



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C ~ 15/16 November

Monday 17 November

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was a 13th-century princess who devoted her life to charity and caring for the poor. Widowed at quite a young age, she gave up her wealth to serve others. Saint Elizabeth established hospitals and fed the hungry. Her deep faith and compassion made her a symbol of Christian love and selflessness. Saint Elizabeth was canonized in 1235.

St Paul's RCIA Mass ~ 22 November

Next Saturday morning 22 November our normal 9.00am Mass and Confessions will not be held.

Regular Mass goes to the 9.00am Saturday Mass are invited to attend the Mass being held at the later time of 10.00am when those adults who have been regularly attending the RCIA Sessions are inducted into the Church. There will be sacred music, and the candidates will be receiving various Sacraments. All our parishioners are encouraged to come along and share in this joyous occasion and to show our support for these adults as they join with us on our faith journey.

There will be no confessions 22 November.

Change to Mass Time ~ 23 November

Our normal 5.00pm Mass on Sunday 23 November **FOR THIS DATE ONLY** is moved to 4.00pm. This is to allow 30 First Holy Communion candidates to celebrate this very special sacrament with family and friends. Parishioners who would normally attend this Mass at 5.00pm are still very welcome to come to the earlier time, but anyone wishing to avoid the crowding of the church that occurs with our celebration of the Sacraments are encouraged to attend either 8.00am or 10.00am Mass on Sunday 23 November, these times will be normal Parish Masses with no FHC candidates in attendance.

Ladies Advent Prayer Group

Commencing Thursday 27 November at 10.00am in the Parish Meeting room, the ladies of the Parish will be holding an Advent Prayer Group. The group will be using the diocese Advent booklet "The Promise" and each week will be exploring the Sunday Gospel, and the beautiful Reflections that are in "The Promise". All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend; a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit or cake will be available after the meeting which is expected to last about one hour and will continue for the four weeks of Advent.

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Diocese Annual Mass Count

The Diocese Annual Mass count will be completed this weekend with our volunteers counting again at all Parish Masses. Our thanks are extended to everyone who has assisted by counting over the past month. The information will be passed to the Diocese; it assists with planning for Parishes and clergy over the next twelve months.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

This weekend families with children in the sacrament of First Holy Communion programme need to pick up their blessed medals. The medals will be blessed and distributed at each Mass over the weekend and are a gift from the Parish to the children. The medals are intended to be worn by the children on their very special day, at their ceremony.

There are still some marked workshop books waiting to be picked up. The books will be inside the church with the attendants, near the musician's area. Families will need to request their own workshop book. To assist the attendants please use the full name of the candidate when requesting the book, the books are in alphabetical order by surname.

The Parish Office has received quite a number of requests for First Holy Communion candidates to attend a different rehearsal to the one that is scheduled for their Mass. This is fine to do. Father Michael will direct families to an area separate to that of the correct attendees and we ask that if you are at a rehearsal other than your nominated one NOT to take a pew allocation. Families who do not attend the correct rehearsal will be allocated a pew by the Parish Office when setting out the maps for all ceremonies. If any further assistance is needed, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours.

All First Holy Communion rehearsal days and times are listed on the Parish electronic sign if further confirmation is needed.

Early notification of the Sacrament of Penance for 2025 ~ 2026

Families with children who are currently in year 2 and will be in year 3 or higher in 2026 will be able to submit their children's names for the Sacrament of Penance programme 2026 at all Masses over the weekend of 29/30 November. Names will be taken and timelines distributed. No names can be submitted prior to these dates and as with all Saint Paul's Sacramental Programmes all commitments happen within the church during Mass.

Advent Event ~ Saturday 29 November

The annual Parish Advent Event being held on Saturday 29 November, following the Vigil Mass, is almost sold out. If you are considering coming along, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours to reserve your place. Father Michael has chosen the menu, and we have submitted it to the caterers, as always, the choices look to be delicious. Tickets are still \$20.00 for the two-course meal and beverages.

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

Diocese of Wollongong Men's Prayer Breakfast Launch

On Friday, 28 November 6:30am-8am in the Xavier Conference Room, 38 Harbour St Wollongong, Guest Speaker Peter Abela will be providing an encouraging talk, prayer and reflection. Enjoy a breakfast buffet, be supported and inspired by other men, seeking to be authentic disciples on mission. The cost is just \$20. RSVP: Monday, 17 November <https://www.dow.org.au/events/mens-prayer-breakfast-launch/>.

The Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding are currently advertising an exciting new job opportunity. We are looking for a detail-oriented and hard working person, who cares about the safety of others, to join the team as a Safeguarding (Records and Case Management) Officer. For more information, please visit the Diocesan Safeguarding website (www.dow.org.au/safeguarding). Applications are due by 5pm on Friday 21 November 2025.



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

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father James

Musician/Vocalists

Tasha
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father James
Father Michael
Father Michael
Father James

Nicole
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

16 th Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Nada Simich					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Diane Kennaugh	Mary Bartolo, Barbara Spiteri	Fabian Menolotto, Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am		Rebecca Ward	Kimberley Logue	Lorraine Phillips	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Michael Toweel	Kristen King	Mary Velardi	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Grace Quinnell	Margaret Thornton	Therese Easter	Clare Power	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 22nd/23rd November ~ Feast of Christ the King

Saturday

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	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian
Camden	4:00 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