



## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 9/10 August

Thursday 14 August

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr

Saint Maximilian Kolbe's feast day is celebrated on August 14 the date of the anniversary of his death in the Auschwitz Concentration Camp in 1941. Saint Maximilian was a Polish Franciscan priest who had been active in promoting the veneration of the Virgin Mary, he also founded and supervised a Franciscan Monastery outside of Warsaw, Poland. Saint Maximilian volunteered to die in the place of a stranger.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

### Back-Up Penance Programme 2025 ~ at Camden Only

Congratulations are offered to all the candidates enrolled in our Back-Up Penance programme who were assessed on their knowledge of the Act of Contrition, the Hail Mary and the Our Father last Tuesday evening.

Father Michael and Father James were very pleased with the outcome of the evening, all the children had clearly worked very hard to learn these most beautiful prayers.

Congratulations are also extended to the parents/carers who have assisted the children.

The children, who are in the Back-Up programme will join with those children, who made their confessions at Easter, when they sign up for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at all Masses over the last weekend of August. Every Saint Paul's Sacramental programme has a Prayer Assessment in its Timeline, and the First Holy Communion programme will have one which the children will have to attend. It is a very good idea for families to continue with saying the Act of Contrition, the Hail Mary and the Lord's Prayer so that the children will be very familiar with the prayers when they are assessed again in the coming weeks.

This weekend families need only to have their attendance at Mass recorded, and to pick up the third week's Assistance sheet.

Any assistance required should be directed to the Parish Office during normal hours.

### Next RCIA Evening ~ 13 August

Wednesday evening 13 August at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room is the next scheduled session of our adults into the church programme. The topics for this week will be Mary, The Saints, The Last four things and an Earthly Pilgrimage, Purgatory and Heaven. Father James will be the facilitator in Father Michael's absence.

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## Changes to Mass times for The Assumption ~ 14/15 August

Next Friday 15 August is the solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of Holy Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass celebrated at 7.00pm on Thursday evening 14 August for parishioners who work to be able to fulfil their obligation. A change to the time of the morning Mass on Friday 15 to 9.15am will allow the pupils from Saint Paul's school to attend. Both Vigil and Morning Masses will have sacred music.

## Wrap Up of the August Men's Group Meeting

The Parish Men's Group met last Wednesday evening with 33 members of the Parish attending. The topic of 'Balanced Catholicism in an era of Extremes' was thought provoking and thoroughly discussed before Pizza and drinks supplied by the Parish were shared. The next meeting of the group will be September 3 at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room all men of the Parish are invited and very welcome to come along and join the group.

## Adult Faith Formation Series ~ The Creed

Father James will be facilitating a series by Bishop Robert Barron on the Nicene Creed to commemorate its formation in 325AD in Nicaea. The sessions are open to all those adults over 18 years who would like to be more informed about our Statement of Faith. Registration is through the QR code in our message or by contact with the Parish office. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings in September and October commencing September 4 in the Heritage Hall from 7.00pm, the sessions will pause for the school holidays.



## 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 9.00am Tuesday to Saturday.

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

### *Weekend Timetable*

*Oakdale:* Communion Service on Saturday evening at 5.00 pm.

*The Oaks:* Communion Service on Sunday morning at 9.00am.

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

## 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](http://www.jubilee.dow.org.au)

### *Rosemeadow Jubilee Pilgrimage Day ~ Saturday 6 September*

The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Day where we will uncover the profound meaning, history and significance of the Year of Jubilee and how we can continue living it out in our pilgrimage of life towards Christ. The day begins with Mass at 10:00am, followed by a catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, and concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God's mercy!

### *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).

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

To register or find out more, visit [dow.org.au/cymw](http://dow.org.au/cymw) or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at [arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au).

## Saturday/Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> August ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Quiet Mass
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Communion Service	Jo
<b>Sunday</b>			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Communion Service	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Eva & Youth Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Tony

10 <sup>th</sup> August	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Enzeigh Thomas	Heather Cox	Diane Kennaugh	Fabian Menolotto	Barbara Spiteri	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Clare				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Deanna David	Kimberley Logue	Lorraine Phillips	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am	Chris Billett	Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Meaghan Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Michael Toweel	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Grace Quinnell	Jody Musso	Melissa Scavo	Lo Cascio family

## Saturday/Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August ~ 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

### Saturday

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

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Communion Service	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

#### *For our Faithful Departed:*

John Pulis, Marie Atkins, Mary Trunfio, 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, Luka Zoric, *who died recently.*

Fr David Catterall, Nancy Barone, 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:*

Pat O'Flynn, 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**

**St Paul's Parish Office**