



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

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

Sunday 9 November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica celebrates the oldest church in Rome, consecrated in 324 AD. It honours Christ the Saviour and symbolises the unity of the Catholic Church. Known as the “Mother and Head of all Churches,” it reminds the faithful of their spiritual foundation and communal worship.

In Australia 9 November is also known as Prison Sunday it is a day of prayer and reflection observed by the Catholic Church to support prisoners, their families, and those who minister to them. It highlights the Church’s mission of mercy, inclusion, and hope within correctional facilities.

Jesus said: “I was in prison and you visited me.” *Matthew 25*

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Families with children in the First Holy Communion programme need only collect their marked workshop books from the tables in the chapel. Returned books marked as satisfactory will have a parish stamp on the inside front cover. Some books will have pages marked with a paper tab that is indicating there is something on that particular page that needs further attention or correction. Parents/carers are asked to ensure the corrections or completions are carried out.

There is no need for stamped workshop books to be returned a second time. Parents/carers would have been contacted by the Parish office if the workshop book was not satisfactorily completed.

There are still approximately 20 workshops books outstanding, and these need to be marked. As every answer needs to be checked, this takes considerable time. Outstanding workshop books need to be handed to the attendants at this weekend’s Masses. Books still outstanding on Tuesday morning will place the candidate’s Mass allocation into doubt.

Parish Men’s Group ~ Monthly Meeting

Last Wednesday evening the final Parish Men’s Group meeting of 2025 was held in the meeting room. The topic of “The importance of living a liturgical life” led to lively discussion. The format for the group’s meetings has been very successful and will continue unchanged in the new year. There were 16 attendees who all adjourned to the Plough and Harrow where they enjoyed further discussion, fraternity and a very nice meal.

The date of the first meeting for 2026 will be made available after our Christmas celebrations.

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Diocese Annual Mass Count

The Diocese Annual Mass count will continue again this weekend at all Parish Masses. The diocese asks Parishes every year for information that is used for future planning and the counts help with this preparation. Thank you again to all who assisted and will continue to assist.

Advent Event ~ Saturday 29 November

Limited numbers of tickets for the annual Parish Advent Event to be held on Saturday 29 November, following the Vigil Mass, are still available. 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 Diocese publication “The Promise” are available from the magazine table in the Chapel. When these copies are sold, our stocks will all be gone and we are unable to secure more for sale. The booklets have reading and reflections for every day during the Advent period and are always beautifully presented.

The Promise cost is \$3.00

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

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.

Parishioners may have noticed that the Air Dryers have been installed, and we hope that this will end the plumbing problems that have been occurring because of paper towels being flushed into the sewer system.

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 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

9 th Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Kerry Todd	Heather Cox	Trish O'Flynn, John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh, Angelina Vecchio	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Deanna David	Kathryn Hampton	Cristina Macri	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Melissa Duck				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Meaghan Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Lily Crnek	Kristen King	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Judith Madsen	Ann Madsen	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th October ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
		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	Craig

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Jan & Terry Chanter, 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