



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
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NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ YEAR A ~ 13TH/14TH DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 17 December

The Christmas Novena Begins

The Christmas Novena is a nine-day prayer tradition, which ends on Christmas Eve. It is a time for preparing our hearts for Christ's birth. Entrenched in Catholic devotion, it reflects Mary's expectancy and the Apostles' prayerful waiting, fostering humility, hope, and joyful anticipation of the Savior's coming into the world.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ CHRISTMAS APPEAL

John Haran and members of our Saint Vincent de Paul Society local branch of Camden/Oran Park extend their most sincere thanks to all those who so generously contributed to the leaving collections at Mass last weekend. As always, the parishioners of Saint Paul's and Saint Aloysius responded to the needs of those less fortunate by donating to this worthy cause. The volunteers collected in excess of \$7,900.00, a truly magnificent amount in these testing times.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR 2025 ~ 2026

This weekend families need to return the Enrolment forms for our programme along with the \$25.00 fee. It is not too late to submit your child's name if you want them to be a part of this programme. Please see one of the attendants and be prepared to complete the enrolment form and hand it back immediately along with the \$25.00 fee.

Names cannot be taken at the Parish Office, and forms cannot be handed to the Parish Office staff or priests at any time other than after Mass within the church. The programme will pause from this weekend until the weekend of the 31 January, 1 February 2026 for the school holidays.

Families should be encouraged to continue to come to be a part of their worshipping community and share with their children the beautiful ceremonies in the church to celebrate the remainder of Advent and Christmas.

MONTHLY HEALING MASS ~ TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER AT 9.00 AM

Our normal monthly Healing Mass is usually held on the first Tuesday of the month, due to our Priests having had other commitments the December Mass was deferred until this coming Tuesday 16 December. If you, a family member or friend are unwell, facing surgery or are waiting for a diagnosis please come to this Mass where you are able to receive anointing and additional prayers. A cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit is offered in the Parish Meeting room after Mass.

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ANIMATED MUSICAL ~ "DAVID"

Families looking to spend time at the movies over the school holidays should consider taking in the Animated Musical "David". "David" opens across cinemas on the 18 December, just in time for the Christmas season and the school holidays. This film is a powerful opportunity for our faith communities to enjoy a vibrant imaginative retelling of the shepherd boy David's journey from Bethlehem to the throne of Israel. It uses groundbreaking animation along with powerful music to bring this biblical story to life. Seen through the faithful eyes of young David the film emphasises trust in God, moral courage and triumph of heart.

Our local cinemas of United at Narellan Town Centre, Events Campbelltown, Dumaresq Street Cinema Campbelltown as well as nearby suburb's Hoyts theatres will be screening the movie and an outing to see this film could be a wonderful way to share with your children the Christmas message of hope and courage. The movie is highly recommended, and time spent with our children is priceless.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE CELEBRANTS, MUSICIANS, VOCALISTS, CHORISTERS

Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
Christmas Eve		Wednesday 24th December	
Oakdale	5:00 PM Vigil	JA	Jo
The Oaks	6:30 PM Vigil	JA	TBA
Camden	5:00 PM Vigil	MW	Maria + St Paul's School Choir
	7:00 PM Vigil	MW	Craig, Brian, Colin
	9:00 PM Vigil	JA	Eva and Sarah
Christmas Midnight		Thursday 25th December	
Camden	Midnight	JA	Parish Choir
Christmas Morning		Thursday 25th December	
Camden	9:00 AM	MW	William and Ilona

Friday 26 December (Boxing Day) there will be no morning Mass at Saint Paul's Camden. The church will be closed, with normal Mass and Confessions to resume on Saturday 27 December, and will continue for the following week as normal. No Mass on Monday but normal morning Mass thereafter.

Next Friday 19 December will be the final Mass at Narellan Vale for 2025, with Mass resuming Wednesday morning 7 January at the usual time.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIMES ~ BEFORE CHRISTMAS

To allow for all parishioners who wish to go to confession before Christmas, Father Michael and Father James will be available for penitents on the following dates and times.

Tuesday 16 December ~ 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 18 December ~ 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Tuesday 23 December ~ 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Confessions will be First Rite of Reconciliation, there will be no Second Rite before Christmas.

COMMUNION SERVICE, NO CONFESSIONS ~ SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

There is no Mass or Confessions this Saturday morning. Father Michael and Father James will both be attending the ordinations of three new priests into our Diocese. The ordinations are taking place at All Saints Catholic Parish in Shellharbour City. All parishioners are asked to pray for Darren McDowell, Sinh Truong Le and Joseph Vuong Nguyen asking the Holy Spirit to guide, strengthen, and sanctify them as they begin their priestly life.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REVERENCE OF THE CHURCH

Saint Paul's is a welcoming community, 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.

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.

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

14 th Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Heather Cox	Jim Gallagher	Ann Stomber, Angelina Vecchio	Fabian Menolotto, Barbara Spiteri	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Peter Vincent	Kimberley Logue	Kathryn Hampton	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Maria Caridi	Oscar Marimbe	Lily Crnek	Kristen King	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Margaret Thornton	Melissa Scavo	Samantha Vergara	Lo Cascio family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 20TH/21ST DECEMBER NOVEMBER ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Tasha
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Michael
Father James
Father James
Father Michael

Nicole
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

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*. Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Barry Miles, Cath Bourke, Brian & Patricia Treacey, Edwin & Janet Manno, Hira & Monty Savage, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, 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