



ST. PAUL'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

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

Wednesday 20 August

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot, doctor

Saint Bernard along with twelve monks founded a monastery, which became known as the Abbey of Clairvaux he was appointed Abbot. He founded numerous other monasteries, Co-founded the Knights Templar, composed a number of works and undertook many journeys for the honour of God.

Saint Bernard said, "I believe, though I do not comprehend, and I hold by faith what I cannot grasp with the mind."

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

Families need to collect the fourth week's assistance sheet from the attendants this weekend at all Masses, forms will also be distributed with the choices of ceremony times for our candidate's first confessions. Pens will be available, and parents/carers are asked to please fill the forms in immediately by numbering two choices and return them to the attendants, please do not take home. Times will be allocated and a leaflet distributed next weekend at all Masses. Times that are allocated are dependent on the satisfactory completion of the workshop books.

With the workshop books scheduled to be returned next weekend parents/carers are asked to check that every question or puzzle has been completed. Books that are not completed to a satisfactory standard will need to be returned for further work and can place a candidate's allocated Confession time in jeopardy.

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

### Vale Pat O'Flynn

Many Parishioners would have heard of the sudden, unexpected passing of Patrick O'Flynn. Pat passed away in Liverpool Hospital on Sunday 10 August. The funeral for Pat will be on Monday 18 August at 10.00am at Saint Paul's Camden.



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## Planned Giving Envelopes

The Planned Giving Envelopes for the 2025 – 2026 calendar year have been in the church, on a table along the back wall, for the past few weeks. This weekend will be the last they are in the church. From Monday the remaining envelopes will be moved to the Parish office and will need to be collected during normal office hours. The cost of mailing each package to parishioners is substantial, so if you can assist by collecting your envelopes we will be very grateful.

## Adult Faith Formation Series ~ The Creed

Father James will be facilitating a series by Bishop Robert Barron on the Nicene Creed to commemorate its formulation 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 in September and October commencing September 4 on Thursday evenings 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.

## Sacrament First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Over the weekend of the 30/31 August at all weekend Masses, children who have made their sacrament of Penance or who are currently a part of the Back-Up Penance programme, will be able to submit their names to be part of the Saint Paul's sacrament of First Holy Communion Programme for 2025. Please consider not registering if you have already planned or booked a holiday during the time of the programme and will be unable to complete its requirements. As with all Saint Paul's sacramental programmes there will be a pause for the school holidays when families do not have to commit to weekly attendance at Mass but extended absence during the programme is discouraged.

Please contact the Parish Office if you need any assistance.

## 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 9.00 am.

*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)

### *Wollongong Office of the Tribunal*

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, like a good mother, be near her children who feel themselves estranged from her." The Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney, which has an Office in the Diocese of Wollongong, is a service of the Church to assist with the pastoral care of Catholics and non-Catholics who are civilly divorced, and who are seeking to remarry or who want clarification of their standing in the Church. The Tribunal also assists remarried persons seeking to have their current marriage recognised in the Church, and remarried persons wishing to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church.

Any divorced person, or a divorced and remarried person is welcome to contact the Wollongong Office of the Tribunal to obtain further information, or to have their status within the Church clarified. Brochures are available from the magazine table in the chapel. The Wollongong Office of the Tribunal is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. You are welcome to contact the Tribunal on 4222 2409 or [tribunal@dow.org.au](mailto:tribunal@dow.org.au) or visit [www.tribunal.dow.org.au](http://www.tribunal.dow.org.au)

## 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
<b>Sunday</b>			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Communion Service	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Quiet Mass
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

17 <sup>th</sup> August	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	Sandra Skarsky	Russell O'Brien	Heather Cox	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Warren Johnson	Rebecca Ward	Kathryn Hampton	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am	Chris Billett	Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Maureen Grisdale	Helen Lanyon	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Stephen Barrett	Margaret Thornton	Therese Easter	Dianne Garland	Craig

## Saturday/Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> August ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

### Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

### Celebrant

Father James  
Communion Service

### Musician/Vocalists

Maria B  
Jo

### Sunday

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

Communion Service  
Father James  
Father James  
Father James

Nicole  
Choir  
Trent & Damian  
Craig

#### *For our Faithful Departed:*

Pat O'Flynn, Don Aggar, John Pulis, Gerda Siutz, John Azzopardi, Kay McCormack, 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, Germana Martincich, *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:*

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**