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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

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

Tuesday 30 September

Saint Jerome priest, doctor

Saint Jerome is best known for his translation of the Bible into Latin and his commentaries. Saint Jerome attempted to create a translation of the Old Testament based on Hebrew rather than Greek. His list of writings is extensive.

Saint Jerome said: "The friendship that can cease has never been real."

Saturday 4 October

Saint Francis of Assisi

Saint Francis of Assisi was an Italian friar who founded the religious order of the Franciscans. Although Saint Francis was born into wealth, he became a beggar and led a Christian life of poverty

St Francis said: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace for it is in giving that we receive."

Year of Jubilee ~ YouTube "Jesus Christ, You Are My Life" video

The Year of Jubilee, described in Leviticus 25, was a sacred event in ancient Israel occurring every 50th year. It marked a time of restoration, freedom, and economic reset. Slaves were freed, debts forgiven, and ancestral lands returned to original families. The Jubilee emphasised social justice, it fostered equality and compassion.

In modern times a Year of Jubilee has been declared every 25 years, Pope Francis, before his passing declared 2025 the Jubilee Year "Pilgrims of Hope".

On Wednesday 24 September at Magdalene Catholic College, Father Michael requested that a YouTube video be played for the attendees at the Graduation Mass. The video was "Jesus Christ, You are my Life" by Marco Frisina ~ the version titled "Beautiful ~ Thousands of Young Italians at the Jubilee of Youth."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSgM8UnnGY8>

At the Jubilee in Rome, thousands of young Italians united in a powerful moment of faith, singing with heartfelt devotion. The anthem, known in Italian as *Gesù, sei la mia vita*, echoed through St. Peter's Square, creating a sea of voices lifted in worship. The atmosphere was electric, joyful, reverent, and deeply moving. The song's simple yet profound message resonated across generations, marking the Jubilee as a defining celebration of hope and renewal. This video is well worth a look and as with the Magdalene students every teenager will be in awe of this wonderful event.

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Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Congratulations are offered to the children who are in the First Holy Communion programme and who were able to complete their Prayer Assessment last Tuesday or Thursday evening. Father Michael is very pleased with the children's knowledge and ability to pray these most important prayers. If your family was unable to attend either evening a reassessment of the prayers is an integral part of the programme and must be completed. Please contact the Parish office to arrange a time for your child to be assessed. Every effort will be made for a mutually convenient time.

Our programme is now paused for the school holidays and will recommence the weekend of the 11 and 12 October. There are still 10 workshop books to be picked up, these will be available at Masses this weekend, after this weekend contact should be made with the Parish office to arrange for their pickup. Children whose books are still with the Parish Office on 10 October will be assumed to have withdrawn from the programme.

Parish Men's Group ~ 1 October at 6.30 pm

This coming Wednesday evening the 1st of October is the next Parish Men's Group meeting. It will be Pizza night when the Parish supplies Pizza and refreshments for those who are in attendance. The formular for the evening will be the same as other months with Scripture reading, prayer and discussion. Father Michael will be the facilitator and the topic for October will be a surprise. All men of the Parish are invited to attend this most popular Parish initiative which commences at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting room.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal



Our thanks are extended to those Parishioners who have already contributed to Bishop Brian's Annual Appeal in support of our Past, Present and Future Priests.

A Leaving Collection will take place this weekend after all Masses. All funds collected pay for the medical expenses, Care costs (when required), accommodation expenses as well as the various needs for all those Priests who have given so much to us all over so many years and to those who will do so in the future. Our thanks are extended to everyone who can assist.

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 – 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.

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 29 September.

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

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

28 th Sep	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Sandra Skarsky	Maria Kosiak	Russell O'Brien, Heather Cox	Barbara Spiteri, Fabian Menolotto	Eugene Kosiak
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Glenn Crawford	Rebecca Ward	Clare Power	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Joseph Hanson	Leonie Gray	Maria Debrincat	Meaghan Marchand	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Dianne Garland	Grace Quinnell	Melissa Scavo	Samantha Vergara	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th October ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo
Sunday			
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father James	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny & Tasha

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*. Barry Myles, 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, *Requiescant in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Leigh Huntly, 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