



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A ~ 7/8 MARCH 2026

Monday 9 March ~ Saint Francis of Rome

Saint Francis of Rome was born in 1384, she was a noblewoman who was devoted to prayer, charity, and service to the poor. She founded the Oblates of Mary. Known for her humility and compassion, she became a symbol of holiness in family life. She is the Patron Saint of Widows.

WELCOME FATHER HUNG

Our new Assistant Priest, Father Hung Tran will be taking up his appointment to Saint Paul's Parish Camden from this weekend. Father Hung has been the Assistant Priest at All Saints Catholic Parish at Shellharbour City for the past 2 years, having come to Australia from the Archdiocese of Hue in Vietnam. Parishioners will remember Father Joe Nguyen from his time at Camden as Assistant Priest, Father Joe has been the Parish Priest at Shellharbour City while Father Hung was assistant there. We all welcome Father Hung and look forward to meeting him as he moves around the Parish carrying out the many duties that are required in a large Parish.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR 2025-2026

Completed workshop books need to be returned this weekend. Tubs will be placed on either side of the altar after every Mass and books can be placed into them. Every question and puzzle needs to be completed. Books that do not meet a satisfactory standard will need to be returned for further work. Parents/carers should take this opportunity to look through the books to make sure they are completely finished.

Our prayer assessment evenings will be held next Tuesday 10 March and Wednesday 11 March at Saint Paul's Church, Camden only. Children should know all three prayers, The Act of Contrition, The Hail Mary and The Lord's Prayer quite well by now and this should mean that the evenings will proceed in good time.

A short form with Prayer Assessment evening attendance directions will be distributed to families, **please read the directions** and if further information is required, please contact the Parish Office.

Families who are accompanying Penance candidates to the sessions are requested to observe the quietness of the church to allow each child the opportunity to recite their prayers to the assessors in peaceful and contemplative surroundings. Candidates who are unable to recite all three prayers will need to be reassessed before they can proceed to the next stage of the programme.

PARISH CENSUS

The Parish Census will continue this weekend. Registration cards will be on the magazine tables around the church; a basket will also be nearby for completed forms. Completed forms can also be placed into the collection bags, either first or second collection, or hand delivered to the Parish Office. Our Parish Census only happens every four to five years and it allows our data base to be kept up to date. Our thanks are extended to all those who completed and returned forms this past week.

YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN GROUP ~ WEEKLY

The Lenten group for young adults continued last Thursday evening with Father Michael being the facilitator. The group is following the Diocese Lenten Programme "Compassio". Next Thursday evening Father Hung will be in attendance, the evenings commence at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room and conclude at about 8.00pm all young adults of the Parish are invited and encouraged to come along to join the group.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP ~ WRAP UP

Last Wednesday evening 20 gentlemen of the Parish met for our March Men's Group meeting. Father Victor was the facilitator. The evening of prayer, scripture reading and discussion was once again the successful format. Pizza and refreshments supplied by the Parish were enjoyed at the conclusion of the meeting. The next meeting of the Men's Group is scheduled for Wednesday 1st April, all men of the Parish are encouraged to save the date.

ROSARY AT ST JOSEPH THE WORKER, OAKDALE

This Saturday evening being the first for the month of March, and as is the custom at Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale, the Rosary will be prayed after the 5.00pm Mass. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass and pray these beautiful prayers.

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.

CARRINGTON PASTORAL CARE

Wednesday 11 March is the next scheduled CarringtonCare Mass. Volunteers from Saint Paul's and one of our Priests attend Carrington monthly and celebrate Mass for those living at CarringtonCare who may not be able to attend normal weekly Mass. The venue for the March Mass is Grasmere Terrace.

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.

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.

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

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael & Father Hung
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 Hung
Father Michael & Father Hung
Father Victor

Nicole
Choir
Eva & Youth Choir
Tony

8 th Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Diane Kennaugh	Fabian Menolotto, Barbara Spiteri	Trish O'Flynn, Angelina Vecchio	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Rebecca Ward	Anthony McElhone	Maryann Ace	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Helen Layon	Oscar Marimbe	Meaghan Marchand, Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Lily Crnek, Michael Reardon	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Margaret Thornton	Annemarie Lauricella	Lo Cascio family

SATURDAY 14TH/SUNDAY 15TH MARCH ~ 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

TBA
TBA

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
Jo

Sunday

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

TBA
TBA
TBA
TBA

Nicole
Cheryl
Choir
Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

Helen Fletcher, Kevin Daley, Jennifer Breen, Lee Casuscelli, Maureen Crosland, Anne Ciantar, Maria Muscat, *who died recently*. Tess Vinoya, John Spora, Irene Pretor, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Msgr Pastor Bolivar Virgenia, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, John Anthony Quinn, Zakar and Stopic families, Marie Dunn, Sylvia Sutton, Valtin Thurn, Jack Dunn, Tom Dunn, Lilian Grech, Cath Bourke, Sammy Fenech, 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