



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 23/24 August

Wednesday 27 August

Saint Monica ~ Patron Saint of Mothers

Saint Monica is remembered for her profound faith and persistent prayers, particularly for the conversion of her son, Augustine. Saint Monica said, “nothing is far from God”

Thursday 28 August

Saint Augustine ~ Bishop, doctor

Saint Augustine of Hippo is a prominent figure in Christian theology and philosophy, he is known for his insightful and influential quotes, he wrote many books, letters, sermons and treatises. Saint Augustine said, “if God seems slow in responding, it is because He is preparing a better gift.”

No Mass or Confessions ~ Saturday Morning 23 August

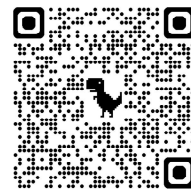
This coming Saturday morning 23 August at 9.00am, because Father James has another commitment, we will be having a Communion Service instead of Mass. With both Father Michael and Father James absent there will be no Confessions this week. We have listed below the nearby Parishes and their Confession Times for those Parishioners who are able to travel. Mass and Confessions will return as normal next Saturday morning.

Macarthur Confession Times

St John the Evangelist	Campbelltown	Saturday 11.00am
Mary Immaculate	Eagle Vale	Saturday 10.00am
Holy Family	Ingleburn	Saturday 9.00am
St Mary MacKillop	Oran Park	Saturday 4.00pm, Tuesday 6.00pm
Our Lady Help of Christians	Rosemeadow	Saturday 5.15pm
St Anthony’s	Tahmoor	Saturday 4.00pm

Adult Faith Formation Series ~ The Nicene 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.



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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

Back-Up Penance Programme 2025 ~ at Camden Only

This weekend completed workshop books need to be returned for marking. Please place the books into the Tub which will be placed near the musician's area, after returning the books families can collect a leaflet from the attendants with the Confession time that has been allocated to each candidate. Confession times are dependent on the books being marked as satisfactory.

Laid out below, for the guidance of parents/carers are listed some of the things the children can be encouraged to confess. Parents/carers should guide their children into being able to confess at least three sins without needing to be prompted by the priest.

In terms of our relationship to God:

Faking sickness to avoid coming to Sunday Mass.

Not paying attention during Mass.

Using Our Lord's name in vain.

Avoiding saying prayers then not telling the truth when asked.

In terms of human relationships and family responsibilities:

Talking back to parents ~ Cheating

Fighting with others ~ Using harmful words and actions

Disregarding home chores ~ Selfishness

Temper tantrums ~ Neglecting family pets

Bad language ~ Carelessness with the truth

Anti-social behaviour ~ Sulking

Sacrament First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Enquires are still being received by the Parish office regarding the sacrament of First Holy Communion, names can only be submitted at weekend Masses on either Saturday 30 August at the Vigil Mass or Sunday 31 August at the 8.00am, 10.00am and 5.00pm Masses. Names cannot be taken at the Parish Office, this only happens within the church, nor can names be taken earlier than the stated dates.

On the weekend of 30/31 August names can be submitted and a timeline will be distributed.

RCIA ~ Wednesday 27 August

A reminder is offered to those parishioners who are participating in our 2025 RCIA programme of the next scheduled session this coming Wednesday evening 27 August at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting room. The topics to be covered this session are Liturgy and the Sacraments, Baptism and Confirmation.

Wollongong Significant Wedding Anniversary Mass ~ Sunday 24 August

This Sunday 24 August, members of our Parish will be travelling to the Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral in Wollongong to be a part of the Annual Mass for Significant Anniversaries. The Mass is being celebrated at 2.00pm with Bishop Brian as the celebrant. After Mass our parish members and their families will attend a special afternoon tea where they will be joined by other couples from all over the Diocese who will also be celebrating their Special Anniversaries this year.

Our Parishioners celebrating are:

Carmen and Charlie Vella 20 January ~ 60 years
Colleen and Reg Collins 4 September ~ 50 years
Dianna and Stephen Goonan 2 August ~ 50 years
Joanne and Geoffrey Knowles 20 September ~ 50 years
Suzanne and Patrick Briscoe-Hough 28 October ~ 25 years
Sally and Damien Quinnell 17 December ~ 25 years

Our congratulations are extended to all those who are celebrating having reached such wonderful milestones.

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 (excluding 23 August).

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.

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

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Maria B
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Communion Service	Jo
Sunday			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Communion Service	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

24 th August	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Maria Kosiak	Kerry Todd	John Roberts	Angelina Vecchio	Eugene Kosiak
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Peter Vincent	Cheryl Carroll	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am	Chris Billett	Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Joseph Hanson	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Debrincat	Peter Grizelj	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 30th/31st August ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday

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

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father James	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Quiet Mass
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	TBA

For our Faithful Departed:

Luigi Zanatta, 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, *who died recently*. Tony Crnek, 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, 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