



**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

Third Week of Advent ~ 15 December 2024

In churches that have an Advent Wreath the rose-coloured candle is lit in addition to two of the violet-candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise sombre readings during the season of Advent, the Third Sunday readings emphasise the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.

Tuesday 17th December

Beginning of the Christmas novena where we begin to prepare more directly for the Lord's birth.

Confessions Before Christmas

1. Saturday 13th 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Two priests present – Father James in the confessional; Fr Michael in the sacristy.

2. Tuesday 16th 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Father James in the confessional

3. Thursday 18th 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Father James in the confessional

4. Saturday 20th 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Two priests present – Father James in the confessional; Fr Michael in the sacristy.

2024/2025 PENANCE PROGRAMME

Enrolment forms and \$25.00 fee need to be returned this weekend. The programme will then pause for the Christmas break. Please be encouraged to bring the children to the Christmas Masses. Every Mass will have music, and the children learn so much from being in the church with their family and sharing in the joy of our Saviour's birth.

Should families have been unable to attend the last two weekends to submit their child's name it is not too late, please see the attendant who will be in the musician's area and will be able to help.

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Early Notice of No Morning Mass on 26 December

Early notice is given that both Father Michael and Father James will be absent from the Parish after the Christmas morning Mass until Friday 27 December. Therefore, there will be no Mass on Boxing Day, normal weekday Masses will recommence on Friday 27 December at 9.00am at Camden.

Christmas Mass Timetable Celebrants, Musicians, Vocalists, Choristers

Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
Christmas Eve		Tuesday 24th December	
Oakdale	5:00 PM Vigil	MW	Jo
The Oaks	6:30 PM Vigil	MW	TBA
Camden	5:00 PM Vigil	JA	Maria + St Paul's School Choir
	7:00 PM Vigil	JA	Craig, Brian, Colin
	9:00 PM Vigil	JA	Belinda and Sarah
Christmas Midnight		Wednesday 25th December	
Camden	Midnight	JA	Parish Choir
Christmas Morning		Wednesday 25th December	
Camden	9:00 AM	MW	Damian, Ilona and Bill

Christmas Mass Volunteers

Although the response to our request for assistance at the Christmas Masses has been wonderful, we still have a few places where we require a lector or a Special Minister or both. If you are currently on the roster and are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 4655 8797 during normal hours.

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.

Carrington Work Opportunity

Carrington Care is looking to hire a Pastoral Care Worker in a full or part-time position. This is an important role where you will provide compassionate, competent, and respectful spiritual and emotional care in our aged care facilities. You will work in a supportive team environment in collaboration with our Pastoral Care Coordinator, multi-disciplinary teams, and local faith representatives.

As a member of the care team in the delivery of services, your primary focus is to ensure that the diverse pastoral, emotional and spiritual needs of residents, their families, and staff are identified and responded to.

The Pastoral Care Worker promotes and respects the vision, mission, and values of Carrington and ensures that our values of being considerate, attentive, responsive, and of excellence are reflected in all duties.

Please visit <https://www.seek.com.au/job/80389073> for a full job description and to make an application. Applications close Friday 17th December 2024.

Saturday/Sunday 14th/15th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda and Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Steve and Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

15 th Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Sandra Skarsky	Danielle Caruana	Trish O'Flynn, Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun, Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Warren Johnson	Clare Power	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Helen Lanyon	Oscar Marimbe	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Michael Toweel	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Grace Quinnell	Margaret Thornton	Jody Musso	Dianne Garland	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 21st/22nd December ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

John 'Jack' Dunn, Joseph Mejlak, Anna Glakin, Maria Muhic, Sonya Sekardi, Dawn McDonald, *who died recently*. Dayne Mackie, Virginia Mackie, 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*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Marie Saba, Stephen Goonan, Jan & Terry Chanter, 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.

Kind Regards

Saint Paul's Parish Office