



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

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

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

Wednesday 15 October

Saint Teresa of Jesus

Saint Teresa of Jesus, also known as Teresa of Ávila, was a 16th-century Spanish Carmelite nun, and reformer. She affirmed contemplative prayer and founded numerous convents. Her deep devotion and visionary experiences earned her recognition as the first woman Doctor of the Church.

Saint Teresa said, "Prayer is an act of love."

Friday 17 October

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, an early Christian bishop lived in the first century AD. He wrote influential letters of church unity, obedience and the Eucharist. His writings shaped Christian theology and reflect deep faith amid persecution and suffering. Saint Ignatius was executed for his faith in 140AD.

Saint Ignatius said "it is better to be silent and be real than to talk and not be real."

Friday 18th October

Saint Luke evangelist.

Saint Luke is the author of The Gospel according to Luke. Although not one of the original 12 disciples he was a companion of Saint Paul and accompanied him on many of his missions.

Saint Luke said "Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Our first Holy Communion programme recommences this weekend when our candidates need to have their attendance at Mass recorded and pick up the second week's assistance sheet. The assistance sheets are intended for the guidance of parents/carers or siblings, not to be handed to the children who are told "here are the answers". Workshop two is contained in pages 9 – 16 every question and puzzle must be answered. All work should be the children's with either parent/carer or sibling offering guidance and assistance only. The pages should only take about an hour to complete, and the time spent with the children is truly a gift from God. Please allow about 10 minutes after Mass.

There are still 15 children who have yet to complete their Prayer Assessment. Each Sacramental programme has this most important component. Please see either Father Michael or Father James after Mass and they will assess the children or contact the Parish Office who can assist with other times that are mutually convenient.

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Final Wrap-up of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Over the weekend of the 27/28 September, we held Bishop Brian's Annual Appeal. This appeal is only held once a year and is in support of our past, present and future priests. All funds raised are transferred to the Diocese which uses them for medical, housing and every day living costs for our priests. The final amount transferred this year was \$4,030.35. This helps us care for those who have cared for us or will care for us over many years. Father Michael thanks everyone for their generous support.

Bishop Brian has also sent this message ~ "I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide for the retirement and health of our clergy, and the sound and holistic formation of our seminarians. God bless you." Bishop Brian Mascord.

Annals now Available.

A number of Parishioners have taken advantage of the "early bird" availability the 2026 publication of "God's Word", and the 2026 Columban calendars. We are still waiting for our copies of the Diocese Advent booklet "The Promise". As advised previously when all three publications are available copies will be placed into the church for purchase but in the meantime, anyone wanting copies of "God's Word" or a "Columban Calendar" these can be purchased from the Parish Office during normal hours.

"God's Word" cost is \$15.00 Columban Calendars cost is \$10.00

Advent Event ~ Saturday 29 November

Unbelievably it is only seven weeks until the commencement of Advent. The annual Parish Advent event is planned for the first Saturday in Advent – 29 November. As always, the dinner will be held in the Heritage Hall commencing at 6.00pm with Parishioners moving from the church after the Vigil Mass to the Hall where they can enjoy a pre-dinner drink before our meal at about 6.30pm. Tickets will be limited to 90 to ensure that everyone has enough space to enjoy the night, the tickets 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.

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

A reminder is offered to those Parishioners who have been attending Bishop Robert Barron's series on the 1700th Anniversary of the formation of our faith Creed, formulated in 325AD in Nicaea, which has been paused for the school holidays. Next Thursday evening 16 October the series will recommence in the Heritage Hall at 7.00pm. The remaining sessions will be facilitated by Father James.

Pope Leo XIV ~ Apostolic Dilexi Te

On Thursday evening 9 October Pope Leo issued an Apostolic Exhortation on "Love for the Poor". This very important subject is a continuation of work begun by Pope Francis ten years ago and Pope Leo is calling us all to care for the poor. We will have more information for next week's message.

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, 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 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	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Lo Casio Family

11 th Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	Danielle Caruana	Heather Cox Trish O'Flynn	Barbara Spiteri Fabian Menolotto	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Kimberley Logue	Simon Huntly	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Helen Lanyon	Lisa Alvaro	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Samatha Vergara	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Tony

Saturday/Sunday 18th/19th October ~ 29th 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

For our Faithful Departed:

Margaret O'Neill, 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*. Carmela Teuma, Concetta Bartolo, Alex Grima, Barry Myles, Matthew Walsh, Mirello Antonio Perri, Vincent Grech, Stjepan Perak, whose *anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Bourke, Fr David Catterall, Lilian Grech, 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, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams