



ST. PAUL'S
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

Easter is our greatest feast, celebrating Jesus' Resurrection and the triumph of life over death. Holy Week begins the Easter season, inviting the faithful to embrace reconciliation and to rejoice in God's promise, through Christ's victory, of our own resurrection and the culmination of God's redemptive plan.



EASTER TRIDUUM

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.

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES ~ VARIOUS ONE-OFF CHANGES

Oakdale:	Sunday at 8:00 AM (no Mass on Saturday evening)
The Oaks	Sunday at 9:30 AM (instead of the normal 9:00 AM)
Camden	Easter Vigil at 5:00 PM on Saturday Evening (at least 2 hours)
Camden	Easter Morning 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM
Camden	Easter Afternoon 5:00 PM (more spacious seating available)

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Set the clocks back an hour. Extra time of being horizontal.

GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Throughout the universal church on Good Friday, an appeal will be conducted to support the work of the church in the Holy Land.

Since the time of Saint Paul, who urged his newly established missionary communities not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility of supporting the land where Jesus lived his earthly life. It has never been easy to be a Christian in the Holy Land.

We have an opportunity to help them through the Good Friday Holy Land Collection. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges, many of which we hear about in the daily news.

The political, religious, and military challenges are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. Supporting the Holy Land Collection offers hope to Holy Land Christians.

So during the Passion at 3:00 PM on Good Friday, the Holy Land Appeal will be conducted. Our customary generosity will be greatly appreciated and valued. Thanks

And BTW, we offer our acknowledgement to the Franciscan Friars who have served the Catholic Church in the Holy Land for 800 years.

EASTER VIGIL

Our Easter Vigil begins outside the church with the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire. Light is a major part of the Easter Vigil with the new Easter Candle being lit from the Easter fire. It is a symbol of how the Light of Christ came into the world to eliminate evil and sin.

Small candles will again be available for our parishioners to purchase for a cost of \$2.00. This money will be added to the Good Friday Appeal for the Holy Land. Our volunteers have prepared the candles with the theme of “the light of Christ fills us with love and peace”.

All three priests will be concelebrating the Easter Vigil, but the length of the Mass will still be over two hours.

EASTER MESSAGE ~ BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

Copies of the 2026 Easter message from Bishop Brian “The light still shines” are available from around the churches. During this very special time of the year and with our world seemingly needing all our prayers, the Bishop’s words of encouragement, hope and Easter blessings are a very timely and directed to us all.

EASTER HOLY WATER

Small vials of Easter Holy Water have been prepared by our volunteers and will again be available at each of our churches from the Easter Vigil onwards. The Holy water will be placed near the Baptismal font at Camden and centrally at Saint Joseph the Worker and Saint Aloysius. Parishioners are asked to be mindful that the vials are limited in number and consideration should be given to parishioners who attend later Masses.

RIP MRS VIOLA THACKUK ~ TASHA

Offering prayers for the faithful departed is a huge part of Catholic tradition. The practice is supported in the Old and New Testaments. In the first instance, prayer is offered so that those who have passed from this world will be purified and enlightened and, therefore, be found worthy to enter the heavenly city.

And prayer is also offered so that those who continue their pilgrimage in this world will be comforted and find consolation. The great prayerful hope is that, in the fullness of time, sorrow and separation will be cast aside forever. And in the company of Our Lord, the angels and the saints, we will be reunited with our loved ones in a perpetual blessedness.

So who is Viola Thachuk?

Viola is Tasha’s mother who passed away a little over a month ago in Canada. And Tasha is one of our outstanding parish vocalists who sings at Sunday Masses, weddings and funerals.

Tasha has been singing most regularly here at Camden for almost 24 years, as well as at Bowral for the same length of time. The quality of her singing has brought the mercy of God and the compassion of the Church to many, many thousands of people.

So because of her great contribution to many parishes, a Memorial Mass is being offered on Saturday 11th April at 11:00 AM at St Thomas Aquinas Church Bowral. Both Fr Sean and Fr Michael will be officiating.

All are invited. And please extend an invitation to other family members and friends who have been comforted by Tasha’s singing during your own family funerals or even simply at Sunday Mass. This Memorial Mass will be a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude, support and solidarity to a truly treasured parishioner.

Beautiful sacred music absolutely 100% assured.

Afterwards, the parishioners at Bowral will be offering a little Southern Highlands hospitality with light refreshments in the parish hall.

If simply attending Mass, there’s no need to advise in advance. But if walking to the hall after Mass, it would be helpful to notify our parish office on 4655 8797 so that suitable arrangements can be made for catering. Thanks.

SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

As a matter of interest, the Second Rite was available in our parish church on Wednesday 1 April. There was a very large number of parishioners who had gathered, estimated at well over 100.

The four priests were kept busy for 90 minutes. And may our many parishioners – very much with contrite and humility of heart – who had made a deeply meaningful confession, be blessed and comforted during these Holy Week ceremonies.

MONTHLY MORNING TEA AT THE OAKS

Because this Sunday is Easter Sunday the monthly morning tea will postponed until next Sunday 12 April. Further information in next week's message.

APRIL PARISH MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Next Wednesday evening 8 April we will be holding the April meeting of the Parish Men's group in the Parish meeting room. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and will follow the very successful format of prayer, scripture reading and discussion. At the conclusion of the meeting the parish will again be supplying delicious pizzas and refreshments. All attendees are invited to stay and enjoy further discussion and fraternity. Father Michael and Father Hung will be the facilitators for April.

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Saint Paul's Confirmation programme for 2026 will commence with enrolment offered to children who have made their Sacrament of Penance and who are currently in year six or higher over all the Masses of the weekend of 18 and 19 April. Further information will be available after Easter and included in the Weekly Messages, as with all Saint Paul's Sacramental programmes an integral part of our programmes is attendance at Mass and all requirements for the programme are offered after Mass within the church.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 10TH/11TH APRIL~ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Maria B & Maria C
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Hung	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva & Youth Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tony

5 th Apr	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Michael Toweel	R1. Sandra Skarsky	R2. William Degeling	Ann Stomber	Richard Stomber	Elizabeth
	Enzeigh Thomas (Fire)	R3. Maureen Grisdale	R4. Dianne Garland	Fabian Menolotto	EM to Chapel if needed	
		Epistle of St Paul. Kerry Todd				
Sun 7.30am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Lucy Aquilina	Russell O'Brien	Cheryl
Oakdale 8.00am	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 9.00am	John Roberts	Nada Simich	Grace Quinnell	Maryann Ace, Damien Quinnell	Sandra Proietti, Annemarie Lauricella	Craig
The Oaks 9.30am		TBA				
Sun 10.30am	John Marchand	Kayla Ryan	Helen Lanyon	Lily Crnek, Meaghan Marchand	Simon Huntly, Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Peter Grizelj	Judith Madsen	Judith Madsen	Annemarie Lauricella		Lo Cascio family

For our Faithful Departed:

Joyce Lawler, Elaine Belleville, 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 Virginia, 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:

Ladislav 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.

On behalf of myself, Father Victor and Father Hung, I wish all our Parishioners at Camden, Oakdale and The Oaks a very happy and Holy Easter.

Our thanks are extended to all those who have assisted in the preparation for our ceremonies as well as all those who have been an integral part of the ceremonies, we are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and heart you invest in supporting us and your fellow parishioners.

Kind Regards

Father Michael Williams PP