



ST. PAUL'S
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A ~ 14/15 MARCH 2026

Tuesday 17 March ~ Saint Patrick, Bishop

Saint Patrick was a fifth-century Christian missionary and is the patron saint of Ireland, he is celebrated for spreading Christianity across Ireland. Saint Patrick was born in Britain while it was under the control of the Romans, he was taken into slavery by Irish raiders and spent six years enslaved as a shepherd until his escape about the year 432. After his escape he returned to Ireland as a Bishop.

Thursday 19 March ~ Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saint Joseph is honoured as a just and righteous man who protected Mary and Jesus with unwavering faith. Faced with Mary's unexpected pregnancy, he chose compassion and guided by an angel took her to be his wife. A descendant of David, he became Jesus' devoted earthly father, fulfilling the prophecy that the Messiah would come from David's lineage.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR 2025-2026

Families with children in the Sacrament of Penance programme need to choose the ceremony that your child/children will be attending for their first confession. Please collect the short form from the attendants, fill it in, and hand it back, please do not take home. All ceremonies will be in Saint Paul's church. Please pick the ceremony that you will be able to attend, ensuring that you can be there on time. Ceremonies will commence promptly at the designated time with prayers and a short homily; this is a very important part of the ceremony and late arrivals will not be admitted to the church but will need to wait to attend a different ceremony.

There are still a few workshop books not returned for marking. Children whose books are not returned cannot be allocated a ceremony. Books for marking can be handed to the attendants at Mass this weekend or returned to the Parish Office.

A small number of children did not attend either Prayer Assessment evening, these children also cannot be allocated to a ceremony until they have completed their prayer assessment. Please contact the Parish Office if your child did not attend either Tuesday or Wednesday evening and a special time will be allocated to hear your child's prayers.

VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED FOR EASTER MASSES AND CEREMONIES

We have had a very good response from volunteers for our Easter Ceremonies and Masses but still have a few roster positions to be filled. If you are currently on our rosters and can assist with reading or being a Special Minister for our Easter Sunday 9.00am, 10.30am and 5.00pm, Masses there is a clip board in the chapel to record your availability, or contact with the Parish Office by telephone or email would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH CENSUS

Over the past two weekends we have received a large number of Census forms from parishioners for which we express our thanks. Last weekend there were a few parishioners who were unable to find a form to complete so a further 100 forms will be available this weekend for those who may have missed out. The forms, a basket for return and pens will be in the Chapel only, on the magazine table within the chapel. They will not be distributed around the church.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

In just two weeks' time we will be celebrating Palm Sunday. Our Holy Week and Easter celebrations grow with every year and as a result we are in need of Palms so all those who attend the Passion are able to have a palm to be blessed. If you have a palm tree and could donate some of the fronds, please contact the Parish Office during normal hours so we know how many palms we will be getting. If you have a palm tree but are unable to cut the fronds, we do have volunteers who can assist. Our thanks are extended to all our parishioners who donate their palms every year and hope that we can secure some additional sources.

CATHOLIC CARE COUNSELLING

CatholicCare will be providing Family and Relationship counselling in the Camden area each fortnight on a Monday commencing the 20 April. They will be attending the Hub, our Saint Vincent de Paul Cottage in Elizabeth Street to assist with

- Grief and Loss
- Relationship Breakdown
- Parenting Challenges
- Conflict and difficulty with life challengers.

Appointments can be made by calling 1800 967 894 or book through the CatholicCare website at catholiccare.dow.org.au.

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.

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

What's on around the Diocese?

Check out upcoming Diocesan events and courses - too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected about what's happening around the Wollongong Diocese.



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

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Michael
Father Hung

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Tasha
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Michael
Father Victor
Father Hung
Father Hung

Cheryl
Nicole
Choir
Craig

15 th Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Peter Grizelj	Kerry Todd	Heather Cox	Arthur Samcam, Russell O'Brien	Ann & Richard Stomber	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Glenn Crawford	Deanna David	Lucy Aquilina	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Helen Lanyon	Meaghan Marchand	Joseph Hanson, Lily Crnek	Julie Puckrin, Kristen King	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Grace Quinnell	Margaret Thornton	Melissa Scavo	Dianne Garland	Craig

SATURDAY 21ST/SUNDAY 22ND MARCH ~ 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Hung
Father Victor

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Sarah
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Michael
Father Hung
Father Victor
Father Victor

Choir
Nicole
Trent & Damien
Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

Angela-Maria Arcuri, Helen Fletcher, Kevin Daley, Jennifer Breen, Lee Casuscelli, Maureen Crosland, Anne Ciantar, Maria Muscat, *who died recently*. Faye Humphries, 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