

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A ~ 28 FEB/1 MAR 2026

Saturday 7 March ~ Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity

Saint Perpetua, a young noblewoman from Carthage, along with Saint Felicity who was a slave, were martyred in the year 203 for refusing to renounce their Christian faith. Saint Perpetua's prison diary is one of the earliest surviving texts by a woman, it reveals courage, conviction, and deep spiritual resolve, making her a lasting symbol of early Christian witness.

PARISH CENSUS 28 FEBRUARY/1 MARCH AND 7/8 MARCH

As advised in last week's Weekly Message, the Parish will be asking parishioners to complete a census form that will be placed in the pews before each Mass this weekend and next, pens and pencils will be available from the magazine tables. The Census is conducted every four or five years to keep our Parish records as up to date as possible.

Completed forms can be placed into the collection bags at either first collection or second, alternatively they can be taken home to be completed and returned next weekend at Mass or hand delivered to the Parish Office. Please contact the office during normal hours if any assistance is required.

MONTHLY HEALING MASS ~ TUESDAY 3 MARCH

This coming Tuesday morning the 9.00am Morning Mass will be our Parish monthly Healing Mass. Both Father Michael and Father Victor will be in attendance. If you, a friend or family member are unwell, awaiting surgery or a diagnosis please be encouraged to attend this special Mass to receive anointing and the additional prayers that are available.

CATHOLIC CARE AGED CARE INFORMATION SESSION AND MORNING TEA

Following our monthly Healing Mass on Tuesday morning, members of CatholicCare Wollongong will be attending the morning tea that we hold in the Parish Meeting room after Mass. A cup of tea and a biscuit or cake will be offered, and Kati Hui from CatholicCare will be providing information to interested parishioners on the new Support at Home Service.

Kati will be advising on how to enter the Aged Care System and the type of support CatholicCare can assist with, to allow aging parishioners to remain living safely and independently in their own home. All parishioners are invited to stay to enjoy morning tea and to receive this information.



**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**

WEEKLY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross trace Jesus' journey to Calvary, inviting us to walk with him in sorrow, courage, and compassion. Each Friday morning during Lent following our 9.00am Morning Mass, and in place of the Rosary, the fourteen-step devotion which is very special and an important part of our Easter preparation will be commemorated. All parishioners are encouraged to attend at least once if possible, during the Lenten period.

PRAYING OF THE ROSARY DURING LENT

The Rosary is usually prayed in our church after the 9.00am Morning Mass each Friday. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be commemorated at that time and so that Parishioners, who would like to still pray the Rosary each week, it is temporarily moved to Wednesday after the 9.00am Mass. After Easter the Rosary will resume being said each Friday after the morning Mass.

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 fourth week's assistance sheet. The assistance sheets are for the parents/carers or siblings who are supervising the weekly workshops, they are not intended to be given to the children who are told, "here are the answers". Not all answers are given, and the sheets are meant only as a guide.

The work should be the children's, and books should not be completed by a parent/carer or sibling. The workshop books are meant to ensure the children have the knowledge to make their first confessions, and if work is done on their behalf, they do not have this knowledge.

This is the final week for workshops and is a very good time for parents/carers to look through the workbooks to ensure every question and puzzle has been completed or answered. Books that are not satisfactorily completed will need to be returned for further work before the candidate can move to the next stage of the programme.

YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN GROUP ~ WEEKLY

The Lenten group for young adults continued last Thursday evening with Father Victor being the facilitator. The group is following the Diocese Lenten Programme "Compassio". It is not too late to join, if you are interested in coming along, please contact the Parish Office or just come to the Parish Meeting room Thursday evening at 7.00pm. The meeting should last for about one hour, and copies of "Compassio" are available.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP ~ WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

Next Wednesday evening 4 March our Parish Men's Group will be gathering for their March meeting. Father Victor will be the facilitator. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and follow the same format of prayer, scripture reading and discussion. The Parish will again be supplying Pizza and refreshments for attendees to continue the fraternity at the end of the discussions. All men of the Parish are warmly invited and encouraged to attend.

MORNING TEA AT THE OAKS

On Sunday morning after the 9.00am Mass, with it being the first Sunday of the month, the Parishioners of Saint Aloysius, The Oaks will be holding their monthly morning tea. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to enjoy fraternity with fellow parishioners. Please bring a plate to share.

VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER MASSES

A folder has been placed on the magazine table in the Chapel requesting volunteers to assist at Holy Week or the Easter Triduum Masses. If you are currently on our Church Rosters and will be available to assist at any of the requested times, please indicate your availability to allow the office to complete the Easter Roster. Emails to the Parish Office camden@dow.org.au can also indicate your availability.

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

We remember in our prayers the ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of John Mortimer (Albion Park), Stuart Lake (Varroville) and Ryan Soares (Rosemeadow) on Saturday 28 February.

SATURDAY 28TH FEB/SUNDAY 1ST MAR ~ 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 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	Jenny & Tasha

1 st Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Nada Simich					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Peter Grizelj	Arthur Samcam	Danielle Caruana	Barbara Spiteri, Heather Cox	Diane Kennaugh, Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Peter Vincent	Simon Huntly	Sandra Proietti	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Leonie Gray	Nada Simich	Lisa Alvaro, Mary Velardi	Peter Grizelj, Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Dianne Garland	Stephen Barrett	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene Kosiak

SATURDAY 7TH/SUNDAY 8TH MAR ~ 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

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Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father Victor

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Maria C
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
Eva & Youth Choir
Tony

For our Faithful Departed:

Kevin Daley, Jennifer Breen, Lee Casuscelli, Maureen Crosland, Anne Ciantar, Maria Muscat, Anthony Sammut, Maureen Callaghan, Kenneth Long, Patrick Larkin, Jennifer Camilleri, Domenico Gulli, Walter Clissold, *who died recently*. Tess Vinoya, John Spora, Irene Pretor, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. John Anthony Quinn, Zakar and Stopic families, Marie Dunn, Sylvia Sutton, Valtin Thurn, Jack Dunn, Tom Dunn, Lilian Grech, Cath Bourke, Sammy Fenech, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Barry Myles, Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Pat O'Flynn, Fr Allan Hartcher, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty, *Requiescat in Pace*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Ladislaus Parragi, Mason Bayliss, 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