



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

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

Monday 13 April Saint Martin ~ Pope, martyr

Saint Martin was also known as Martin the Confessor. He was the Bishop of Rome from 21 July 649 until his death 16 September 655. Saint Martin was known for his steadfast defence of doctrine, attempts by the Byzantine Emperor Constans II and his agents to silence theological debate led to his arrest, exile, and eventual death as a martyr. Saint Martin was the last Pope to be recognised as a martyr.

EASTER WRAP-UP

For various reasons, the Easter ceremonies were outstanding.

Preparation was undertaken with the process of a Swiss Watch, or might it be said these days 'with the precision of an Apply I-Phone'.

And those with sacristy and liturgical responsibilities also served with a noticeable devotion and competence.

But the biggest reason for the very positive assessment of all our ceremonies during Holy Week was the huge number of people who participated. On Easter Sunday morning, especially, the church was overflowing, the chapel was overflowing and numerous people were standing outside.

So maybe there is a case to have an extra Easter Sunday morning Mass next year.

And you might ask: "When?". Well, that's a very good question.

Maybe some parishioners may enjoy a 'Dawn Mass' at 6:00 AM.

At an Easter Dawn Mass, usually in April, the church would still be in darkness and there'd be no sacred music. Everything would be hush-hush. Very sure the previous PP of Camden would have loved this Mass. So that possibility will be under consideration over the next 10 months. Feel free to express your views with an email to the parish office. Thanks.

EASTER THANKS

Father Michael, on behalf of the Parish, would like to express his thanks to Michelle Roffe and Family of Michelle Roffe Funerals who has again donated the Easter Candles for Saint Paul's Camden, Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale and Saint Aloysius The Oaks. The very beautiful candles will be lit for the Easter season and then for every funeral and baptism from now until next Easter. Our thanks are also extended to Mario Cocco of Pharmacy Focus Camden who donated the vials that were filled with water, blessed and made available so families could take home some of the very special Easter Holy water.

We are very lucky to have local businesses in our area so generous and willing to assist.

PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL PROGRAMME

About every 4-5 years, parishes require some form of renewal that usually encompasses its spiritual, pastoral and financial needs.

1. Spiritual renewal is often liturgical and ceremonial, though not exclusively. Over the past few decades, special attention has always been devoted to our holy ceremonies, especially with the sacred music. Our choristers, vocalists and musicians have been – and continue to be – a parish treasure.

But there have also been other opportunities especially in attending Adoration and Holy Mass midweek and, seasonally, to be part of Lenten Groups and the Stations. Throughout the whole year, other parishioners like to pray the rosary together.

2. Pastoral renewal often evolves according to extra requirements. And over the past two years, there has been the emergence of a Men's Group that meets monthly, as well as the formation of a new seriously committed team of Special Ministers who attend to the sacramental needs of the older folk at Carrington. Great Apostolate.
3. Financial renewal is required to support the multitude of costs associated with the operating of parishes. In recent times there has also been a strong commitment to the accumulation funds for the church at St Clare's. The good news is that construction is finally expected to begin mid-year. The complication is that a large loan is required.

So that's why a renewal programme has been scheduled. The theme is simply:








“Keeping Pace with Rising Costs”.

Essentially, the appeal is to (i) ask existing contributors to index their contributions according to inflation from the previous renewal programme four years ago, and (ii) appeal to all our parishioners to be involved as co-contributors.

More updates in coming weeks. Thanks

PARISH MEN'S GROUP ~ WRAP-UP

Really enjoyable evening a few nights ago. Father Michael shared a reflection about how people have been able to feel the presence of God in their lives. And rather than being overly abstract, the following ways were identified:

1. Through the natural world Creation 
2. Through sacred texts and teachings 
3. Through personal experience 
4. Through moral conscience Natural Law 
5. Through other people 
6. Through historical events or interventions 
7. Through ritual, worship, and community 

The question for discussion among the fellas was:

How, and in what ways, have you experienced the presence of God in your life?

The question certainly stimulated lots of discussion. Very good night with complimentary gourmet pizza afterwards.

MONTHLY HEALING MASS ~ TUESDAY 14 APRIL

This Tuesday morning 14 April the 9.00am Mass will be our monthly Healing Mass. If you are unwell, waiting for a diagnosis or surgery please come along to receive the extra prayers and anointing that is available to our friends, our family and all our parishioners. A cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit are offered in the Parish Meeting room after Mass.

ROSARY AT SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER ~ OAKDALE.

This Saturday evening following the 5.00pm Mass the monthly praying of the Rosary will be held at Saint Joseph the Worker, Oakdale. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to stay and pray these most beautiful prayers.

MORNING TEA AT SAINT ALOYSIUS ~ THE OAKS

This Sunday morning following the 9.00am Mass the monthly morning tea at Saint Aloysius The Oaks which was delayed due to Easter will be held. Father Victor will be in attendance; he is the celebrant for the 9.00am Mass. Please come along and join with fellow parishioners to enjoy the wonderful Autumnal weather and the fraternity that the morning teas bring.

Please bring a plate to share.

ENROLMENT FOR CONFIRMATION 2026

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 Masses of the weekend of 18 and 19 April. Names will be taken and timelines distributed. No enrolments can be accepted at the Parish Office. An integral part of all Sacramental programmes of Saint Paul's Parish is an attendance at Mass and all requirements for the programme are offered after Mass within the church.

PENTECOST EVENT ~ 23 MAY

Our next Parish Event is scheduled for the weekend of Pentecost. The event will again be within our beautiful Heritage Hall and will commence at the conclusion of the Vigil Mass, Saturday 23 May. Tickets will be limited to 90 as this is the number that can comfortably be seated for our meal. Our caterer has been booked and over the next few weeks our menu will be picked. The cost will again be a most reasonable \$20.00 per head and this includes the two-course meal and beverages. Names and numbers can now be taken at the Parish Office during normal hours, so to avoid disappointment parishioners should join with like-minded others to secure a table. Singles and couples can be paired by the office staff, no one is left out and Father Michale's topics for discussion are always lively and interesting.

FUND RAISER FOR THE ABBEY.

Spend a lovely afternoon listening to magnificent music brought to us by the voices of St Jude's Chamber Choir resounding in the acoustics of the Abbey church. After the concert, we invite you to have an afternoon tea with us at the Abbey Guestry.

Sunday, 19 April 2026, 2.00 pm

The concert will be followed by an afternoon tea at the Abbey's Guestry

Ticket price: \$45

Location: Abbey Church, 695 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo NSW 2533

Register by going to this link

<https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/events/stjudes-chamber-choir-concert>

DIOCESAN NEWS

CatholicCare

Cross+Gen is a free technology programme for older parishioners where students support seniors with everyday technology in a friendly relaxed setting held at St Benedict's College Oran Park.

Bring along your mobile phone, tablet or laptop and join other people who also struggle with technology.

The dates and times are:

Tuesday 28 April	12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 12 May	12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 16 May	12.45-2.30pm
Tuesday 9 June	12.45-2.30pm

Please contact Jane Hollier from CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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

12 th Apr	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Heather Cox	Fabian Menolotto, Barbara Spiteri	Russell O'Brien, Angelina Vecchio	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Peter Vincent	Rebecca Ward	Cheryl Carroll	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Melissa Duck				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Maria Caridi	Oscar Marimbe	Kristen King, Meaghan Marchand	Michael Reardon, Julie Puckrin	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Annemarie Lauricella	Melissa Scavo	Lo Cascio family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 18TH/19TH APRIL~ THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Jo

Sunday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Hung	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Craig

For our Faithful Departed:

Margaret Britton, 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:

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