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Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING ~ YEAR C

The Solemnity of Christ the King celebrates Jesus' sovereignty over all creation. Instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI and observed on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, it reminds believers of Christ's eternal reign and calls for faithful discipleship and devotion. The feast emphasises Christ's justice, and peace, inviting believers to submit to His kingship in their lives. It marks the end of the Church's year and leads into Advent.

Through prayer, reflection, and worship, the faithful reaffirm their allegiance to Christ, recognising Him as the eternal King and Lord of all.

Change to Mass Times ~ This Weekend Only

Because of the First Holy Communion celebrations this weekend there are some changes to our normal Mass times. Parishioners are always very welcome to attend any of the Saint Paul's Masses but if families do not have a member celebrating this weekend and would like to try to avoid the crowding of the church, they should try to come to one of the two normal Sunday Masses at 8.00am and 10.00am where there are no candidates.

Saturday 10.00am	Celebration of Adults into the Church
Saturday 1.00pm	55 First Holy Communion Candidates
Saturday 3.00pm	55 First Holy Communion Candidates
Saturday 5.00pm	Parish Mass with 30 First Holy Communicants
Sunday 8.00am	Normal Parish Mass
Sunday 10.00am	Normal Parish Mass
Sunday 11.30am	55 First Holy Communion Candidates
Sunday 4.00pm	Parish Mass with 30 First Holy Communicants

Please note there are **NO CONFESSIONS** this Saturday, 22 November.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion ~ 2025 Programme

Our congratulations are extended to 225 girls and boys who this weekend will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Gratitude is extended to parents, carers and other family members who have assisted with the requirements of our programme. Families who have been bringing their children to Mass each weekend are asked to keep providing support in this same way. The reception of Holy Communion is a truly beautiful way to experience God's divine love and to shape the lives of our children. Family time spent in this way is priceless.

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RCIA Candidates 2025

Our congratulations are extended to the 24 Adults who this weekend will be welcomed into the Catholic faith. Our 2025 RCIA Programme commenced back in June and has continued with twice monthly meetings where the candidates have been in attendance. Our programme is only run once a year, and it is very gratifying to the clergy for it to be so well attended with so many wishing to be members of our faith. The Parish congratulates all those candidates who will receive one or more of the sacraments of baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation at the special Mass this Saturday morning at 10.00am.

Sacrament of Penance for 2025 ~ 2026

Families with children who are currently in year 2 and who 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 next weekend 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. There will be a break for the school holidays over Christmas but family attendance at Mass is an integral part of the programme. Worshipping at Mass as a family on a regular basis demonstrates to the children the rhythm of the Mass and the benefits of being part of a loving Parish community.

Ladies Advent Prayer Group

Commencing next Thursday 27 November at 10.00am 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". The group will be meeting each Thursday of Advent in the Parish Meeting room, and 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.

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. Parishioners still thinking they would like to attend but are unsure, can be seated with like-minded others, no one is left out, our special topics always lead to lively conversation. Tickets are still \$20.00 for the two-course meal and beverages.

Please Preserve the Reverence of the Church

Saint Paul's is a welcoming community and this weekend families will be inviting grandparents, uncles and aunts as well as friends, to be part of our Special Celebrations. To preserve the reverence of our church, parents and carers are asked to point out to those who may be unfamiliar with our church that eating and drinking is not permitted within the church. Lollies and chewing gum are included in our request. If necessary, water is allowed but fizzy drinks, tea and coffee should all be consumed before entering. Our electronic sign asks this of everyone who enters the church.

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

Saturday

Camden	1:00 PM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	3:00 PM	Father Michael	Choir
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	11:30 AM	Father Michael	Maria B & St Paul's School Choir
Camden	4:00 PM	Father James	Craig

23 rd Nov	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 10.00am	John Roberts & Damien Quinnell					
Sat Vigil 1.00pm	Nada Simich	Maureen Grisdale	Helen Lanyon	Fabian Menolotto	<i>Schools to provide</i>	Elizabeth
Sat Vigil 3.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Emma Marnell	Samantha Cork	Clare Power, Lisa Alvaro	<i>Schools to provide</i>	Che
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	Kimberley Logue	Mary Bartolo, Angelina Vecchio	Heather Cox, Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Traci				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Glenn Crawford	Kathryn Hampton	Lucy Aquilina	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Michael Toweel	Danielle Caruana	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Meaghan Marchand	Brad
Sun 11.30am	Mark Coleman	Michelle Corsaro	Vera Mosca	Barbara Spiteri, Lily Crnek	Julie Puckrin	Brad
Sun 4.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Judith Madsen	Maria Kosiak	Samantha Vergara	Therese Easter	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 29th/30th November ~ First Sunday of Advent

Saturday

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

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