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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 13 October 2024

Tuesday 15th October

Saint Teresa of Jesus doctor.

Saint Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970, the first woman to be so honoured.

Thursday 17th October

Saint Ignatius of Antioch martyr.

Saint Ignatius said "Love is shown much more in deeds than in words."
"Teach us to give and not count the cost."

Friday 18th October

Saint Luke evangelist.

Saint Luke is the author of The Gospel according to Luke. Although not one of the original 12 disciples he was a companion of Saint Paul and accompanied him on many of his missions.

Saint Luke said "Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion programme recommences this weekend after the school holiday break. Over the coming week parents/carers need to assist their children in completing the second workshop of pages 9 – 16. Assistance sheets will be available after all Masses this weekend. The sheets are intended for parents/carers and should not be given to the children. The pages should only take about an hour to complete and the time spent with the children is truly a gift from God. Children will also need to have their attendance at Mass recorded. Please allow 10 minutes for the handout and recording.

Fr James workshops on "The Mass"

On Thursday evening the first workshop of the video series by Bishop Robert Barron called "The Mass" was held in the Heritage Hall lead by Father James. Thirty-nine Parishioners attended; the workshops will continue each Thursday evening from 7.00pm until 8.00pm until 14 November. The first workshop was very well received, it was titled A Privileged Encounter and explored the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. There was lively discussion after the presentation with everyone joining in. A cup of tea or coffee was then enjoyed and the conversation continued. A wonderful start to the evenings, parishioners are still welcome to come along, it is not too late to join the workshops, so if you would like to know more about how and why things happen during Mass please contact the Parish office to register.

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The Oaks ~ **Silent Auction** 26 October 2024 ~ 9:00 AM to 12 Noon.

So how does a silent auction work?

Each item (or set of items) of furniture has a clipboard containing the name of the item. A reserve price will be placed underneath.

A little further down the page, there is an opportunity for interested bidders to write their names, contact details and a higher bid. This process will apply over three hours. It will only be extended beyond 12 midday if a bidding is still competitive.

Items include chairs, tables, lounges, wardrobes, cabinets,... Some are slightly damaged and others are slightly marked. But there are no refunds, no arbitration, no 'ifs and buts'.

Most items will be in the hall, but there may be other items in the double garage on the southern side of the presbytery.

All welcome.

Advent Event ~ Saturday Evening 30 November ~ Advance Notice

Shouldn't be too much longer before the shops are adorned with Christmas advertising.

In seven weeks' time, the Church will be celebrating the First Sunday of Advent. For quite a few years, the parish marked this occasion by having an **Advent Event**. This occasion on our social calendar was suspended for a few years after the hall was affected by heavy rain that resulted in a need to replace the floor. It was a painfully protracted process and quite a drama. Still very thankful to our parishioners who assisted in the repair work. Quite specialised.

So at our **Advent Event**, participants would have a presence at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass, and then gather afterwards in the Heritage Hall for a meal. Maximum of 90.

There's time for a pre-dinner drink, and the meal begins to be served from about 6:30 PM. As a feature, there's two specially designated discussion topics chosen by the parish priest. Each table appoints a leader so as to provide feedback to the whole gathering at the appointed time.

The proceedings are very polite and civilised. There's no loud music, no shouting, no thumping on the tables and no throwing of food.

The evening generally comes to a close about 8:00 PM but participants often stay until about 8:30 PM.

The cost is just \$20/person and includes a two-course meal, beverages and tea/coffee. One of our parishioners will be appointed as the MC to ensure that the evening flows freely. Always a great night.

If interested, please register at the parish office – either in person or by phone. It is possible to nominate other parishioners with whom you would like to be seated. And all participants will be appointed to a table. Another wonderful evening is assured.

Annuals Now Available

“God’s Word” 2025

Parishioners wanting to purchase the 2025 edition of “God’s Word” can do so from this weekend. The cost this year is \$13.00 which is the charge to the Parish. The books will be in a box on the altar where they can be collected before or after Mass. Payment can be left in the container that is with the books.

“The Light” Advent booklet

The daily reflections for the 2024 Advent and Christmas period are also available for purchase from this weekend. As with “God’s Word” they will be in a box on the Altar. The cost for “The Light” is \$2.50 and payment can be left in the container that is with the booklets.

Columban Art Calendars for 2025

The Piety Store has the 2025 Columban calendar for sale. The cost is \$10 and as always the case, the artwork on the calendars is truly inspiring.

The numbers of the “God’s Word”, “The Light” and the “Columban calendars” are limited, to avoid disappointment early purchase is recommended.

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.

Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th October ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria C
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
Eva & Darko
Tony

13 th Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	John Roberts	Fabian M, Diane Kennaugh	Russell O'Brien, Angelina Vecchio	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Rebecca Ward	Kathryn Hampton, Simon Huntly	Lorraine Phillips, Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Carol Ann Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Michael Toweel	Michael Reardon	Chris Keun	Rafael
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Judith Madsen	Margaret Thornton	Dianne Garland, Jody Musso	Sharon Picken, Clare Power	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th October ~ 29th 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

Sunday

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
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

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