



ST. PAUL'S  
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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
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ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

### Fourth Week of Advent ~ 22 December 2024

To our dear Parishioners,

On behalf of myself and Father James, we wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. As we celebrate the coming of our Saviour, we pray that each family will grow stronger in God's love, may you look to the example of Jesus, Joseph and Mary, and God's blessings fill every home. We ask Christ to assist us all to share kindness, humility and generosity. We pray that the coming year will bring each one of our parishioners health, happiness and peace, and that the light of faith shines in our hearts in all we do and all we say.

God bless you all Father Michael

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

Saint Stephen, the first martyr

As Saint Stephen was being brutally stoned he spoke his last words "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Do not hold this sin against them"

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

Saint John, the Apostle known as "the disciple Jesus loved."

Saint John is credited with writing the fourth Gospel he said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." and "there is nothing better or more necessary than love"

### No Morning Mass at St Paul's on 26 December

Father Michael and Father James will be taking a "well earned" rest after the 7 Christmas Masses so there will be no morning Mass on Boxing Day. Morning Mass will recommence on Friday 27 December at 9.00am.

### Farewell to our Seminarian Anthony

For the past four weeks Anthony Rewak who has just completed his second year as a seminarian of the diocese has been staying in the Presbytery at Saint Paul's with Father James. Anthony will be in attendance at all Camden Christmas Masses. Anthony's presence has added to our Camden family, he has assisted at morning Mass, as well as the weekend Masses and has been generous with his time in assisting Father James at the various nursing homes' Christmas Masses that we celebrate. Our thanks are extended to Anthony. We all wish him well for the future and look forward to perhaps one day his returning to Camden parish, as has Father James as assistant priest or even parish priest.

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## Confessions ~ Saturday 21 December

Father Michael and Father James will both be available this Saturday morning for confessions after the 9.00am morning Mass. Father James will be in the confessional and Father Michael in the sacristy.

## Christmas Mass Timetable Celebrants, Musicians, Vocalists, Choristers

Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
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

<b>Christmas Midnight</b>		<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Camden	Midnight	JA	Parish Choir

<b>Christmas Morning</b>		<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Camden	9:00 AM	MW	Damian, Ilona and Bill

24/25 Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC/Screens
5.00pm Vigil	Pat O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh	Stephen Barrett	Peter Grizelj Trish O'Flynn Angelina Vecchio	Russell O'Brien Therese Easter	Cheryl
7.00pm Vigil	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Grace Quinnell	Chris Keun Fabian Menolotto	Simon Huntly	Craig/Elizabeth
9.00pm Vigil	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Joseph Hanson	Dianne Garland Ann Stomber	Robin Roberts	Kerry
Midnight Mass	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Michael Toweel	Ray Cusack	Jody Musso	Brad
9.00am Christmas Day	John Charadia	Helen Lanyon	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson Maryann Ace	Lorraine Phillips Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl

## No Morning Mass at St Clare's for the Christmas Break

Morning Mass at Saint Clare's is paused for the Christmas period and will recommence on Wednesday 8 January. Mass can be attended at Camden Tuesday to Saturday at 9.00am excepting for Boxing Day.

## 2025 Penance Programme

The program is paused for the school holidays, and will resume on the weekend of 1/2 February 2025. All enquiries within the break should be directed to the Parish Office during normal hours.

## No Weekly Message ~ 29 December

The Parish office will be open on Christmas Eve and Friday 27 December, but will be working reduced hours. Should parishioners find they have something that needs attention please contact the office on 4655 8797 before 12.00 noon both days. As a result of the reduced time our secretaries will be in attendance, there will be no Weekly Message distributed on Friday 27 December, the message will recommence publication on Friday 3 January.

## Saturday/Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 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

22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Pat O'Flynn	Robin Roberts	Olivia Kosiak	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Maureen Grisdale	Anthony McElhone	Kathryn Hampton	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Julie Sligar	Joseph Hanson	Michael Toweel	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Stephen Barrett	Samantha Vergara	Clare Power	Dianne Garland	Craig

## Saturday/Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

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

#### *For our Faithful Departed:*

Sue Aston, 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:*

Kevin Arblaster, Fr David Catterall, 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**