



**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 The Oaks and Camden

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 27/28 JUNE 2026

Monday 29 June ~ Saints Peter and Paul, apostles

Saint Peter and Saint Paul stand as foundational apostles of the early Church. Saint Peter was a fisherman, he became a dominant voice among Jesus' followers, symbolising faith and leadership. Saint Paul, a former persecutor of the early Christians became a missionary after his conversion and carried the message of Jesus across the Roman world. Together, they shaped Christian doctrine, community, and global growth of the early church.

Friday 3 July ~ Saint Thomas, apostle

Saint Thomas, known as "Doubting Thomas," is remembered for questioning Jesus' resurrection until he saw the wounds for himself. His scepticism led to a profound declaration of faith. Tradition holds that he travelled to India, establishing early Christian communities and becoming a symbol of courage, inquiry, and missionary devotion.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ 2026

This weekend after approximately three months of Mass attendance, preparation and completing all the requirements of our 2026 Confirmation programme 183 children will be making their Confirmations at two ceremonies and two Masses celebrated by Bishop Brian, Father Michael and Father Victor on Saturday and Sunday.

The Parish congratulates all those candidates, who will be Confirmed, as they take the next meaningful step in their faith journey. Confirmation recognises their growing commitment to Christian life and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We encourage them all as they take this step and hope they will continue to be a part of the Parish family.



RCIA ~ ADULTS INTO THE CHURCH 2026

Last Wednesday evening Father Michael was the facilitator of the second session of our 2026 RCIA programme, there were 25 attendees and the topics were well covered and received. If you are still considering joining this year's programme it is not too late, please contact the Parish office to register your interest. The next scheduled date for the RCIA is Wednesday evening 8 July at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room, Father Victor and Father Hung will be the facilitators.

BACK-UP PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ CAMDEN ONLY

At all Masses over the weekend of July 4th and 5th at Camden only, names can be submitted of children who are baptised and currently in year 3 or higher and who would like to be a part of our 2026 Back-Up Penance programme. As with all our programmes all notices and distribution happen within the church only, at the conclusion of Mass. Names and enrolments cannot be taken through the Parish Office.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP ~ WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

The next meeting of our Parish Men's group will be held in the Parish meeting room next Wednesday evening 1 July from 6.30pm until 7.30pm Father Michael will be the facilitator and the topic will be decided in the coming days. The Parish will again be supplying Pizza and refreshments to be enjoyed after the meeting, the format will be the same as has proved to be so popular, of Prayer, Scripture reading and discussion. All men of the Parish are invited and encouraged to come along and join this very vibrant group.

SAINT GREGORY'S COLLEGE ~ CENTENARY MASS

Saint Gregory's college is celebrating 100 years of faith learning and is holding a Mass to give thanks for this wonderful milestone event. The Mass will be 10.00am Friday 4 September at Campbelltown Stadium 120 Old Leumeah Road, Leumeah. There will be limited parking available, and the college is recommending that if you would like to attend you should travel by public transport. Further information can be accessed by scanning the QR code.



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.

This weekend will be of high importance for this request.

Each family of a Confirmation candidate will, in all likelihood, include guests who will be visitors to our Parish and the church. Some guests may not be familiar with Church etiquette and families are asked to leave their area as they find it so that later ceremonies and Masses will have the same cleanliness they have had to opportunity to enjoy.

The consuming of drinks and sweets shows disregard for the reverence of the church, fellow parishioners and our clergy. Our electronic sign has this request on it at all times.

ACCESS TO 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.

Ageing with Confidence – What's age got to do with it? Wednesday 22 July 2026 – Campbelltown Catholic Club

Join CatholicCare for a free community event with Dr Emily Steel from the Australian Human Rights Commission, sharing practical approaches to ageing well. Morning tea and info stalls included. Register via the QR code, call 1800 967 894 or www.catholiccare.dow.org.au. Enquiries to Jane Hollier 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.



60th Annual Mass & Communion Luncheon ~ Sunday 26 July

Each year at this time a Mass and Luncheon are held for the faithful of the Diocese. This year the Mass will be held at Saint Thomas More Church, 43 Acacia Avenue Ruse at 10.30am. Bishop Brian and Father Michael Healy will be the concelebrants. At the conclusion of Mass a luncheon is served at The Cube within the Campbelltown Catholic Club. There will be a guest speaker, Bridget Sakr who is the founder of Heartfelt, a community which assists Catholic families going through grief and bereavement. Tickets are \$30.00 which includes the 2-course lunch. Bookings close Friday July 17 and can be made by phoning 4629 7208, or emailing to jcarlia@cathclub.com.au.

2026 Significant Marriage Anniversaries Mass

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, you are warmly invited to the Significant Marriage Anniversaries, celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on Sunday 6 September 2026 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room.

Registration is essential and must be completed online at dow.sh/ma26 by no later than Monday, 17 August 2026. Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 27TH/28TH ~ 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria B & St Paul's School Choir
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Cheryl
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Sarah
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

28 th Jun	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	Olivia Kosiak	Confirmation families	Confirmation families	Mary Bartolo, Russell O'Brien	2 x EMs from school staff	Eugene Kosiak
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Warren Johnson	Glenn Crawford	Lorraine Phillips	Simon Huntly	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Joseph Hanson	Meaghan Marchand	Julie Puckrin	Mary Velardi	Che
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Ann Madsen	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Craig

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 4TH/5TH JULY ~ 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve & Damian
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Hung	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Jenny & Tasha

For our Faithful Departed:

Lynda Rankin, Rosalia Caccamo, Benito Cavallaro, John Hickey, Bettie Small, *who died recently*. David Lewis, Daniel Perinich, Michael Thornton, Veronica Sargeant, Jerry Leonardi, Ronald Valentine, Zoe Valentine, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. deceased members of the Lewis & Ryan families, Diane Thoms, Lilian Grech, Theresa Borg, Bersa Grech, Carmen Teuma, Carmela Teuma, Delores Spiteri, Cath Bourke, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, 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:

Amelia Breaden, Evelyn Duck, 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