



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

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

Feast of All Saints & All Souls Day ~ 1/2 November 2025

Saturday 1 November

The Feast of All Saints, honours all saints, known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is a solemn holy day in the Christian calendar, recognising the spiritual bond between the Church on Earth and Saints in heaven. It inspires faith, hope, and communal remembrance.

Sunday 2 November

All Souls Day, honours the faithful departed. It is a solemn day of prayer and remembrance for souls in purgatory, seeking their peace and eternal rest.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

This week families in our First Holy Communion programme need to return all workshop books for marking. There will be tubs on either side of the altar, for the books to be placed into at the end of Mass. There will be a further leaflet available for those families who have either asked for a change to their ceremony time or those families who had not returned a selection sheet prior to last week's leaflet preparation. There will only be a limited number of the updated leaflets printed so if your family has either requested a change or you had not yet been allocated to a Ceremony time and would like the updated leaflet, please ask the attendants who will have them available.

With our First Holy Communion celebrations nearing a number of enquires have been received regarding the dress code for the candidates. Both boys and girls need to be neatly dressed, outlandish outfits are discouraged, modesty for this Holy sacrament is more fitting. Boys should wear a white shirt with long trousers. Ties are encouraged; suits are acceptable but not necessary. Girls should wear a predominately white dress; veils are discouraged and are no longer appropriate, a headband or ribbon are very suitable.

Diocese Annual Mass Count

Our thanks are expressed to the volunteers who counted the numbers present at all Masses last weekend for the Diocese Annual Mass count. Volunteers will again be counting at each Mass this weekend so that the required information can be prepared. Thank you again to all who assisted and will continue to assist.

November Remembrance Table

In keeping with parish tradition, there are envelopes available in the chapel for those who wish to add names to our remembrance table for the month of November. All parish Masses for the month are celebrated for the souls of our loved ones and dearly departed.

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59 Holdsworth Drive, Narellan Vale NSW 2567 (ring Camden) camden@dow.org.au
5 /15 Merlin Street (PO Box 169) The Oaks NSW 2570 (ring Camden) theoaks@dow.org.au
Blattman Ave, Oakdale NSW 2570 Oakdale (ring Camden) theoaks@dow.org.au

Monthly Rosary at St Joseph the Worker, Oakdale

After the 5.00pm Mass on Saturday evening 1 November The Feast of All Souls, parishioners of Saint Joseph the Worker, Oakdale will be praying the Rosary. Everyone is invited to stay behind with others to pray these most beautiful prayers.

Morning Tea at St Aloysius, The Oaks

After the 9.00am Mass on Sunday morning parishioners of Saint Aloysius The Oaks will be holding their monthly morning tea. Everyone is encouraged to stay behind after Mass to enjoy the beautiful Spring weather and conversation with fellow parishioners. Please bring a plate to share.

Healing Mass ~ Tuesday Morning

This coming Tuesday morning November 4 is our monthly Parish Healing Mass. Father Michael and Father James will both be in attendance. If you, a friend or family member are unwell, waiting for surgery or a diagnosis please come along to our morning Mass at 9.00am to receive the Anointing and special prayers that are on offer. A cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit or cake will be available in the Parish Meeting room after Mass, everyone is encouraged to stay behind to join in the fraternity with fellow parishioners.

Parish Men's Group ~ Wednesday Evening

This coming Wednesday evening 5 November at 6.30pm our Parish Men's Group will be holding their next monthly meeting. Father James will be the facilitator, and the topic will be "The Importance of Living the Liturgical Year". After the meeting attendees can adjourn to one of the local hotels to enjoy a meal, further fraternity, and to continue the lively conversation that always takes place at this very popular Parish initiative. All men of the Parish, their friends and family are warmly invited to come along to join the group, the format of the meeting will continue to be Prayer, Scripture reading and Discussion.

Advent Event ~ Saturday 29 November

Tickets for the annual Parish Advent Event to be held on Saturday 29 November, following the Vigil Mass, are now 75% taken. If you are considering coming along, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours to reserve your place sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment. Our thanks are expressed to everyone who has booked early as this greatly assists with the arrangements needed for this very popular event.

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

The last remaining copies of the 2026 "God's Word" and the Diocese publication "The Promise" are available from the magazine table in the Chapel. When these copies are sold, our stock will all be gone, so if you are considering purchasing these very popular publications either for yourself or as a gift you should do so this week.

The Promise cost is \$3.00

God's Word is \$15.00

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

Advance Notice ~ Sacrament of Penance Programme for 2025-2026

Early notice is offered to families with children who are currently in year 2 and will be progressing into year 3 or higher in 2026, that the Saint Paul's Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) will commence at all Masses over the weekend of the 29/30 of November, the first week of Advent, when names can be submitted. As with all Saint Paul's Sacramental programmes all handing out of paperwork can only happen after Mass within the Church. Names cannot be taken earlier than the first weekend of Advent.

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 ahead 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.

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

Safeguarding commitment statement

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong is unwavering in its commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all persons in the diocese, in particular children, young people and vulnerable persons. This is at the heart of everything we do.

Every person has the right to be informed, heard, respected, empowered and to feel safe.

As a diocese, and as individuals, we commit to being safe people in the lives of all persons in the diocese, in particular children, young people and vulnerable persons, and to work together with them to create cultures that honour dignity, enrich wellbeing, and keep them safe.

Saturday/Sunday 1/2 November ~ Feast of All Saints/All Souls Day

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Maria C
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

2 nd Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Danielle Caruana	John Roberts	Mary Bartolo, Heather Cox	Barbara Spiteri, Angelina Vecchio	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Clare				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Cheryl Carroll	Peter Vincent	Mary Velardi	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Carol Ann Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Helen Lanyon	Maria Caridi	Lisa Alvaro	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Stephen Barrett	Dianne Garland	Olivia Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Eugene Kosiak

Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th November ~ The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday

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	Eva & Youth Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Tony

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