



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ YEAR A ~ 6TH/7TH DECEMBER 2025

Monday 8 December

The Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary

The Immaculate Conception is Catholic doctrine affirming Mary, mother of Jesus, was preserved from original sin from the first moment of her existence. This unique grace prepared her to be a pure vessel for Christ's birth, highlighting her holiness and God's divine plan for salvation.

Saturday 13 December

Saint Lucy, virgin, martyr

Saint Lucy, also known as Santa Lucia, was a Christian martyr from Syracuse, Italy, who died around 304 AD. Revered for her courage and purity, she consecrated her virginity to God, resisted forced marriage, and became the patron saint of the blind.

SPECIAL MONDAY MASS TO CELEBRATE THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

On Monday 8 December to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, morning Mass will be held in the church at Camden. Mass will commence at the usual weekday time of 9.00am. Father James will be the celebrant and at the conclusion of Mass the Rosary will be said. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend this very special Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Our Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers will be holding leaving collections after all Masses at Camden, Oakdale and The Oaks churches this weekend, 6 and 7 December. With many families all across the Macarthur region struggling with the ever-increasing costs of living Saint Vincent de Paul is being called upon more and more for assistance.

The Parish office has received several enquiries as to the change from our having a Jesse Tree in the church with labels requesting food items and gifts. The reason for this change is that funds collected enable the Camden/Oran Park Conference to purchase food for hampers and gifts, at a much lesser cost than individual parishioners can do, making any donation go much further and our generosity can assist more of those in need.

John Haran, the Conference President, on behalf of his members extends his most sincere thanks to everyone who can assist and wishes us all a blessed Christmas and a joyful, peaceful New Year.

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CHANGES TO MASS TIMES AT CAMDEN & NARELLAN VALE

In the lead up to Christmas our Priests have many commitments they are required to attend. Due to both Father Michael and Father James being absent from the Parish this coming week there will be a couple of changes to our weekday Masses.

<i>Camden</i>	Thursday 11 December	Communion Service
	Saturday 13 December	Communion Service – No Confessions
<i>Monthly Healing Mass</i>	Tuesday 16 December	

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR 2025 ~ 2026

Families who submitted their child's name to be part of our Sacrament of Penance program for 2025 ~ 2026 last weekend, need to have their child's attendance at Mass recorded this week and to collect an enrolment form. The enrolment form needs to be completely filled in, please do not leave out any information that is requested, and returned next week at Mass with the \$25.00 fee.

If you were unable to attend any of last week's Masses but would like your child to be a part of the programme it is not too late. If you wish to submit your child's name, please see one of the attendants to collect a small form, fill it in with your child's name then exchange this form for both a timeline and an enrolment form. All paperwork and other requirements of the programme always happen within the church after Mass. Names cannot be taken at the Parish Office, and forms cannot be handed to the Parish staff or priests at any time other than after Mass within the church.

The programme will pause for the school holidays.

MONTHLY ROSARY AT OAKDALE

This Saturday evening being the first Saturday of the month the Rosary will be said after the 5.00pm Mass at Saint Joseph the Worker at Oakdale. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to stay and be a part of these beautiful prayers.

MONTHLY MORNING TEA AT THE OAKS

This Sunday morning after the 9.00am Mass at Saint Aloysius The Oaks the monthly morning tea will be held. This is the last opportunity for a gathering of parishioners before Christmas and everyone is encouraged to come along. If possible bring a special plate to share. The monthly morning teas are always well attended with everyone enjoying the fraternity of likeminded others and this will be the opportunity to wish others a very merry Christmas.

LADIES ADVENT PRAYER GROUP

The ladies of the Parish are holding an Advent Prayer Group each Thursday during Advent. The group met again this week and everyone who has attended has expressed their thanks to the organisers, all agree the hour is well spent and has made Advent and the lead up to Christmas so much more special. It is not too late to join this group although it is now halfway through, please just come along next Thursday at 10.00am to the Parish Meeting Room.

Christmas Mass Timetable

Early notice is given of our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass times; this is to assist families and those needing to have plans in place. The times are on our electronic sign to assist visitors who will be coming into the area to celebrate Christmas with family and friends and everyone can assist these visitors by pointing out the sign to anyone who asks.

<i>Wednesday 24th December</i>	Oakdale	5:00 PM Vigil	JA
	The Oaks	6:30 PM Vigil	JA
	Camden	5:00 PM Vigil	MW
		7:00 PM Vigil	MW
		9:00 PM Vigil	JA
<i>Thursday 25th December</i>	Camden	Midnight	JA
	Camden	9:00 AM Christmas Morning	MW

The folder with requests for volunteers for the various Masses is still on the magazine table in the Chapel, if you are currently on the rosters, are available and would like to volunteer for any of the Masses, please record your availability on the form.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REVERENCE OF THE CHURCH

Saint Paul's is a welcoming community but to preserve the reverence of the church you are asked to refrain from eating and drinking 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 and with the new programme starting we would ask that everyone looks at the sign and takes note of these requirements.

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.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 6TH/7TH DECEMBER NOVEMBER ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Belinda & Sarah
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

7 th Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Nada Simich					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Peter Grizelj	Heather Cox	Sandra Skarsky	Mary Bartolo, Diane Kennaugh	John Roberts, Trish O'Flynn	Che
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Rebecca Ward	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Nada Simich	Leonie Gray	Mary Velardi	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Annemarie Lauricella	Jody Musso	Elizabeth

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 13TH/14TH DECEMBER ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
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

For our Faithful Departed:

Peter Teale, Lydia Palma, Bruce Denison, Lourdes Adams, Joshua Giannatii, *who died recently*. Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Ros Dunn, Peter Cox, Dayne Mackie, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Brian & Patricia Treacey, Edwin & Janet Manno, Hira & Monty Savage, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Barry Miles, Cath Bourke, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

George Raby, Patricia Stubbs, Frank Duck, 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