



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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 29 September 2024

Monday 30th September

Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor

Saint Jerome was an early Christian Priest he said:

“When we pray we speak to God, but when we read God speaks to us.”

Friday 4th October

Saint Francis of Assisi – A Catholic Friar

Saint Francis founded the order of Franciscans, whose vows are “Poverty, Chastity and Obedience” Saint Francis is associated with his patronage of animals and the environment, he said:

“Do few things, but do them well, simple joys are holy “
“The only thing ever achieved in life without effort is failure”.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The FHC programme is on pause over the next few weekends but parents should still be motivated to bring their children to Mass.

Gratitude is extended to all the parents/carers who have been bringing their children to Mass and assisting with the completion of activities in the workbooks. Thankyou.

- ❖ Workbooks not collected last week can be collected this week. If books are still not collected this week, families will be deemed to have withdrawn from the programme.
- ❖ Last Tuesday and Thursday evenings our First Holy Communion candidates were assessed on their knowledge of the three prayers, The Lord's prayer, The Hail Mary and the Act of Contrition. The children were very confident and competent in the reciting of their prayers. The pride shown by the candidates and their parents was very encouraging to everyone attending.
- ❖ Children who have not completed their Prayer Assessment, will not be assigned to a Holy Communion Mass. It's still possible to complete the Prayer Assessment. Please contact the Parish Office where a time can be arranged.

The programme is proceeding reasonably well. It's rather unfortunate that there's a tiny number of parents who are absent or who simply arrive after Mass, loiter within the church grounds or sit within the chapel, and so deprive their children of this time of grace.

When adults, seemingly, have such an aversion to the sacred and life-giving mysteries of Word and Sacrament, why would they enrol their children? Would be better if they voluntarily withdrew from the programme.

Please try to commit to this essential part of the preparation. And once again, thanks to the overwhelming majority of parents and carers who are sincerely committed to the requirements of the programme and to their children's spiritual formation.

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Changes to Mass times this coming week

Father James will be on a clergy retreat next week. As a result, there will need to be adjustments to our normal weekday Masses. Tuesday and Thursday Father Michael will be celebrating Mass at Camden, on Wednesday and Friday he will celebrate Mass at Narellan Vale while Camden will be having a Communion service. Due to the large numbers of parishioners who now attend our monthly Healing Masses that are normally celebrated by both Father Michael and Father James on the first Tuesday of each month at Camden, for the month of October the Healing Mass has been moved to the second Tuesday of the month 8 October.

The Oaks

In keeping with resolutions from previous meetings, initiatives have been taken to transfer the parish office out of the presbytery into the adjacent cottage. Preparation and repair work to the cottage has been in progress in recent weeks and includes plans for the installation of internet access.

This comparatively minor project is part of a much larger programme for the restoration of all the buildings. And BTW, quite a few parishioners from The Oaks and Camden have been involved in the work at short notice. Our parishes are truly blessed with the support and presence of these people. So far, so good.

St Clare's Church

Camden Council has approved the Development Application for the new church at St Clare's. Gratitude is extended to all who have been involved in the project – project manager, architect, numerous specialists and consultants and, of course, our parishioners who have provided financial contributions for many years. Gratitude is also extended to Camden Council for its detailed review of the design proposals.

A new phase will now begin. Comprehensive work is required from specialists such as hydraulic engineers, structural engineers, electrical engineers and so on. This work is expected to take about four or five months, coming to completion sometime in the first quarter of 2025.

Opportunity to Learn More About the Mass ~ Workshops

Father James will be holding a series of weekly Workshops that will be taking us deeper into our faith. The Workshops are a video series by Bishop Robert Barron it is called "The Mass". The Workshops will be each Thursday evening in the Heritage Hall at 7.00pm to 8.00pm, commencing 10 October and going through to 14 November. Registration is by calling the Parish Office during normal hours on 4655 8797 or by scanning the QR code. Whether you would like to be more confident in explaining the Mass to your children or wanting to understand how and why we do what we do during the celebration of Mass this course will be ideal for you.



Men's Evening ~ 2 October ~ 6.30pm

This coming Wednesday 2 October the monthly meeting of our Parish Men's group is being held in the Parish Meeting Room. The theme for this month is "Testimonials" The meeting format that has proved to be so successful will be the same as previous meetings. The meeting commences at 6.30pm and after the readings, prayer and discussion the opportunity is available to adjourn to the Plough and Harrow where we can enjoy a subsidised meal and good company of fellow parishioners. All welcome to come along and join us.

Pregnancy, Infant and Child Loss Mass ~ Saturday 5 October ~ 9.00am

Next Saturday morning 5 October the normal 9.00am Mass here at Saint Paul's is to remember babies and children who have either, died before birth, at birth or soon after birth. The Mass will be held here at Saint Paul's with Father Michael being the celebrant. Kenneally Funerals, Catholic Cemeteries and Crematorium as well as GriefCare are the sponsors. Grief at the loss of a baby or child is always felt and this Mass offers the opportunity for families who still grieve to come together and hear words of healing once again.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

A total amount of \$4072.70 was collected from our churches, Saint Joseph the Worker, Saint Aloysius and Saint Paul's last weekend as leaving collections for the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. A truly remarkable amount and thanks are extended to all who contributed.

Diocesan News

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.

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Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
Jo

Sundays

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Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father Michael
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father James

Nicole
Steve & Cheryl
Choir
Tony

29 th Sep	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	Ray Cusack, Fabian M	Russell O'Brien, John Roberts	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kimberley Logue	Rebecca Ward	Glenn Crawford, Cheryl Carroll	Maryann Ace, Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Joseph Hanson	Maria Caridi	Maria Debrincat	Michael Toweel	Che
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Samantha Vergara	Margaret Thornton	Jody Musso	Dianne Garland	Lo Cascio family

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For our Faithful Departed: Aida Succar Younes, Peter Kiley, Donna Camilleri, Ann Simington, Maryanne Bonfiglio, Peter Plummer, Rocco Ventra, Elaine Williams, Marie-Jose Guernier, *who died recently*. Matthew Walsh, Michael Busby, Delores Morgan, Peter Garofalo, Geoff O'Brien, Rosemary Corso, Mary Thurn, George Thurn, Frances Rouse, Maureen Ovington, Peter Cox, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Thurn family, Dunn family, Sutton family, Cath Bourke, 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

Saint Paul's Parish Office