



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

### 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 3 November 2024

November is the month of the Holy Souls. And in keeping with our prayers for the faithful departed, a memorial table will be positioned in front of the altar. All our Masses in the church during November will be offered for the deceased whose names are written in our Pages of Remembrance.

In the Church's 'Office for the Dead', there's a most beautiful Concluding Prayer which provides comfort to all of us who have lost dearly loved family members and friends:

Lord God,  
Who gave your only begotten Son  
His place on high as conqueror of death:  
Grant to all your servants who have died,  
That they in their turn may triumph over death,  
And may live forever before you, their creator and redeemer,  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

### Special Notice ~ Especially for FHC families

In his book, **Falling Upwards**, the American Franciscan priest, Father Richard Rohr OFM, quotes on P6 a therapist by the name of Ken Keyes who so wisely wrote:

"More suffering comes into the world by people taking offense than by people intending to give offense".

Father Rohr goes on to remark that the offended one feels the need to offend back those who they think have offended them, creating defensiveness on the part of the presumed offenders, which often becomes a new offensive – ad infinitum.

There seems to be no way out of this self-defeating and violent Ping-Pong game except by growing spiritually.

So it's within this context that the following remarks are intended more generally, but especially for the benefit of a small number of families in our FHC programme. They are not intended to give offence:

- Please refrain from eating, drinking and chewing gum in our church. In cases of necessity, water is ok. And infants can obviously be nourished in any way that is necessary.
- Please attend Mass according to our mutual obligation.
- Please avoid arriving at Mass well after starting time. And the practice of arriving very late can best be regarded as sneaky, leaving their young children to think that being sneaky is ok.
- And when it comes to our parish's pastoral programmes, with the accompanying requirements, please be obedient. The term is not so fashionable but is so very important to cohesion in the church. The greatest example is, as ever, provided by the dying Jesus who gave obedience to his Heavenly Father as he was hanging from the cross.

Thank You, Father Michael

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## Sacrament of First Holy Communion

This week completed workshop books need to be returned. Parent/carers should take the opportunity to look over the completed lessons. Every question and puzzle needs to be completed. Books that are incomplete or not completed to a satisfactory standard will need to be returned for further work.

Families are encouraged to avoid over-spending on clothes for the First Holy Communion ceremonies. The interior preparation is much more important than external appearances. Girls traditionally wear white dresses, there is no need for a veil nor to look like a little bride. The girls can enhance their hair with a flower or ribbon. The boys are asked to wear neat attire, a white shirt is encouraged, some boys dress more formally with coats and ties, this is also appropriate but not compulsory. The Sacrament will be memorable for both children and parents, for the time they have shared, the reverence that will be on display in the church and for family and friends who will share in the occasion not for outlandish or overdressing.

## November Mass Counts

The Annual Mass count is being held during the month of November. Attendants will be counting attendees at every Mass over the next four weeks. The count is very important as it assists the parish and the diocese when making decisions that will affect parishioners into the future.

## Rosary at Oakdale

This Saturday evening following the 5.00pm Mass the Rosary will be said at Saint Joseph the Worker church at Oakdale. The Rosary is said monthly, everyone is invited and encouraged to come along and join in this most beautiful of prayers.

## Monthly Morning Tea at The Oaks

This Sunday morning after the 9.00am Mass, the parishioners of Saint Aloysius The Oaks will be hosting their monthly morning tea. If you enjoy a cuppa and a cake, community and fraternity, come along and join in. Please bring a plate. This Sunday, as well as the morning tea those items still not sold from the presbytery will be able to be inspected. This is the last opportunity to purchase these items, after Sunday the Auction will be concluded.

## Healing Mass

This Tuesday 5 November being the first Tuesday of the month the Healing Mass will be celebrated here at Saint Paul's. Father Michael and Father James concelebrate this monthly Mass. If you, any member of your family or friends are having an operation, are unwell or awaiting a diagnosis and would like this very special blessing please come along. Mass is at 9.00am, a cup of tea, and a biscuit or cake are offered in the meeting room after Mass and great fraternity is shared by those parishioners who attend.

## Australian Catholics Magazine

The summer edition of Australian Catholics is available around the church on the magazine tables. There are some excellent articles on very topical subjects. Well worth a look.

## November Men's Group Meeting

This Wednesday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> November will be the monthly Men's Group Meeting. The theme for this month is following on from October "Prayer ~ Part 2". The meeting starts at 6:30 PM and will follow the normal format of prayer, reflection and discussion. All those interested then adjourn to the Plough and Harrow to enjoy further fraternity and a subsidised meal. All men of our parishes are most welcome to attend, either both the meeting and the meal, or the meeting only.

## Advent Event ~ Saturday Evening 30 November

Tickets to the annual Parish Advent event scheduled for after the Vigil Mass on 30 November are being snapped up. Attendees are limited to 90 cost is \$20.00 for a sumptuous 2 course meal, tea, coffee and beverages. All those in attendance will be allocated a place at a table with other parishioners, tables can also be allocated to groups at request. No one is left isolated. Father Michael chooses topics that always ensure lively debate and conversation flows freely. Please call the Parish office during normal hours to register your interest. Good night assured.

## Parish Pastoral Council ~ 'Come See, Go Make' Formative Pathway

The Diocese of Wollongong has scheduled an evening at Campbelltown for Tuesday 12 November 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM.

It is about exploring the three foundations and ten principles of the vision for parishes by understanding a "values" approach to renewal, and making decisions through our values.

Father Michael and a number of members of the PPC will be in attendance. Any other member of the PPC, or other parishioners wishing to be part of this initiative will be most welcome and are encouraged to join in.

If interested, please contact the parish office during normal office hours to register.

## Saturday/Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> November ~ 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

### Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

### Celebrant

Father James  
Father Michael

### Musician/Vocalists

Belinda  
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  
Damian  
Choir  
Jenny & Tasha

<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>	<b>Special Minister</b>	<b>PC</b>
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Danielle Caruana	Jim Gallagher	Diane Kennaugh, Russell O'Brien	Trish O'Flynn, Sharon Picken	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace, Lisa McFadzean	Kathryn Hampton, Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Maureen Grisdale	Helen Lanyon	Nada Simich	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Meaghan Marchand	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

## Saturday/Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> November ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

### Saturday

Camden      5:00 PM  
Oakdale      5:00 PM

### Celebrant

Father Michael  
Father James

### Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Sarah  
Jo

### Sunday

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

Father James  
Father Michael  
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*We Pray for those who are unwell:*

Nell Glynn, John Dogan, Pauline Cepak, Joseph Camilleri, 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**