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THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 5/6 July

Friday 11 July

Saint Benedict, abbot

Saint Benedict was born in Nursia Italy in 480 and died 547 he is the Patron Saint of Europe. Saint benedict is known as the "Protector Saint". He is the founder of the Benedictine Monastery at Monte Casino.

Saint Benedict's most famous teaching is "to pray and to work to find the balance between spiritual practice and physical labour."

Confirmation Programme 2025

Our congratulations are offered to all the children and teenagers who will be celebrating their Confirmation this weekend. This most sacred experience is another wonderful moment in the further and significant development of their spiritual formation.

With the reception of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, the Sacrament of Confirmation asks the newly confirmed to bear witness to God, and to live lives of discipleship.

Gratitude is extended to the families of the candidates who have been so supportive in recent months, and who have been so responsive to the requirements of the programme.

Our thanks are also extended to our Parishioners, our musicians and support staff who have ensured the smooth running of the Confirmation programme.

Back-Up Penance Programme 2025 ~ At Camden Only

The Back-up Penance programme will begin next weekend 12/13 July with names being taken at all Masses.

Timelines, enrolment forms and holy cards will all be distributed to families wanting to be a part of this additional sacrament. All requirements are handed to families after every Mass each weekend of the programme, names can not be taken at the Parish office.

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Catholic Enrichment Programme ~ RCIA

A reminder is offered to all those parishioners who are enrolled in our 2025 Catholic Initiation programme that the next session, with the topics of “The Incarnation, The Life of Christ and The Paschal Mystery” will be held in the Parish Meeting room next Wednesday evening 9 July from 7.00pm.

Rosary ~ Saturday Evening at Oakdale

After the Communion Service at Oakdale this Saturday evening 5 July the Rosary will be said. Please stay behind and share in these most beautiful prayers.

Monthly Morning Tea at The Oaks

This Sunday 6 July, being the first Sunday of the month The Oaks parishioners will be holding their usual monthly morning tea. Please join fellow parishioners after Mass to enjoy a cuppa, a cake and the fraternity of your neighbours. Please bring along a plate to share.

Continued Scheduling for Masses in Father James's Absence

The following timetable is in effect until Saturday 26 July.

Midweek Timetable

Camden: Masses on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 9.00am
Holy Communion Services Wednesdays and Fridays at 9.00am

Narellan Vale: Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.00am

Weekend Timetable

Oakdale: There will be a Communion Service on Saturday evenings at 5.00pm

The Oaks: Mass Sunday mornings at 9.00am with the homily delivered after the Recessional hymn.

Camden: Masses as usual except for Sunday 8.00am when the homily will be delivered after the Recessional hymn.

1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374)

Nearly 1 in 6 older Australians experience some form of abuse each year. If you suspect someone is being mistreated, help is available. Call 1800 ELDERHelp (1800 353 374) confidentially for advice or to report concerns. In emergencies, always call 000.

Church Toilets

The vast majority of our Parishioners have welcomed the news of the new arrangements for the use of our Parish toilets. Last weekend was the first in several months that our toilets have not been left in a disgraceful condition. Access to the toilets will continue to only be available through the rear back single door of the church, after exiting the church you need only to follow the signs.

Families should consider making a part of the preparation of coming to Mass of using the bathroom facilities at home and thus avoid leaving the church during Mass. These arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

Diocesan News

CatholicCare Ageing with Confidence ~ Campbelltown Catholic Club

On Wednesday 23 July from 10.00 am to 1.00pm, join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity.

Free event. To register go to catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 4227 1122.

2025 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong**. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th July ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Communion Service	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Quiet Mass/Steve
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jody

6 th July	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Helen Lanyon	Toni Sillis	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Fabian Menolotto, Michael Reardon	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Claire				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Rebecca Ward	Deanna David	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Roberts	Maria Caridi	Oscar Marimbe	Joseph Hanson	Russell O'Brien	Che
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Judith Madsen	Meaghan Marchand	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene Kosiak

Saturday/Sunday 12th/13th July ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Michael
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father Michael

Nicole
Choir
Eva & Youth Choir
Tony

For our Faithful Departed:

Marco Sebato, David Lewis, Jerry Leonardi, Elizabeth Hamilton, Lola Mannion, Judith Jones, Marjorie Burton, Serafino 'Sam' Selario, *died recently*. Anthony Paul, Janice Davis, Eoin McMahon, Ron Valentine, Zoe Valentine, Ivan and Ivka Malunec, Maria Grech, Joseph Tonna, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Deceased members of the Burns and Vaughan families, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Theresa Borg, Carmen Tonna, Beresa Borg, Carmen Teuma, Carmela Teuma, Delores Spiteri, Nazareno Teuma, Lilian Grech, Valtin Thurn, Margaret Thurn, Dorothy Dunn, John Dunn, Fr John Whitty, Barry Myles, *Requiescant in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Joseph Picos, 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, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell and Wal Glynn, 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