



ST. PAUL'S
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THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 6/7 September

Father's Day is a time to honour our fathers and father figures. Drawing inspiration from St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus and model of faithful fatherhood, fathers and father figures reflect, God the ultimate Father's sacrificial unconditional love and devotion to the families they support with their love, patience, care and often very hard work.

Father Michael, Father James and every member of the Parish wish each and every father and father figure a very happy Father's Day, we hope it is filled with the joy of family, good food and beautiful weather.

Back-Up Penance Programme 2025

Congratulations are offered to all the children in our Back-up Penance programme who made their first confessions last Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The programme contained the following essential components:

- Attendance at Mass
- Learning of Prayers
- Examination of Consciences.
- Completion of Workbooks

Among the parts of the programme, the attendance at Mass in the presence of our worshipping community is an irreplaceable foundation. Father Michael and Father James thank the family members and friends who have been so very supportive of both the children and the requirements of the programme.

Mementos will be blessed and presented to the children at all Masses this weekend.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Families who submitted their child's name at Mass last weekend to be a part of the Saint Paul's Sacrament of First Holy Communion programme for 2025, should have their attendance at Mass this weekend recorded by one of the attendants and collect an enrolment form that is to be returned next weekend the 13/14 September.

It is not too late for families to submit their child's name for the programme, these families should see either Elizabeth or Cheryl who will be in the musician's area to collect a small form which can then be exchanged for a Timeline and enrolment form, which along with the children whose names were submitted last weekend will need to be returned next weekend.

A substantial number of names were submitted last weekend and with additional names being taken this weekend this will allow the decision to be made over the coming week of the details of the First Holy Communion Masses and rehearsals which are marked as TBA on the Timeline, a leaflet will be distributed later in the programme.

Enquires should be directed to the Parish Office during normal office hours.

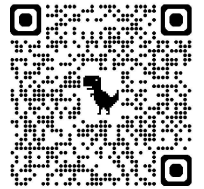
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Parish Men's Group Meeting ~ Wednesday 3 September

Our Parish Men's Group met last Wednesday evening, 26 parishioners were in attendance with 20 of the attendees adjourning to the Plough and Harrow after the meeting to enjoy further discussion and great fraternity. This is a very popular Parish initiative, and all men of the Parish are invited and welcome to come along. The next meeting of the group will be Wednesday 1 October at 6.30 pm.

Adult Faith Formation Series ~ The 1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed

Last Thursday evening the series by Bishop Robert Barron on the Nicene Creed to commemorate its formulation in 325AD in Nicaea commenced in our Parish Heritage Hall. Over 60 participants had registered to attend, and those who came along found the evening very informative and enjoyable. The sessions are open to all those over 18 years who would like to be more informed about our Statement of Faith, the sessions are facilitated by Father James. The series is 6 weeks in length but will pause for the school holidays.



It is not too late if you are wishing to attend, registration is through the QR code in our message or by contact with the Parish office.

Monthly Morning Tea at The Oaks

This coming Sunday 7 September is the first Sunday of the month and 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. Because it is Father's Day this will be an opportunity to share good wishes as well as a cuppa and a cake. Please bring a plate to share.

Monthly Rosary at Oakdale

Following Mass at 5.00 pm this Saturday evening 6 September, the Rosary will be said in St Joseph the Worker Church at Oakdale. Everyone is welcome to stay and join in these most beautiful prayers.

St Vincent de Paul ~ Recruitment

The diocese is currently recruiting new members for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and has supplied leaflets which are able to be picked up from the magazine table in the chapel.

Our own parish members conduct an Outreach Programme from the Hub which is situated on the corner of Station and Elizabeth Streets. The Outreach members offer advice, financial and practical help as well as emergency food supplies. Members are always needed, and if you are able to help in any way you are encouraged to come along and see how we can all be of assistance to those less fortunate than ourselves. The Hub is not connected to the store in Argyle Street. Please contact Michael on 0413 174 440 who can assist with further information.

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.

Diocesan News

Memorial Mass of Suicide Loss ~ St Thomas More, Ruse ~ 13th September

The annual memorial Mass for those who have suffered loss due to suicide is being held at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse next Saturday morning 13 September at 10.00am. The Mass remembers not only those who have lost their lives through suicide but their families and friends as well as the first responders who all experience pain and grief, often for years. The Mass is a result of the cooperation between Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria, Grief Care and Kenneally's Funerals, everyone is invited to attend and offer prayers and comfort.

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).

Spots 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 6th/7th September ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo
Sunday			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Quiet Mass
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	TBA

7 th Sep	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Nada Simich					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Angelina Vecchio, Trish O'Flynn	Barbara Spiteri	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Traci				
Sun 8.00am		Cheryl Carroll	Peter Vincent	Lucy Aquilina	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Maureen Grisdale	Helen Lanyon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Nada Simich	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Meaghan Marchand	Olivia Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Eugene Kosiak

Saturday/Sunday 13th/14th September ~ The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Maria C
Jo

Sunday

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

Father James
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father James

Nicole
Choir
Eva & Youth Choir
TBA

For our Faithful Departed:

Rosemary Lauricella, Domenico Luci, 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, *who died recently*. Stjepan Perak, Frances Rouse, George Thurn, Tony Crnek, Fr David Catterall, Nancy Barone, Anthony Mifsud, Jerry Leonardi, Lilian Grech, Marco Sebato, Shanthi Joseph, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Joseph Tonna, Michael Tonna, Reno Borg, Nazareno Teuma, Lawrence Teuma, Joseph Spiteri, 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

Father Michael Williams