



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 18/19 October

Thursday 23 October

Saint John of Capistrano ~ Priest

Saint John of Capistrano was a 15th-century Franciscan friar, who joined the Franciscans after dreaming that Saint Francis of Assisi had ordered him to. Renowned for his fiery sermons and legal expertise, Saint John was canonised in 1690, he is the patron saint of jurists and military chaplains.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

This week families in our First Holy Communion programme will need to collect the third week's assistance sheet, as with all our workshop books every question and puzzle must be answered. Parents/carers could run their eyes over the work so far to be sure that our children have completed each stage.

Forms will also be distributed for families to select their preferred ceremony time. Forms should NOT be taken home but filled in and returned straight away to the attendants. Forms must contain at least three selections, forms with one selection only cannot be accepted so that allocations can be fair to every family. If your family has a compelling reason for either day of the ceremonies, please write a short note of explanation and every effort will be made to accommodate your circumstances.

Please be aware that there are parents/carers who are police officers, paramedics, nurses and other workers whose jobs involve shift work and consideration needs to be able to be offered to these families.

Mission Sunday ~ Reach Out. Give Life.

Catholic Mission works on behalf of Pope Leo to support Church-run mission programs around the world. Each year the Holy Father declares a message to inspire support of the missions. The message for 2025 is "Missionaries of hope among all peoples" and the fundraising will assist the Church's work in Zambia.

This weekend at all Masses a short video of about 7 minutes will be played, and our Parish Wardens will be assisting with a Leaving collection for this most worthy cause. Catholic Mission only holds one appeal each year so if you can contribute in any way, your funds will be directed to healthcare, schools, farmers and educational programmes

Father Michael does not expect families to contribute to 3 collections and is happy for you to direct your giving to the collection you would like to support. Many thanks are offered to all who contribute.

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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
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OAKDALE

Advent Event ~ Saturday 29 November

The annual Parish Advent Event will be held on Saturday 29 November, following the Vigil Mass. Tickets are now available to be purchased. The cost of \$20.00 per person includes the two-course meal of meat, chicken, and pasta dishes, salads, rice and vegetables and a choice of two desserts, tea, coffee and beverages. Tickets will be limited to 90 as this is the most comfortable number that can be accommodated in the Parish Heritage Hall. Please contact the Parish Office during normal hours and they will be happy to take your booking and any seating requests.

All parishioners are encouraged to come along, single attendees can be seated with likeminded parishioners, and Father Michael's special talking topics always lead to conversation around the tables. This is a very enjoyable evening; it is not late finishing and a very happy way to start the Christmas season.

"The Promise" Advent book and "God's Word" 2026 now available

Advent is the Church's way of assisting the Christifidelis (Christ's faithful) to prepare for Christmas. The most important form of preparation is to be present among the gathered assembly on Sundays. Another way is to buy a little Advent Booklet that has been prepared by our diocese. This year the booklet is called "The Promise".

God's Word ~ Daily Reflections is another very popular publication prepared by priests and brothers of the order of Saint Paul and include the readings and Psalm of the day and an insightful reflection by many contributors for the 2026 Liturgical year. Both "The Promise" and "God's Word" are ideal for all our parishioners, especially those of limited mobility. These publications make great Christmas gifts.

Boxes containing both booklets will be positioned on the sanctuary and can be obtained after Mass.

"The Promise" cost is \$3.00

"God's Word" cost is \$15.00

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

2026 Columban calendars can be purchased from either the Parish office or the Piety box at a cost of \$10.00

1700th Anniversary of the Nicene Creed

Last Thursday evening the series by Bishop Robert Barron celebrating the formation of our statement of faith the Nicene Creed recommenced in the Parish Hall. There were 30 attendees with Father James the facilitator. This wonderful series will finalise this coming Thursday evening with the last of the six weekly sessions. The series has been acclaimed as inspirational and informative, and attendees recommend to all parishioners to be a part of any future parish initiatives.

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. As reported in last week's message, the lady's toilets are now being targeted, with the plumber needing to attend again this week. As a result of the ongoing problems, all paper towels have now been removed from the cubicles, and automatic hand-dryers ordered. Apologies are offered to all those inconvenienced by this move caused by the thoughtlessness of a small minority.

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

Rosemeadow ~ Jubilee Pilgrimage Day *Our Souls and Prayer*

The parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to the final Jubilee Pilgrimage Day. The day will include a catechesis that will explore God's plan for creation, the structure of the soul, and the essential role of prayer in leading us into the innermost chamber of our souls, where Christ our Bridegroom dwells. Taking place on Saturday, 6 December, the day begins with Mass at 10:00am, followed by the catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, and concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm.

Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God's mercy and hope!

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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

19 th Oct	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Jim Gallagher	Sandra Skarsky	Russell O'Brien, Angelina Vecchio	Fabian Menolotto, Diane Kennaugh	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Deanna David	Toni Sillis	Kathryn Hampton	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Oscar Marimbe	Nada Simich	Joseph Hanson	Peter Grizelj	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Ann Madsen	Judith Madsen	Jody Musso	Margaret Thornton	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 25th/26th October ~ 30th 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:

Margaret O'Neill, Maureen Paine, Lourdes Adams, James Walsh, Anne Hyeronimus, Lachlan Rofe, *who died recently*. Rosa Violi, Dolores Morgan, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, Carmela Teuma, Concetta Bartolo, Alex Grima, Barry Myles, Matthew Walsh, Mirello Antonio Perri, whose *anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Pat O'Flynn, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Fr David Catterall, Lilian Grech, Joseph Camilleri, Joe & Kaleidon Mifsud and families, 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, 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