



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ YEAR A ~ 21/22 MARCH 2026

Wednesday 25 March ~ The Annunciation of the Lord

The Annunciation marks the moment the angel Gabriel proclaimed to Mary that she would conceive and bear a son, Jesus, this event is celebrated as the beginning of God's saving work. It highlights Mary's free and courageous answer of yes, showing her trust in God's plan despite uncertainty. The Annunciation emphasises grace, humility, and vocation, inviting believers to reflect on how they respond to God's call in their own lives.

Holy Week ~ Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday: Masses as usual at Oakdale, The Oaks and Camden

Please note, however, that at Camden at 10:00 AM, Mass begins outside the church with the Blessing of Palms

Ceremony	Church	Time	Celebrant	Music
Holy Thursday	Camden	7:00 PM	Fr Hung	Choir
Holy Thursday	The Oaks	7:00 PM	Fr Victor	Nicole
Good Friday Stations	Oakdale	9:00 AM	Fr Hung	
Good Friday Stations	Camden	10:00 AM	Fr Victor	Sarah & Ilona
Good Friday Passion	Camden	3:00 PM	Fr Michael Fr Victor Fr Hung	Craig
Easter Saturday Vigil	Camden	5:00 PM	Fr Michael Fr Victor Fr Hung	Choir
Easter Sunday Morning	Camden	7:30 AM	Fr Hung	Ilona and Bill
	Oakdale	8:00 AM	Fr Victor	Jo
	Camden	9:00 AM	Fr Hung	Craig, Brian, Colin
	The Oaks	9:30 AM	Fr Victor	Nicole
	Camden	10:30 AM	Fr Michael	Eva & Sarah
Easter Sunday Evening	Camden	5:00 PM	Fr Michael	Tony and family.

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE FOR 2025-2026

Marked Workshop books are available to be picked up from the tables in the Chapel. All books that have been completed to a satisfactory standard will have a Parish stamp within the front cover. Some books although stamped, will have pages marked with a paper tab with a request to either review or correct that particular page. Unless the Parish Office has contacted your family those books with tabs do not need to be returned a second time. Father Michael congratulates all candidates, the books have been completed to a high standard.

A leaflet will also be distributed with the allocated Confession times. All ceremonies will commence on time, with prayers and a short homily. *Late arrivals will not be admitted to the church once the ceremonies have commenced.* There are still a few children who need to be allocated to a ceremony. 5.00pm and 6.00pm Thursday 26 March are the only times that can still accommodate families. A form is available for those who need to request a time, please ask the attendants.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION ~ WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Reconciliation is a very important element of our Lenten preparation, to allow as many parishioners as possible who wish to attend Confession before Easter, there will be a Second Rite of Reconciliation available from 7.00pm on Wednesday evening 1 April. This is in addition to our normal Saturday morning Confessions. There will be four priests available to enable everyone who wishes to attend to have the opportunity of Confessing.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our Parish Men's Group was scheduled for Wednesday 1 April, with this date falling so close to our Easter celebrations the meeting has been moved for one week until Wednesday evening 8 April at the usual time in the Parish meeting room. Early notice is given so all Men of the Parish wishing to attend will be able to keep the date free.

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF A CHANGE TO THE APRIL HEALING MASS

Our monthly Healing Mass is normally held on the first Tuesday of every month. Due to April's date falling immediately after Easter Father Michael has decided to move the Mass to Tuesday 14 April. If you, your family or friends regularly attend our Healing Mass please save the new date for April.

REMINDER OF OUR PENTECOST EVENT

A reminder is offered to all our Parishioners who enjoy our Parish events, that after Easter the Parish Office will commence preparation for the next event to be held on Pentecost which will be on Saturday evening 23 May following the 5.00pm Vigil Mass. So save the date and avoid disappointment.

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. With Holy week upon us Stations will be celebrated next Friday with Father Hung. If you are planning to attend this special part of our Lenten preparation after Friday 27 March, Good Friday will be the last opportunity in 2026, our Friday celebrations after the 9.00am Mass are a simpler way to follow our Saviour's journey. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

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 you will be kept in the loop: dow.sh/stayingconnected about what's happening around the Wollongong Diocese.

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

Saturday		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo
Sunday			
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Hung	Nicole
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Trent & Damien
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

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Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Olivia Kosiak	Maria Kosiak	John Roberts	Mary Bartolo, Heather Cox	Trish O'Flynn, Angelina Vecchio	Eugene Kosiak
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Traci				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kathryn Hampton	Peter Vincent	Cheryl Carroll	Lily Crnek	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Nicole Comerford				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Joseph Hanson	Michael Toweel	Meaghan Marchand, Mary Velardi	Lisa Alvaro, Maria Debrincat	Cheryl
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Ann Madsen	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Grace Quinnell	Craig

SATURDAY 28TH/SUNDAY 29TH MARCH ~ PALM SUNDAY

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 Victor
Father Hung
Father Michael
Father Michael

Cheryl
Nicole
Choir
Tony

For our Faithful Departed:

Alice Thew, Jennifer Johnson, Angela-Maria Arcuri, Mauricio Garcia, Helen Fletcher, Kevin Daley, *who died recently*. Lilian Grech, Raymond Noel King, Jessica King, Matthew Dunn, Elizabeth Thurn, Faye Humphries, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Thurn family, Dunn family, Sutton family Msgr Pastor Bolivar Virgenia, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, 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, 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