



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A ~ 24/25 January 2026

Wednesday 28 January ~ Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

Saint Thomas Aquinas shaped medieval thought with a bold fusion of faith and reason. Drawing on Aristotle, he argued that truth discovered by the mind and truth revealed by God ultimately align. His "*Summa Theologiae*" influenced theology, ethics, and natural law, leaving a legacy that still guides philosophical debate today.

Saturday 31 January ~ Saint John Bosco, priest

Saint John Bosco devoted his life to helping vulnerable youth find dignity, purpose, and hope. Through education, kindness, and his innovative "preventive system," he created safe spaces where young people could grow in faith and character. His legacy endures in the Salesian communities, a global Catholic religious order of priests and brothers, founded in 1859, that continues his mission of compassion and opportunity.

Leaving Collection for Father James

As indicated in last week's weekly message and within the church announcements, a leaving collection will take place after all Masses this weekend for Father James. Father James has now taken up his new position with Father Damien Ellis at Saint Michael's of Nowra, and he will need to set himself up in new accommodations. When priests are moved within the diocese they quite often need to provide themselves with new appliances or other necessities and it is a tradition here at Camden that a leaving collection helps with all the new incidentals and moving costs the priests encounter. The wardens will be at each door of the church at the conclusion of Mass and any gift we can afford to give will be greatly appreciated by Father James.

Farewell "Sausage Sizzle" for Father James

Arrangements are proceeding quite well for the "Sausage Sizzle" planned as a farewell for Father James on Sunday evening 1 February from about 6.00pm in the surrounds of the Heritage Hall. Father Michael has invited Father James to be the celebrant for the 5.00pm Mass on that evening and the "Sizzle" will be prepared while Mass is being held. All parishioners are invited to come along, not only those who will be attending the 5.00pm Mass, all our parishioners will be most welcome.

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THE WORKER
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Opening Teachers Mass 27 January 8.30am

On Tuesday the 27 January our morning Mass will be held at the earlier time of 8.30am to allow for the teachers at the schools within the Parish to attend their yearly “Opening Year Mass”. Our regular parishioners are encouraged to attend and to be a part of this once-a-year special Mass. Father Michael and Father Victor will both be in attendance with the schools providing sacred music.

Australia Day Community Prayer Service

There will be a Community Prayer Service being held on 26 January, Australia Day, from 9.00am until approximately 9.45am. The prayer service is within the Camden Civic Centre in the Ferguson Art Gallery on the upper level. The service is timed to allow those attending to join in the Australia Day parade which will be commencing at 10.00am on Argyle Street, Camden.

This is a community initiative to show unity across the Camden/Macarthur Area of local Christian churches to pray for Australia on Australia Day.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME 2025 ~ 2026

Our Sacrament of Penance programme has been paused for the school holidays and will recommence next weekend 31 January and 1 February. A total of 187 children have now been enrolled within the programme and no further enrolments can be accepted. Attendance at Mass as a worshipping family is an integral part of all Saint Paul’s Sacramental Programmes.

PLEASE PRESERVE THE REVERENCE OF THE CHURCH

All who enter our Church are asked to please refrain bringing in fizzy drinks, coffee, lollies and treats, especially chewing gum. Our church is cleaned to a very high standard, and sweets and spills left by those who attend early Masses leave those who attend at later times unable to enjoy the same cleanliness. Our electronic sign has this request on it at all times.

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.

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Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent, Betty & Maureen
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

25 th Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Nada Simich					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Olivia Kosiak	Maria Kosiak	Heather Cox	Barbara Spiteri	Angelina Vecchio	Eugene Kosiak
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Traci				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl Carroll	Simon Huntley	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Kristen King	Meaghan Marchand	Mary Velardi	Joseph Hanson	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Grace Quinnell	Dianne Garland	Melissa Scavo	Margaret Thornton	Craig

Saturday/Sunday 30th Jan/1st Feb ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	TBA

Diocese News

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way to stay informed and connected is to invite the faithful to

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.



Tuesday 3 February
Campbelltown
and
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Wollongong and Zoom



Please scan to register

For our Faithful Departed:

Lisebie Du Buisson Perrine, Edward Rixon, Frank Duck, Patricia Mulholland, Janet New, Mary Murphy, *who died recently*. Janelle Clifton, Marie Dunn, Sylvia Sutton, Valtin Thurn, Jack Dunn, Tom Dunn, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Olga Garufi, Bruno Feltre, Cath Bourke, Sammy Fenech, Nazareno Teuma, Carmela Teuma, Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Luigi Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Barry Myles, 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:

Domenico Gulli, George Raby, Patricia Stubbs, Jan & Terry Chanter, Helen Parragi, Oliver Franklin, June McCullough, Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Fr Rick McCann, Diana Lee, Noel Lowry, Betty Aquilina, David Schwarb, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell Glynn, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Bob & Margaret Roach, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP