



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 7/8 FEBRUARY 2026

Tuesday 10 February ~ Saint Scholastica, virgin

Saint Scholastica was the twin sister of Saint Benedict and is remembered as a devoted religious who embraced a life of prayer and compassion. Known for her deep spirituality, she founded a community for women and inspired others through her gentleness, wisdom, and unwavering faith.

Saturday 14 February ~ Saint Cyril, monk

Saint Cyril, a revered theologian and bishop, is known for defending Christian doctrine and fostering unity in the early Church. His teachings shaped understanding of the Trinity and Christ's nature. Remembered for wisdom, courage, and devotion to truth, he remains a guiding figure in Christian thought and spiritual tradition.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME 2025 ~ 2026

Families with children in the Sacrament of Penance programme need to pick up a short form from the attendants in the church, record their child's name on it (pens will be available) then proceed to the Parish Meeting Room doors where they can exchange the form for their child's personalised Workshop book and the first week's Assistance sheet. The assistance sheets are offered to parents/carers or older siblings who may be guiding the candidates in the completing of the workshops. They are not intended to be given to the children as answer sheets and the completed books should represent the knowledge of the child of each week's work.

The church attendants will also have Holy Cards for families who may not have received their cards last weekend. Children should be learning these beautiful prayers, they need to have a firm knowledge of the prayers for their assessment evenings which are held later in the programme.

A reminder is offered to all families that attendance at Mass as a worshipping family is an integral part of all our Sacramental programmes.

FAREWELL "SAUSAGE SIZZLE" FOR FATHER JAMES

Last Sunday evening the farewell for Father James was held in our Heritage Hall, despite the storm that blew in late in the day, the evening was a huge success. Everyone in attendance was generous with their praise for the organisation as well as the food and beverage supply. Our thanks are given to the staff of Saint Paul's school who were outstanding with the cooking and distribution of the sausages. Father Michael's speech was both encouraging for Father James and comical in some of his recollections of his time in Nowra. Father Michael presented Father James with the Parish gift for which Father James was very grateful, he extends his thanks to everyone who contributed

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ASH WEDNESDAY ~ 18 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday falls this year on 18 February, to allow as many parishioners as possible to attend Mass and receive the Ashes we have added an additional Mass to our schedule.

Ash Wednesday Mass at Camden

7.30am Father Victor
9.15am Father Victor with St Paul's School
7.00pm Father Victor

Ash Wednesday at Narellan Vale

8.00am Father Michael
9.15am Father Michael with St Clare's School

YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN GROUP

Commencing Thursday, February 19, a Lenten Group will be held for young adult parishioners aged 18 to 35 years. The program will be held each Thursday evening during Lent, beginning at 7.00 pm and finishing around 8.00 pm. The group will meet in the Parish Meeting Room. During the program, we will be using the Diocesan Lenten Book, "Compassio."

Father Michael, Father Victor or Father Hung will facilitate the weekly meetings. There will be reflection on scripture, small group discussions, and deepen encounters with God's mercy, in preparation for the Easter season. Please use the QR code to sign up for this program or call the Parish Office during normal hours for further information.



MEN'S GROUP WEDNESDAY ~ 11 FEBRUARY

The Parish Men's Group will meet for the first time in 2026 next Wednesday evening 11 February at 6.30pm in the Parish meeting room. The format will be the same as it was for our first year 2025 of prayer, readings and discussion and will conclude at about 7.30pm. The topic will be a surprise on the night.

Both Father Michael and Father Victor will be in attendance on Wednesday evening, and in the future Father Hung will also be a facilitator. At the conclusion of the meeting the Parish will be providing all those in attendance with delicious pizzas and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy the fraternity.

ROSARY AT OAKDALE ~ SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY

The parishioners at Oakdale had scheduled to stay after Mass last Saturday evening for their monthly praying of the Rosary however due to the change in weather and the desire of parishioners to get away it was decided to postpone the prayers until this Saturday evening. So, as a result the Rosary will be prayed at Saint Joseph the Worker this Saturday evening after the 5.00pm Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to stay and join in these most beautiful prayers.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Bishop Brian Mascord warmly invites you to attend the upcoming ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of, **John Mortimer (Albion Park), Stuart Lake (Varroville) and Ryan Soares (Rosemeadow).**

The ordinations will be held at Saint John Vianney Co-Cathedral on Saturday February 28 at 10.00am

All are warmly invited to share in this joyful celebration, praying for and supporting these three men and their families as they are ordained to serve our diocesan community.



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 7TH / 8TH FEB ~ 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

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	Eva & Youth Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

7 th Feb	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Mark Coleman	Diane Kennaugh	Arthur Samcam	Ann Stomber, Richard Stomber	Barbara Spiteri, Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Peter Vincent	Cheryl Carroll	Lucy Aquilina	Clare Power	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Melissa Duck				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Helen Lanyon	Meaghan Marchand	Lily Crnek	Michael Reardon	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Melissa Scavo	Dianne Garland	Lo Cascio family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14TH/15TH FEBRUARY ~ 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

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

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father James	Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

Maria Muscat, Anthony Sammut, Maureen Callaghan, Kenneth Long, Patrick Larkin, Jennifer Camilleri, Domenico Gulli, Walter Clissold, Vincent Mullan, George Raby, Concetta Minasi, Lisebie Du Buisson Perrine, Edward Rixon, Frank Duck, *who died recently*. Irene Pretor, Sime Frkic, Janelle Clifton, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. John Anthony Quinn, Zakar and Stopic families, Marie Dunn, Sylvia Sutton, Valtin Thurn, Jack Dunn, Tom Dunn, Fr Allan Hartcher, Lilian Grech, 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, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Mason Bayliss, Jennifer Breen, 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