



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

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COMMUNITY
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 2/3 August

Friday 8 August

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Saint Mary founded the order of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart in Australia. She and her religious sisters founded schools and welfare institutions. She was known for her strong faith and dedication to others; she is the first Australian to be recognised as a Saint and is the Patron Saint of Australia.

Saint Mary said, "never see a need without doing something about it."

Back-Up Penance Programme 2025 ~ at Camden Only

This weekend families need to pick up the second week's assistance sheet. Please remember the assistance is meant for parents/carers when they are helping the children. Father James will be testing the children's knowledge of the Act of Contrition at all Masses this weekend.

A reminder is offered that this coming Tuesday evening at 6.00 pm the children will be tested on their knowledge of the Act of Contrition, the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. These are the three most important prayers of the Catholic faith, and the children need have a sound knowledge of them to be able to perform any penance given to them when they make their first confessions.

There will be a number of assistants in the church to hear the children's prayers, and we are not expecting families to be kept very long while awaiting their turn. We request that as a courtesy to others that families please try to go in order of your arrival, we will have an assistant directing families to those who will be hearing the prayers, and we will try to send you in order.

August Men's Group Meeting

The Parish Men's Group will be meeting next Wednesday evening 6 August at 6.30 pm in the Parish Meeting room for their August meeting. The topic this month will be 'Balanced Catholicism in an era of extremes'. The format remains the same and after the meeting attendees will be able to enjoy pizza from Marco's, and drinks supplied by the Parish. The discussion and fellowship are then able to continue in the relaxed atmosphere of the Parish meeting room. All men from the Parish are encouraged and welcome to come along and join this very successful group.

Healing Mass ~ Tuesday 5 August

Our monthly Healing Mass is scheduled for this coming Tuesday morning at 9.00 am. If you, a family member or friend are unwell, facing surgery or waiting for a diagnosis please come to this beautiful Mass to receive the extra blessings and prayers that are offered. Everyone is most welcome to come to Mass then join fellow parishioners in the Parish meeting room to share a cup of tea or coffee and the company of others.

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Monthly Morning Tea at The Oaks

Because Sunday is the first Sunday of the month the parishioners of Saint Aloysius The Oaks will be holding their monthly morning tea after the 9.00 am Mass. Everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy the fraternity of fellow parishioners over a cup of tea or coffee. Please bring a plate to share.

Rosary at St Joseph the Worker, Oakdale

Following the Communion Service at 5.00 pm on Saturday evening the Rosary will be said in the church at Oakdale. Everyone is welcome to stay and join in these most beautiful prayers.

Changes to Weekday Mass Times ~ Friday 8th and Friday 15th August

Next Friday 8 August is the Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop, Father James will be celebrating this feast with a special Mass. The time for Mass has been changed to 9.15 am so that the Saint Paul's students will be able to attend. The Choir will be in attendance to enrich the Mass with beautiful sacred music. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend to celebrate Australia's Saint's feast Day.

Friday 15 August is the solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The time for this Mass is also changed to 9.15 am, again so the pupils from Saint Paul's school are able to attend. A Vigil Mass will also be celebrated at 7.00 pm on Thursday 14 August for this feast. All other weekday Masses will be at the normal time.

Access to the Church Toilets during Mass

Access to the church toilets will continue to be through the rear single door of the church only. Gentlemen need to proceed straight to the rear of the buildings and then turn right up the short ramp. Lady's facilities are still in the toilet block at the rear left-hand corner of the church. Please follow the signs. These arrangements will need to be in place for the foreseeable future.

Mass Timetable in Father Michael's Absence

Midweek Timetable

Camden: Weekday Masses as normal at 9.00 am Tuesday to Saturday.

Narellan Vale: No Masses in Father Michael's absence. The presbytery is closed.

Weekend Timetable

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

The Oaks: Mass as normal on Sunday morning at 9.00 am

Camden: Masses as normal Vigil Saturdays at 5.00 pm, Sundays 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 5.00 pm

Adult Faith Formation Series ~ The Creed

In honour of the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, we're excited to offer a new adult faith formation series using 'The Creed' by Bishop Robert Barron.

Led by Fr James, these Thursday evening sessions will be a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith, reflect more deeply on what we profess each Sunday, and journey together as a community.

The series will begin on Thursday 4 September at 7.00 pm in the Heritage Hall, and will continue throughout September and October, there will be a small break for the school holidays.



All are warmly encouraged to come along — everyone is welcome! Sign up by visiting:

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

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Registrations Now Open!

Join the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF), taking place at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from 30 November to 2 December 2025.

ACYF is a national celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia for a powerful experience of encounter, formation, prayer, and community. Each day includes dynamic speakers, workshops, music, Mass, and an interactive expo.

Travel and accommodation are being organised through Harvest Journeys, with a full package including your ACYF ticket, return flights, transfers, 4 nights' hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, and dinner on arrival (the night before the Festival).

Number are limited and must be finalised by mid-September.

To register or find out more, visit dow.org.au/cymw or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au.

Saturday/Sunday 2nd/3rd August ~ 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Communion Service	Jo
Sunday			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Jenny & Tasha

3 rd August	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Nada Simich					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Jim Gallagher	Sandra Skarsky	Trish O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Traci				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Melissa Duck				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Maria Caridi	Leonie Gray	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Cheryl
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Olivia Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Eugene Kosiak

Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th August ~ 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Communion Service

Musician/Vocalists

Maria C
Jo

Sunday

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

TBA
Father James
Father James
Father James

Nicole
Choir
Eva & Youth Choir
Tony

For our Faithful Departed:

Robert Deitz, Laurence Messner, Sheila Treanor, Robin Allison-Woods, Sam Camilleri, George Micallef, Chiarina Versace, Patricio Arlegui, Robyn Williams, Norman Richardson, Christine Hosking, Germana Martincich, Ronald McEntee, Fr David Catterall, Luka Zoric, *recently*. Anthony Mifsud, Jerry Leonardi, Lilian Grech, Marco Sebato, Shanthi Joseph, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Deceased members of the Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, deceased members of the Ryan and Lewis families, David Lewis, Diane Thorns, Barbara Celan, Mirium Bertrand, Judy Waltisbuhl, deceased members of the Burns and Vaughan families, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Theresa Borg, Fr John Whitty, Barry Myles, *Requiescant in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Helen Parragi, Julie Curry, Oliver Franklin, 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, 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