



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 20/21 September

Tuesday 23 September

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina ~ priest

Saint Pius also known as Padre Pio was an Italian Capuchin priest, he was known for simplicity, humility, and love of the poor. Padre Pio most famously said: "pray, hope and don't worry"

Saturday 27 September

Saint Vincent de Paul ~ priest

Saint Vincent was an Occitan priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor, he was co-founder of the Congregation of the Mission or the "Vincentians" also known as the "Lazaristes". The Vincentian priests made vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and devoted themselves to people in small towns and villages.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Prayer Assessment Evenings 23 and 25 September

Next Tuesday 23 September and Thursday 25 September all children who are enrolled in the Sacrament of First Holy communion programme will be tested on their knowledge of The Our Father, The Hail Mary and The Act of Contrition.

Children who have birthdays with an odd number should come on Tuesday and those with an even number should come on Thursday. The time has been changed slightly and both sessions will now commence at 5.00pm. If families need to arrive a little later or on the alternate evening this can be accommodated. Numbers waiting inside the church will be limited, families will be asked to wait in the chapel and slowly move into the church as inside numbers decrease, this will enable the quietness and reverence of the church to be observed, and for families be assessed as closely as possible, in order of arrival.

Weekly Requirements ~ First Holy Communion

This weekend families will be able to collect their child's personalised Workshop book. A short form will be distributed within the church after Mass which should be taken to the Parish Meeting Room doors where it will be exchanged for your book and the first week's assistance sheets.

A leaflet will also be distributed that sets out the Mass Ceremony times, the numbers that will be allocated to each ceremony and the rehearsal times that will be offered for the Masses over the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King. **This is for advice only**; preferences cannot be accepted at this time.

A leaflet setting out the Mass choices will be handed out over the weekend of the 18 and 19 of October when families will be asked to select their preferred Mass. Three choices will be required, and consideration is always given to families who have special circumstances. Examination of the available times between now and the selection dates in October may assist families when making their decision as to which Mass would suit their family's needs.

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The Bishop's Annual Appeal



Envelopes for donations to Bishop Brian's annual appeal in support of our retired, retiring, sick and infirmed priests and our seminarians are still available around the church. The annual appeal is to provide living expenses, health care as well as accommodation for our past, present and future priests. A special appeal video is available on the Diocese website for any parishioner wanting further information on how our donations are spent. Bishop Brian is very grateful for our support.

John Street Camden ~ Upgrade

Community consultation is continuing of Camden Council's plans for the John Street upgrade. Many parishioners have raised concerns about the lack of parking and access to church if the plans proceed as exhibited. We can all have our say by visiting the Camden Council website at <https://yourvoice.camden.nsw.gov.au/camden-town-centre/john-street/john-street-john-street>, and completing the survey, we have also placed copies of a paper survey on the magazine table, that Parishioners can take home and complete. The Parish Office is happy to receive any survey completed this way and pass it on to the Council on your behalf.

Online Course for Special Ministers of the Eucharist

Parishioners may have noticed from our Weekly Message that our Special Ministers are few in number and quite often rostered multiple times each month. This is due to several reasons, which can include the passing of some of our dedicated volunteers, some who due to age have advised they can no longer be a part of the roster and those who have moved into Aged Care, often outside our Parish. Our thanks are always offered to all those who have helped and those who continue to help.

Have you ever considered becoming a Special Minister? If you feel that you could assist and would be able to be rostered at least one weekend a month, Father Michael has sourced an online course.

Parishioners can use the link listed below to access further information and if interested sign up to complete the course. The cost is \$22.00 but Father Michael will refund this amount to anyone who does complete the course. <https://liturgy-brisbane-learn-discover.learnworlds.com/course/lmhc1>.

The Parish office is happy to assist with either the signing up process, or access to further information, please contact us on 4655 8797 during normal office hours.

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

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 (ACYF) ~ Registrations Closing Soon!

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.

Spots are limited and must be finalised by the end of September.

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

Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st September ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

| Saturday | | Celebrant | Musician/Vocalists |
|----------|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| Camden | 5:00 PM | Father James | Belinda & Tasha |
| Oakdale | 5:00 PM | Father Michael | Jo |
| Sunday | | | |
| The Oaks | 9:00 AM | Father Michael | Nicole |
| Camden | 8:00 AM | Father James | Cheryl |
| Camden | 10:00 AM | Father James | Choir |
| Camden | 5:00 PM | Father Michael | Craig |

| 21 st Sep | Acolyte | Lector | Lector | Special Minister | Special Minister | PC |
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| Sat 9.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | | | | | |
| Sat Vigil 5.00pm | Peter Grizelj | Danielle Caruana | Heather Cox | John Roberts | Diane Kennaugh, Trish O'Flynn | Kerry |
| Oakdale Vigil 5pm | Chris Billett | Albino | | | | |
| Sun 8.00am | John Charadia | Kimberley Logue | Anthony McElhone | Kathryn Hampton | Lorraine Phillips | Cheryl |
| The Oaks 9.00am | | Melissa Duck | | | | |
| Sun 10.00am | Michael Toweel | Oscar Marimbe | Nada Simich | Joseph Hanson | Michael Reardon | Brad |
| Sun 5.00pm | Mark Coleman | Judith Madsen | Ann Madsen | Therese Easter | Jody Musso | Craig |

Saturday/Sunday 27th/28th September ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

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

For our Faithful Departed:

Anne Hyeronimus, Lachlan Rofe, Michael Vaughan, Rosemary Lauricella, Domenico Luci, Luigi Zanatta, Pat O’Flynn, Don Aggar, John Pulis, Gerda Siutz, John Azzopardi, Kay McCormack, *who died recently*. Matthew Walsh, Mirello Antonio Perri, Vincent Grech, Stjepan Perak, Frances Rouse, George Thurn, Tony Crnek, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Fr David Catterall, Lilian Grech, Cath Bourke, Joseph Camilleri, Joe & Kaleidon Mifsud and families, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, 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, 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, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams