



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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 4/5 JULY 2026

Saturday July 11 ~ Saints Benedict, abbot

Saint Benedict is also known as Benedict of Nursia, he was an Italian monk, the founder of the Order of Saint Benedict who lived from 480 to 547. The son of a Roman nobleman, he was the founder of the monastery at Monte Cassino and is considered to be the father of Western Monasticism. Saint Benedict wrote the Rules for monks living communally under the authority of an abbot, he founded 12 communities for monks in Subiaco Italy about 40 miles from Rome. Pope Paul VI declared him the Patron Saint of all of Europe in 1964.

BACK-UP PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ CAMDEN ONLY

At all Masses over this 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.

At the conclusion of each Mass at Camden this weekend a short form will be distributed to those families wanting to enrol in the programme. Please complete the form, pens will be available, then exchange it for a timeline and enrolment form as well as a pack of Holy cards. The enrolment form should be taken home to be completed and returned next weekend, again at any Camden Mass, along with the \$25.00 fee.

The timeline will show that the children will be tested on their knowledge of the three prayers that are on the Holy cards, so families are advised to start teaching the children as soon as possible, a firm knowledge of the prayers is expected of each candidate. On the reverse of both the timeline and the enrolment form are the Mutual Obligations, set out by Father Michael, showing what families can expect of the church and what the church expects of families.

All distribution of forms takes place within the church at the conclusion of Mass only, contact with the Parish office during normal hours can assist with any enquiry but attendance at Mass is part of the programme.

JULY HEALING MASS ~ TUESDAY 7 JULY

On Tuesday, being the first Tuesday of the month, our morning Mass will be our monthly healing Mass. If you, a friend or family member are unwell, facing surgery or waiting for a diagnosis please come along at 9.00am on Tuesday morning to receive the anointing and extra blessings that are available at this Mass. Father Victor and Father Hung will be the celebrants.

ROSARY AT SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER OAKDALE

After Mass this Saturday evening, being the first of the month, the parishioners of Saint Joseph the Worker will pray the Rosary. Everyone is invited and encouraged to join in the praying of these beautiful prayers.

MORNING TEA AT SAINT ALOYSIUS THE OAKS

After the 9.00am Mass this Sunday morning the parishioners of Saint Aloysius, The Oaks will be holding their monthly morning tea. All parishioners are encouraged to stay and join in the fraternity with their neighbours it is promising to be a fine winter's morning, and the morning teas are always a wonderful part of parish fellowship.

Please bring a plate to share.

RCIA ~ ADULTS INTO THE CHURCH 2026

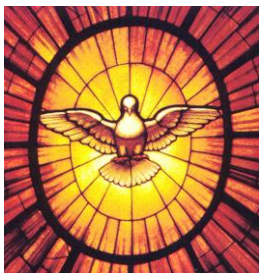
We offer a reminder to our 2026 RCIA candidates that the next scheduled meeting for the programme is Wednesday evening 8 July at 7.00pm in the Parish meeting room. The topics for this session will be The Incarnation, The Life of Christ and the Pascal Mystery, Father Victor and Father Hung will be the facilitators.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH AND MISSION

Journeying Together the news and events magazine from the Diocese, Volume 1 Issue 2 for July, is now available from the magazine tables around the church. There is a letter to us all from Bishop Brian, details of what is on around the Diocese as well as interesting articles. Please take one home to read.

WRAP-UP OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ~ 2026

Our congratulations are extended to all the children and teenagers who celebrated their Confirmation last weekend. This most sacred experience is another pivotal moment in the further and very significant development of their spiritual formation. With the reception of the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, the Sacrament of Confirmation commissions the newly confirmed to bear witness to God with lives of genuine discipleship. All those in attendance were encouraged by Bishop Brian to a deeper, enduring discipleship. Sunday Mass each week will always be a pivotal way of growing in the ways of our faith and families should consider their continued attendance as a worshipping family even though the programme has come to its end.



Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Trustfulness, Gentleness, Self-control.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP ~ WEDNESDAY 1 JULY

Though numbers have been slipping on recent occasions, an excellent evening was enjoyed last Wednesday by those who had gathered. The topic was the first encyclical from Pope Leo's XIV entitled 'Magnificus Humanitas' which is about the revolution of AI

Interestingly, in the church's history, one of the great contributors to the Church's teaching on social justice was the previous Leo XIII who authored Rerum Novarum (all things new). This encyclical was concerned about labour and capital at the time of the industrial revolution especially in Europe in the 1890s. It was concerned about the exploitation of workers and the uneven distribution of wealth. So, the two Leo's have encyclicals about two revolutions. They're about 135 years apart but both extremely important.

So, back to the Men's Night. After a few prayers and a little input from Father Michael, the discussion among the men was truly interesting with contributions about personal experiences of AI. Time was in short supply so discussion continued as pizzas were consumed. Talking about AI sure results in an appetite. Wonderful evening for all who attended.

The next Men's Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 5th August, so please reserve the date to come along and join in this very interesting 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 from bringing in fizzy drinks, coffee, lollies and treats, especially chewing gum. 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
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	Tasha

5 th Jul	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Mary Bartolo, Angelina Vecchio	Heather Cox, Trish O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Clare				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Kimberley Logue	Sandra Proietti	Clare Power	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Maria Caridi	Helen Lanyon	Mary Velardi, Gemma Sremchevich	Michael Reardon, Nada Simich	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Maria Kosiak	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene Kosiak

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 11TH/12TH JULY ~ 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Hung
Father Victor

Musician/Vocalists

Maria B & Maria C
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Hung
Father Victor
Father Michael
Father Michael

Choir
Nicole
Eva & Youth Choir
Tony

For our Faithful Departed:

Amelia Breaden, Maria Kelemenic, Kenneth Barrett, Shamie Glavey (Ireland), Rico Aquilina, Nino Grizelj, Lynda Rankin, Suzanne Walter, Rosalia Caccamo, Benito Cavallaro *who died recently*. Joe Scholte, Peter Scholte, 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:

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