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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 15/16 February

Saturday 22 February

The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle

The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter is a commemoration of the contributions of the Apostle to the Christian Church. It celebrates his authority and endless efforts to build a strong community around the teachings of Christ and has been celebrated since the earliest times in the Christian era.

Year of Jubilee

Over the next few months we will be taking part in the Diocese's 'Year of Jubilee'. From this Friday 14 February at the Morning Mass a regular part of the Mass will be a reciting of the Jubilee Prayer. There is also a list of things that we as individuals can do to start our way on this Pilgrimage they are:

1. Forgive those who have hurt you or have done you wrong
2. Go to Confession regularly – monthly or even weekly
3. Make a donation regularly
4. Read and meditate on the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Gospel of Luke
5. Perform one or more acts of mercy every day
6. Go on a Pilgrimage.

There will also be further opportunities for us all to be part of the Pilgrimage that we can do either as a parish group or as individuals these are in the planning.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Parish Pastoral Council held their first meeting for 2025 on Wednesday evening. 12 Parishioners were in attendance as well as Father Michael and Father James. The meeting covered numerous initiatives, and a number of decisions were made. Over the next several months these will be announced in the Weekly Message. The meeting was extremely productive with all members taking part and 2025 looks to be a very busy year in the Parish.

Save The Date ~ Parish Event ~ 31 May

One of the decisions made by the PPC last Wednesday evening was to hold the next Parish Social event on Saturday evening 31 May. Reserve the date as tickets will be highly desirable. More information will be made available in the coming weeks in the Weekly Message.

Penance Programme 2024/25

Families with children in the Sacrament of Penance programme need to complete Chapter 2 of the Workshop Books this week. The chapter is from pages 10 to 15 every puzzle and activity must be completed. Assistance sheets will be distributed, and attendance at Mass also needs to be recorded. The practice of arriving at Mass either well into the service or at the end is not acceptable and attention is drawn to the “Mutual Obligations” listed on the reverse of the timeline.

Cursillo Weekend ~ 6-9 March 2025

The Cursillo movement of the Wollongong Diocese is holding a 3 days Cursillo weekend from Thursday evening 6 March until Sunday afternoon 9 March. The weekend is being held at Carmel House, Varroville and includes daily Mass, talks, discussion and friendship. Spiritual guidance can also be offered on request. The Spiritual director for 2025 will be Father Chris Roberts from Kiama Parish. Further information is available by calling Margaret French on 0417 041721 or by email to cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com.

Parish Spiritual Library

Parishioners who enter through the Chapel doors may have noticed one of trolleys previously used to hold the hymn books has been repurposed as a lending library. Numerous parishioners have offered used Spiritual Books they have read and found to be uplifting and would like to share with other likeminded parishioners. If you would like to take a book please do so and return after reading. If you have Spiritual Books that you would like to donate these can be left at the Parish Office, we will leave a tub near the front door of the Presbytery to allow for donations over the weekend. Please do not leave novels or fictional stories, this is for Spiritual book exchanges only.

Lenten Group for Young Adults.

Commencing 6 March, Father James will be leading a Lenten Group for young adult parishioners aged 18 to 35 years. The Lenten programme will be held each Thursday evening commencing at 6.30pm and finish about 7.30pm. The meetings will be held in the Parish Meeting Room. The programme will use the Diocesan Lenten book “Metanoia” and explore the three most important pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Please use the QR code to sign up for the programme.



Diocesan News

For 2025, there's a very strong emphasis on Year of Jubilee.

Good idea to visit the diocesan website jubilee.dow.org.au

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

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

Saturday/Sunday 15/16 February ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

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

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalists

Sunday

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

16 th February	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Pat O'Flynn	Danielle Caruana	Diane Kennaugh	Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Rebecca Ward	Glenn Crawford	Simon Huntly	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Maria Caridi	Michael Toweel	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Grace Quinnell	Stephen Barrett	Clare Power	Dianne Garland	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 22/23 February ~ 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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 & Betty
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

Maureen Foley, James Seedsman, John Somoracz, Laila Asfoura, Marie Dennis, Jan Dell'Olio, Anka Lipovschi, Cyril Ferriere, *who died recently*. John Spora, Antonia Scarcella, Rino & Assunta Zanatto, Pasquale Zanatto, Michelle Sarkis, Antonio Barone, Olga and Sebastino Garufi, Saide Kabro, Michael Ainsworth, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Lilian Grech, Valtin Thurn, Margaret Thurn, Dorothy Dunn, John Dunn, Sutton, Thurn and Dunn families, Cath Bourke, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Anthony Paul, Paul Barry, Jeremy Barry, Fr John Whitty, Paul & Phyl Star, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Betty Aquilina, Eric Arblaster, Suzie Freestone, Mary Murphy, Fr David Schward, 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, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael