



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Saturday 30th November

Saint Andrew, apostle

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

Weekend Masses with First Holy Communions

A huge number of 233 children will this weekend receive their FHC.

FHC Masses are Saturday 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM
 Sunday at 11:30 AM and 4:00 PM

There are two changes to our regular timetable:

- ❖ The Saturday evening Vigil will be shared between our regular parishioners and First Communicants
- ❖ The Sunday evening Mass will be an hour earlier at 4:00 PM.

For our regular parishioners, the Sunday Morning Masses at 8.00 AM and 10.00 AM will be as usual, and unaffected by FHC.

Reception of Adults into the Catholic Church

This Saturday 23rd November, 21 adults will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. From among the 21, nine will be baptised, and all 21 will be confirmed and receive FHC. Beautiful ceremony of grace. The Holy Spirit is working so very powerfully in our parish

Sunday Evening Mass 24th November ~ 4:00 PM

Reminder to all our parishioners that because of First Holy Communions, this particular Sunday Mass will be at 4:00 PM. All our regular parishioners are invited to still come along as there's plenty of spare pews that won't be required for our first communicants and their families.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Next weekend, the first week of Advent, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Camden and The Oaks will be holding their 2024 Christmas Appeal. The Appeal will be a leaving collection at all of our churches. The funds collected will be used to provide each family, the society has helped over the past year, with a hamper that is purchased from Food Bank. Additional vouchers are also given to families to purchase meat and fresh food items. A gift voucher is given to each child under the age of 16 to enable them to have at least one small Christmas gift. Our Catholic Schools generously collect supplementary food and hamper items that the society also uses to enable families to share in the joy of Christmas. We are very grateful to our parish communities for their help, it enables those suffering hardship at this most joyful time of the year to join in the celebrations. You are the hands that enable us to help those most in need.

Advent Event ~ 30 November

Only a handful of places remaining. Maximum is 90 and around 80 already snapped up.

Great to be able to advise that our teachers from St Clare's and St Paul's each have a table.

And would you believe that these evenings have been going for about 10 years except (a) during the Covid and then (b) when heavy rain and moisture buckled the timber flooring, resulting in the need for a new floor.

In the early years of these events, one of our first MCs was a lady by the name of Carmen who was part of the wonderful parochial district of Leppington which was very much a part of the Camden parish prior to May 2015. Quite a history!

If wanting to attend, please register by phone or in person during parish office hours. Wonderful night assured. And great value for money.

Penance Programme 2024/25

Enrolment begins with the collection of a programme timeline at Masses on the First Sunday of Advent 30th November / 1st December. Our programmes are administered according to a policy of *mutual obligation*. More details will be provided in next week's 'Weekly Message'.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

On Tuesday 12 November at the Campbelltown Catholic Club, about a dozen members of our own PPC met with adults from other parishes in the Macarthur region to listen to a presentation about the diocesan pastoral programme 'Come See, Go Make'.

The main presenter was Father Mark Debattista who was a priest in Camden from 2007 to 2010.

Essentially, the heart of the delivery was about the foundations and principles of parish life.

In our own PPC meetings in 2024, discussion was devoted to this pastoral programme and is intended to continue into 2025.

Thanks to all the members of our PPC who attended. And BTW, besides the presenter, the only two priests in attendance were both from Camden.

Saint Aloysius Presbytery Furniture Items

The successful bidders of excess presbytery items from our silent auction can pick up their purchases between 9.00am and 10.00am next Saturday 30 November. Please be advised there may not assistance with the lifting of heavy items.

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 23rd/24th November ~ Feast of Christ the King

Saturday

Camden	1:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & Maria C
Camden	3:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & St Paul's School Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B, Damian & Betty
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalist

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Damian & Trent
Camden	11.30 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	4:00 PM	Father James	Craig

24th Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 1.00pm	John Roberts	Stephen Barrett	Meaghan Marchant	Peter Grizelj, Robin Roberts	Schools to provide	Brad
Sat Vigil 3.00pm	Mark Coleman	Helen Lanyon	Michael Reardon	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Schools to provide	Brad
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Angelina Vecchio, Diane Kennaugh	Trish O'Flynn, Chris Keun	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll, Glenn Crawford	Lorraine Phillips, Clare Power	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Julie Sligar	Joseph Hanson	Cathy Conwell	Peter Grizelj	Julie
Sun 11.30am	John Marchand	Leonie Gray	Meaghan Marchand	Chris Keun	Schools to provide	Elizabeth
Sun 4.00pm	Andrew Watson	Grace Quinnell	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Dianne Garland	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 30th November/1st December ~ First Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father Victor

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Sarah
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Victor
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father Victor

Nicole
Damian
Choir
Jenny & Tasha

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Ilona Maros, Michael O'Sullivan, David Johnson, Nell and Wal Glynn, Pauline Cepak, Joseph Camilleri, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, 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