



ST. PAUL'S
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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

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NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

4th Sunday of Easter ~ 11th May 2025

Habemus Papam ~ We Have a New Pope

Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost, was elected as the 267th Pope of the Catholic Church on 8 May 2025. He is the first American to hold the position and the first Augustinian Pope since Gregory VIII.

Born in Chicago Illinois 1955, he spent decades serving in Peru where he became a bishop and later a cardinal.

Before his election, he was the Prefect for the Dicastery of Bishops overseeing the selection of bishops worldwide. His papal motto, In illo Uno unum ("In the One, one"), reflects his commitment to unity.

Upon his election, he addressed the crowd at St. Peter's Basilica with the words, "Peace be with all of you". His leadership is expected to focus on missionary work, dialogue and social justice. Here are some other key aspects of his leadership:

- Commitment to Peace: His first words as Pope were about peace, being an early indication of his dedication to global harmony.
- Name Choice: By selecting *Leo XIV*, he signals a commitment to the social teachings of the Church, similar to Pope Leo XIII, who advocated for workers' rights.
- Background: He is the first American Pope and has dual citizenship in Peru, where he served as a missionary for decades.
- Leadership Style: He values humility and closeness to the people, stating that bishops should not act as "little princes" but rather walk alongside their communities.

His papacy is expected to continue the progressive approach of Pope Francis while maintaining traditional Church doctrine.

Happy Mother's Day

Father Michael and Father James wish all mothers in our Parish a very Happy Mother's Day.

Our mothers like Mary our Heavenly Mother guide us, inspire us, care for us and love us unconditionally. We all express our gratitude for the many things they do for us and trust that this day will be a time of family unity and thanksgiving.

*A mother's love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
it never fails or falters, even if the heart is breaking.*

Confirmation Programme 2025

Enrolment forms that were collected at all Masses last weekend need to be returned this weekend with the \$25.00 administration fee. This is the last weekend that children can be accepted into the programme. If you have not yet submitted your child's name and wish them to be Confirmed in 2025 you will need to see the attendants at Mass this weekend to collect and complete an Enrolment form, which will need to be filled in then handed straight back to the attendants with \$25.00.

As workshop books are distributed next weekend no further candidates can be considered. All enquiries should be directed to the office during normal hours by calling 4655 8797.

Parish Men's Group

Last Wednesday evening the May meeting of our Men's Group as held in the Parish meeting room. There were 20 members of the parish in attendance. The topic for May was "Conclave" the election of our new Pope. As always, the discussion was very interesting and because of the happenings in Rome everyone was very enthusiastic.

Pizzas and refreshments were supplied by the Parish with most of the participants staying to enjoy the further discussion and fraternity that occurs after each meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 June, if you are interested in joining this very interesting group, please keep the date free.

Parish Event ~ Saturday 31 May

There are still a few places available for our next Parish Event being held on the 31 May in the Heritage Hall. Cost for the evening is \$20.00 a head for a delicious 2 course meal and refreshments. Father Michael supplies discussion topics that are varied and sometimes highly amusing.

If you are interested in coming along to join in this very popular evening, could you please contact the Parish Office during normal hours on 4655 8797 this will enable us to give correct numbers to the caterer and to plan the setting up of the Hall.

RCIA Programme for 2025

This coming week invitations, the enrolment form and the timetable for those who have registered their interest in being a part of our Adults into the Church Programme for 2025 will be sent out by email. Should you not receive an email or if you have not yet registered your interest, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours on 4655 8797 and we will forward the necessary paperwork to you.

The enrolment form needs to be filled in and returned before the first meeting is held, the Parish Office staff will be happy to help anyone who needs assistance.

Project Compassion

Our collection for Project Compassion this year was more than \$5,500.00. The Parish office will be finalising the forwarding of the funds to the Diocese in the coming week. Our thanks are given to everyone who has contributed to this wonderful amount.

CatholicCare ~ Cross+Gen

Due to the popularity of the Cross+Gen technology program, CatholicCare, will again partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to assist with the technology issues that you may be struggling with. Bring your device, your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps.

The dates are as follows, and afternoon tea will be provided:

- Tuesday 13 May 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 27 May 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 3 June 1pm-2.30pm
- Tuesday 10 June 1pm-2.30pm

Please join us in this unique opportunity to connect with seniors and students for some information sharing in a fun, relaxed setting at St Benedict's Catholic College Oran Park.

To book, contact Jane Hollier Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or email janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Diocesan News

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

Good idea to visit the diocesan website

www.jubilee.dow.org.au

Saturday/Sunday 10th/11th May ~ The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & 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 & Choristers
Tony

11 th May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Pat O'Flynn	Fabian Menolotto	Sharon Picken, Diane Kennaugh	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Glenn Crawford	Kimberley Logue	Lisa McFadzean	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Leonie Gray	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Debrincat	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Stephen Barrett	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th May ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Michael
Father James
Father James
Father Michael

Nicole
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

Warren Dodds, Eric Melham, John Mainwaring, Alfred Pirrone, Michael Barahona, Joan Clarke, Judith Ashdown, Helen Spiteri, *who died recently*. Joseph 'Joe' Carlon, Giuseppe Zinghini, Mary 'Maisie' Falconer, Teresa Amoroso, Rosario Debono, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Bourke, Sutton, Thurn and Dunn families, Burns family, Vaughan family, Lilian Grech, Valtin Thurn, Margaret Thurn, Dorothy Dunn, John Dunn, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Anthony Paul, Paul Barry, Jeremy Barry, Fr John Whitty, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Barry Myles, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

June McCullough, Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Luigi Zanatta, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, Mary Murphy, David Schwarb, Fr David Catterall, Marie Saba, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Ilona Maros, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell and Wal Glynn, Joseph Camilleri, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Margaret Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael