition. The Lord’s Prayer and The Hail Mary” are available, if needed, for revision before the Prayer Assessment evening on the 24 or 26 September. Children should still have the prayer cards given to them earlier this year when they were assessed for the Sacrament of Penance.

Oakdale 28 September

Over the period of 28-29 September, Father James will be at the Ignite Conference in Sydney. Accordingly, there will be a Holy Communion Service at Oakdale at 5:00PM.

Father Michael will celebrate Masses on Saturday evening at Camden at 5:00 PM and then the hat trick on Sunday morning as well as baptisms at 11:15 AM. Father James will be back in time for the Sunday evening 5:00 PM Mass.

So what’s the hat trick? It’s when a priest presides at three Masses in three hours – Camden at 8:00 AM, The Oaks at 9:00 AM and Camden at 10:00 AM. And after baptisms, a cold fizzy drink is truly therapeutic.

St Paul’s Electronic Sign

Parishioners will be aware that about two years ago an electronic sign was purchased for the front of St Paul’s Church. The slides on the sign are updated weekly, and consist of Mass times, office hours, the subject of Mass celebration each week, welcomes to visiting dignitaries, notices of upcoming parish programmes, as well as a request for no eating or drinking in the church. The sign is a valuable initiative and a quick look each week is highly recommended.

Memorial Mass of Suicide Loss ~ St Thomas More, Ruse ~ 14 September

The annual memorial Mass for those who have suffered loss due to suicide is being held at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse this Saturday morning 14 September at 10.00am. The Mass remembers not only those who have lost their lives through suicide but their families and friends as well as the first responders who all experience pain and grief, often for years. The Mass is a result of the cooperation between Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, Grief Care and Kenneally’s Funerals, everyone is invited to attend and offer prayers and comfort. For further information please contact the Grief Care Team on 9646 6908 or team@griefcare.com.au.

Diocesan News

Urgent Call for Foster Carers

In NSW, over 350 children and young people are urgently seeking foster care, with close to 100 of those children and young people living in our diocese alone. CatholicCare is doing all it can to meet this need – but more carers are desperately needed. Bishop Brian has recorded a short video that outlines the challenges of the foster care system and is urging all parishioners within the Wollongong Diocese to discern if you can help: <https://dow.sh/bmfc24>.

For more information on becoming a foster carer, please contact CatholicCare on 02 4227 1122 or email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au. CatholicCare will provide you and your family with training, emotional support, and financial assistance to ensure that you are supported every step of the way.

Growing Good Men ~ Father and Teenage Son Weekend

Friday 25th to Sunday 27 October

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. This experience is usually very positive and a key component as to how teenagers and young men view themselves and embrace the faith.

So do not miss this life-changing father and son weekend. Places are limited to 25 fathers and their sons aged between 12 and 17. Register online <https://dow.sh/ggm24>.

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 14th/15th September ~ 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
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 & Cheryl
Choir
Craig

15 th Sep	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Toni Sillis	Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun, Angelina V	Russell O'Brien, Pat O'Flynn	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Warren Johnson	Kathryn H, Lucy Aquilina	Maryann Ace, Simon Huntley	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Nada Simich	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Ann Madsen	Judith Madsen	Therese Easter	Sharon Picken	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd September ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Sarah
Jo

Sundays

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

Father James
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father James

Nicole
Choir
Trent & Damian
Craig

For our Faithful Departed: Donna Camilleri, Ann Simington, Maryanne Bonfiglio, Peter Plummer, Rocco Ventra, Elaine Williams, Marie-Jose Guernier, Gregory Stapleton, *who died recently*. Geoff O'Brien, Maureen Ovington, Peter Cox, Joan Blewett, Stephen (Tony) Crnek, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Eric Busby, Michael Busby, Cath Bourke, Michael Vella, Mario Fenech, Vaughan Family, Burns Family, 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: John Dogan, Pauline Cepak, 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, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Fr Michael Williams