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*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 14/15 FEBRUARY 2026**

### Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season of reflection and renewal. By prayer, fasting and almsgiving we reconsider our priorities, and prepare spiritually for Easter. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence for those aged 18 to 59 meat is not to be eaten and meals should be smaller and simpler to fulfil the obligation of fasting.

### ASH WEDNESDAY ~ 18 FEBRUARY

To allow as many parishioners as possible to attend Mass and receive the Ashes on Wednesday 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 this Thursday, the Thursday after Ash Wednesday, February 19, a group of young adult parishioners aged 18 to 35 years will be meeting in the Parish Meeting room each Thursday of Lent. The sessions will be beginning at 7.00pm and will finish around 8.00pm. The attendees will be using the Diocesan Lenten Book, "Compassio." for the composition of the weekly sessions. Father Michael, Father Victor or Father Hung will facilitate the weekly meetings.

Copies of "Compassio" can be purchased from the church this weekend. Registration is by using the attached QR code, last week's code had a problem and those trying to register were unsuccessful, the code this week is working, but anyone wanting to attend the sessions are welcome to come along or contact the Parish Office during normal hours on 4655 8797 for further information or to register.



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## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

The Parish Office apologises for the late request for Ash Wednesday volunteers, the day just seems to have rushed up on us, and we are very sorry for any inconvenience to parishioners.

We are asking for volunteers for the three Ash Wednesday Masses. If you are currently on the rosters and would like to read or act as Special Minister at 7.30 am or 7.00 pm Masses next Wednesday 18 February, could you please contact the parish office. Our 9.15 am Mass will be staffed by parishioners who normally attend morning Mass with assistance from the Saint Paul's school teachers, it is for the additional Masses that volunteers are need. If you can assist, please email to [camden@dow.org.au](mailto:camden@dow.org.au) or call on 4655 8797.

## PALMS TO BE BURNT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Parishioners are encouraged to return any blessed Palms from Palm Sunday last year to be reverently burnt this Tuesday, for the Ashes needed for Ash Wednesday. A box will be in the Chapel entry for anyone wishing to return palms this weekend. Your contribution of returned palms helps the Parish prepare for this Lenten tradition.

## "COMPASSIO" ~ DIOCESAN LENTEN PROGRAMME 2026

Copies of the Diocese Lenten program "Compassio" are available for purchase from the box that is on the Altar for each Mass this weekend. The booklets can be purchased for \$5.00 and contain readings for every day during Lent and Reflections from many contributors across the Diocese including Bishop Brian, Father Sean Cullen and Father Chris Sarkis.

The booklets are clearly set out with Artwork depicting the topic for each weekly session.

## CARITAS AUSTRALIA ~ PROJECT COMPASSION

Envelopes and money boxes for Lenten offerings to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion are on the magazine tables around the church and within the chapel. "Unite Against Poverty" is the theme this year. Our donations will assist communities around the world struggling for food and water. Almsgiving is one of the tenets of our preparation for Easter and support of the Project Compassion is a wonderful way of fulfilling this obligation.

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR 2025-2026

Families with children in the Sacrament of Penance programme need to record their child's attendance at Mass and collect the second week's assistance sheet. Children should have been learning the three prayers given to them on the Prayer Cards several weeks ago. Both Father Michael and Father Victor will be testing the children's knowledge of the Act of Contrition after each Mass this weekend.

If you were away last weekend and did not pick up your child's workshop book, please ask for your personalised booklet from the attendants who will have those books still uncollected. The first week's assistance sheets have been placed inside these books. Holy cards are also available if your family needs further copies, all other enquires should be directed to the Parish Office during normal hours.

## WRAP UP OF THE PARISH MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Parish Men's Group met last Wednesday evening in the Parish Meeting room, there were 25 parishioners in attendance with Father Michael providing the Scripture readings and prayers. Father Victor was in attendance and he and Father Hung, on his arrival at Camden, will be facilitators in the future. This month was Pizza and refreshments provided by the Parish and all in attendance were very appreciative of the quality and prompt arrival of the Pizzas.

The next meeting of the Men's Group will be Wednesday March 4; save the date, everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this very good Parish initiative.

## 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.

## SATURDAY/SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>/15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY ~ 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 Michael	Craig

15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Heather Cox	Jim Gallagher	Heather Cox, Russell O'Brien	Mary Bartolo, Trish O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Anthony McElhone	Kimberley Logue	Lorraine Phillips	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Joseph Hanson	Kristen King	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Grace Quinnell	Margaret Thornton	Annemarie Lauricella	Therese Easter	Craig

**SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>/SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEB ~ 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A**

**Saturday**

Camden 5:00 PM  
Oakdale 5:00 PM

**Celebrant**

Father Michael  
Father Victor

**Musician/Vocalists**

Maria B & Sarah  
Jo

**Sunday**

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

Father Victor  
Father Michael  
Father Michael  
Father Victor

Nicole  
Choir  
Trent & Damian  
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*. John Spora, 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**