



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

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

Tuesday 7 October

Our Lady of the Rosary.

Our Lady of the Rosary is a revered title of the Virgin Mary. Mary, Mother of God acting as a loving mediator presents prayers and intentions to her Son Jesus. The prayers of the Rosary symbolise spiritual protection. Mary is seen as a guide and spiritual mother who leads people closer to Jesus by her example.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Our First Holy Communion programme is paused for the school holidays and there are no commitments for most of our candidates. We still have 6 workshop books uncollected. All workshop books must be collected from the Parish Office before next Friday 10 October or those families who have not collected their books will be assumed to have withdrawn from the programme.

There are also 25 children who have not attended for a Prayer Assessment. All Saint Paul's Sacramental programmes have a requirement of completing a prayer Assessment of, The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary and The Act of Contrition. Although children would have been assessed during one of the Penance programmes, a further assessment is an integral part of the First Holy Communion programme. Please contact the Parish Office during normal hours or see one of the Fathers after Mass.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal

Sincere thanks are offered for the very generous contributions to the Bishop's Appeal Leaving collections that were held last weekend after all Masses. The Parish Office has transferred \$2915.35 to the Diocese as well as sending 30 envelopes with Credit Card details for the Diocese to process. Father Michael is very grateful for our Parishioners' support of this collection, a truly remarkable result.

Wrap up of the Parish Men's Group Meeting.

Last Wednesday evening 20 of our parishioners met for the October Men's Group meeting. After prayer and reflection, the featured topic of "Prayer" led to lively discussion with everyone agreeing how very good the evening was. Great fraternity was then shared by everyone who stayed and enjoyed Pizza from Barenz and refreshments provided by the Parish. The next meeting will be Wednesday 5 November, everyone is most welcome to come and join the group, so save the date to be a part of this Parish initiative.

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The Rosary at Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale ~ Saturday 3 October.

Following Mass this Saturday evening 3 October, the parishioners of Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale will be praying the Rosary. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to stay and join in with the saying of these most beautiful prayers.

Saint Aloysius The Oaks ~ Morning Tea ~ Sunday 4 October.

Being the first Sunday of October, The Saint Aloysius The Oaks parishioners will be holding their monthly morning tea. The weather is predicted to be beautiful; and all parishioners are encouraged to stay after Mass and enjoy a cupper and a cake as well as good company with fellow parishioners. Please bring a plate to share.

Healing Mass ~ Tuesday 7 October.

On Tuesday morning our 9.00am morning Mass will be the October Healing Mass. If you, a family member or a friend is unwell and would like the extra blessings available at this Mass please be encouraged to come along and join with fellow parishioners. A cup of tea or coffee and a cake or biscuit are offered in the meeting room after Mass, time spent with fellow parishioners is always enjoyable

Next RCIA Session ~ 8 October.

Our Adults into the Church programme is continuing this Wednesday evening 8 October with the topics of Marriage, Annulment, Holy Orders, Diocesan and Religious. The session commences at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting room. Father Michael will be the facilitator.

Advent Event ~ Saturday 29 November

The annual Parish Advent event is planned for the first Saturday in Advent – 29 November. The dinner will be held in the Heritage Hall commencing at 6.00pm at the conclusion of the Vigil Mass. Tickets will be limited to 90, they will be highly desired, so save the date to your diary, perhaps think about joining with fellow parishioners to make up a table. The meal is a sumptuous two courses, with tea, coffee and beverages included in the cost. There will be lively topics for discussion, the specialty of Father Michael. Tickets will be available for purchase from 21 October.

Annals now Available.

For Parishioners wishing to purchase the 2026 publication of “God’s Word”, the parish office has copies available for a cost of \$15.00, we have also received our 2026 Columban calendars which are for sale at \$10.00. We are still waiting for our copies of the Diocese Advent booklet “The Promise”. When all three publications are available copies will be able to be purchased from the church, but for now early birds can purchase from the Parish Office during normal hours or by special arrangement.

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 due to the ongoing vandalism. The Ladies toilets are now being targeted, these acts on our shared spaces are very sad and do not reflect well on where our society may be heading. If you see anything please let the acolytes know and perhaps, we can end this very antisocial behaviour, as well as the costs involved and the inconvenience to others.

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

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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
Camden	10:00 AM	Father James	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny & Tasha

5 th Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Sandra Skarsky	Heather Cox	Mary Bartolo, Angelina Vecchio	John Roberts, Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Clare				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Cristina Macri	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Maureen Grisdale	Maria Caridi	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Lisa Alvaro	Che
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Stephen Barrett	Meaghan Marchand	Clare Power	Therese Easter	Cheryl

Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th October ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & Maria C
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	TBA
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Tony

For our Faithful Departed:

Maureen Paine, Lourdes Adams, James Walsh, 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*. Concetta Bartolo, Alex Grima, 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, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Jan & Terry Chanter, 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, Iona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams