



**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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ YEAR C

Tuesday 3rd December

Saint Francis Xavier, priest

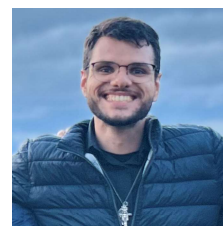
Saint Francis said "start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

At each of this weekend's Masses there will be a leaving collection to assist the Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers to provide families in the Parish, who otherwise would be facing a bleak Christmas, with small gifts and food Hampers. Saint Francis Xavier whose Memorial falls on Tuesday exemplifies what our Vinnies volunteers do, they start out helping with the bare necessities and through their efforts do the impossible. Parishioners are encouraged to help in this worthy cause with whatever they can afford. Thanks are extended to everyone who can assist.

VISITING SEMINARIAN ~ ANTHONY REWAK

Parishioners may recall back in 2016 when Father Joe Ngyuen was our assistant priest, we had a seminarian studying for the priesthood come to stay. That visitor was Father James. As was the case for Father James, Camden parish will have a Seminarian, Anthony Rewak coming to stay for the season of Advent. Anthony has just completed his second year of study at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd at Homebush. Anthony is of Croatian, Ukrainian and Macedonian descent, he grew up in Port Kembla and Saint Patricks is his home parish. We welcome Anthony to the Saint Paul's Camden family and know that he will enjoy his stay with us as well as gain valuable experience as he assists both Father Michael and Father James in the work, they will be doing in the lead up to Christmas. Anthony's coffee order is a large Cappuccino for when he is part of the morning tea gathering.



2024/2025 PENANCE PROGRAMME

Names will be taken at all masses this weekend of children who are currently in year 2 or higher, have been baptised and would like to be part of this year's Sacrament of Penance programme. Attendants will be at all Masses where families can obtain a small form, fill it in with their child/children's names and then exchange this form for a Timeline of the programme. Parents /carers are asked to read the mutual obligation notes on the back of the timeline.

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December Men's Group Meeting

This coming Wednesday evening the Parish Men's Group will again be meeting in the Parish Meeting Room at 6.30pm. The topic for this month is "Advent". The programme for the evening is the usual format of prayer, scripture reading, discussion and reflection. Everyone in attendance is then very welcome to adjourn to the Plough and Harrow where they can enjoy a meal together and share experiences they have had since the last meeting a month ago. All men from the parish are welcome and invited to join.

Rosary at Oakdale

This Saturday evening after Mass the Rosary will be said at Saint Joseph the Worker church. Everyone is invited to please stay after Mass and join in these most special prayers.

Monthly Morning Tea at The Oaks

This Sunday after the 9.00am Mass we will be holding our first weekend of the month Morning Tea. Everyone is welcome to come along to join fellow parishioners for friendship and conversation, please bring a plate to share.

Healing Mass ~ First Tuesday of the Month

This Tuesday being the first of the month our 9.00am morning Mass will be a Healing Mass. Parishioners and anyone who is unwell, scheduled for surgery or perhaps waiting for a medical diagnosis are encouraged to come to this very special Mass for extra blessings. A cup of tea is offered in the meeting room after Mass.

Father James' Dietary Requirements

As we all know the parishioners of our parish are very generous and very good cooks. Father James has asked if you are going to make him any meals, cakes or sweets if you could be aware he suffers from Celiac's Disease and must eat Gluten free products. It is very disappointing for him when someone has gone to all the trouble to make something that looks truly delicious and he is unable to eat it.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday 9 December, the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will be holding a special Mass at 9.00am here at Saint Paul's. Exposition will commence at 8.30am. This is one of the very special Masses leading up to Christmas, everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny and Tasha

1 st Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Toni Sillis	Trish O'Flynn, Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun, Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Rebecca Ward	Maryann Ace	Kathryn Hampton	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Carol Ann Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Maria Caridi	Leonie Gray	Maria Debrincat	Peter Grizelj	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

Saturday/Sunday 7th/8th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria C
Jo

Sunday

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

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Ilona Maros, Michael O'Sullivan, 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.

For our Faithful Departed:

Anna Glakin, Maria Muhic, Sonya Sekardi, Dawn McDonald, *who died recently*. Michael Vella, Jannelle Shearer, Matthew Walsh, Michael Busby, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Paul Barry, Jeremy Barry, Fr John Whitty, Paul & Phyl Star, Thurn family, Dunn family, Sutton family, Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, *Requiescat in Pace*.

Kind Regards

Saint Paul's Parish Office