



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

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A ~ 29/30 AUGUST 2026

Thursday 3 September

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Saint Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

Saint Gregory was a Roman senator's son, who was born in 540AD and died in 604AD he was the prefect of Rome at 30 years of age. Gregory lived in a monastery that he established on his family's estate before becoming a papal ambassador and then pope. During his papacy, his administration greatly improved the welfare of the people of Rome. Saint Gregory is known for his writings.

Saint Gregory is honoured, along with Saint Augustine, Saint Jerome and Saint Ambrose as one of the four Great Church fathers. He is the second of three popes along with Pope Leo I and Nicholas I with the title "the Great".

BACK-UP PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ CAMDEN ONLY

Congratulations are offered to all the candidates who were in our Penance Back-up programme and who celebrated their first Reconciliation on Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Both evenings were very reverent with the children making their confessions and penance after reviewing their conscience and confessing to Father Victor or Father Hung.

Mementos will be blessed and distributed at all Camden Masses this weekend.

2026 SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Names of children who are in Year three or higher, have been baptised and have made their Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) can be submitted at all Masses this weekend, 29 and 30 August, at each of our churches, Saint Paul's Camden, Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale and Saint Aloysius The Oaks.

A small form can be collected from the attendants, please clearly fill in with your child's full correct name and the name of the church your family will be attending for most of the programme, pens will be available. The church you will be attending on a weekend can be changed from week to week by notification to the Parish Office by Thursday of the preceding week.

Please do not take this form home but exchange it for a timeline of the programme. Please carefully read the mutual obligations that are listed on the reverse of the timeline and if you feel your family cannot commit to the programme's requirements at this time it would be better to wait until next year.

As with all Saint Paul's Sacramental programmes Mass attendance is an integral part of each programme and all requirements are carried out within the churches at the conclusion of Mass. Assistance can be requested from the Parish Office but no enrolment or other requirements of the programme can be offered anywhere other than within the churches.

TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER ~ MONTHLY HEALING MASS

The 9.00am morning Mass this coming Tuesday will be our monthly Healing Mass. Father Victor and Father Hung will be the concelebrants. If you are unwell, waiting for a diagnosis or having surgery please come along to receive the additional prayers and anointing this Mass offers.

A cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit are available in the meeting room after Mass, please be encouraged to stay and join in the fraternity that is shared after the Mass.

WEDNESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER ~ MEN'S GROUP

Our Parish Men's Group will be meeting next Wednesday evening 2 September from 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All men of the Parish are welcome and encouraged to come along and join with fellow parishioners for this lively group meeting. The format is Prayer, Scripture and discussion, the Parish will supply Pizza and refreshments for all attendees at the conclusion of the meeting.

OCIA PROGRAMME ~ WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST

Our 2026 Adults into the Church programme, OCIA had its scheduled session last Wednesday evening in the Meeting room, Father Hung and Father Victor were the facilitators. 20 of our registered parishioners were in attendance along with a number of their supporters. The next scheduled session is Wednesday 9 September and the topics will be "The Eucharist" and "Praying the Mass".

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.

Foster Carers Urgently Needed

In 2024 Bishop Brian made an appeal to parishioners in all Parishes of the Diocese to consider becoming Foster Carers. The Bishop wanted to bring into light the desperate situation that children are finding themselves in, when they can no longer live with their birth family. The response to the appeal was very encouraging and foster carer numbers were increased, but sadly now in 2026 the situation is deteriorating with more and more children needing our assistance.

Commencing on Saturday 5 September CatholicCare Wollongong will be a part of the *NSW Foster and Kinship Carer Week*, the diocese has supplied the Parish with Prayer Cards which have been placed around the church and the Bishop requests that we all consider if we are in a position to help or even to have a conversation about the requirements of being a Foster Carer. Enquires should be directed to CatholicCare on 1800 967894 or catholicare.dow.au/services/foster-care. The information is also available on the prayer cards.

Cursillo ~ Diocesan Women's Encounter

Cursillo is a movement within our Church that focuses on helping each person to discover themselves, their relationship with Christ and with others. The 2026 gathering of the Cursillo Movement will be held from 10th to 13th September at Carmel House at 345 St Andrews Road Varroville. Enquires should be made to Shirley Parker 0431 513109. dow.sh/cursillo will have further information.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 29TH/30TH AUGUST ~ 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

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

Sunday

Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Cheryl
The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Hung	Nicole
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Hung	Tony

30 th Aug	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00 pm	John Roberts	Diane Kennaugh	Jim Gallagher	Fabian Menolotto, Barbara Spiteri	Ray Cusack, Arthur Samcam	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billet	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Toni Sillis	Glenn Crawford	Clare Power	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	Peter Grizelj	Helen Lanyon	Kayla Ryan	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson, Lily Crnek	Meaghan Marchand, Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Olivia Kosiak	Joseph Hanson	Maria Kosiak	Annemarie Lauricella	Samantha Vergara	Lo Cascio family

SATURDAY/SUNDAY 5TH/6TH SEPTEMBER ~ 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father Victor
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda & Sarah
Jo

Sunday

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

Father Victor
Father Michael
Father Hung
Father Hung

Steve & Damian
Nicole
Choir
Jenny & Tasha

For our Faithful Departed:

Mary Dardis, Aida Goertz, John Norris, John Borg, Annette Claypole, Bob Roach, Gerard Gooden, Rosa Zappavigna, Fr Rick McCann, Dushy David, Mark Summers, Tibor Zurmuhl, *who died recently*. Concetta Bartolo, Rosemary Lauricella, Luigi Zanatta, Feletio Bacalso, Paulina Bacalso, Pat O'Flynn, Vincent Grech, Angelo Grech, John Azzopardi, Pauline Attard, Elaine Williams, John Lock, John Azzopardi, Marika Zakar, Vincent Dwyer, Patrick O'Reilly, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Thurn, Dunn and Sutton families, Burns and Vaughan families, Patricia Treacey, Brian Treacey Snr, Amelia Breaden, Lillian Grech, Tony Barr, deceased members of the Lewis & Ryan families, Therese Carroll, Nathan Giles, Cath Bourke, Barry Myles, Fr Allan Hartcher, Fr David Catterall, Fr John Whitty. *Requiescat in Pace.*

We Pray for those who are unwell:

Kevin Pulham, Stana Simich, Sarah Oaten, Evelyn Duck, Ladislaus Parragi, Patricia Stubbs, Jan & Terry Chanter, Helen Parragi, Oliver Franklin, June McCullough, Dean Masciocchi, Abigail Chan, Kylieann Back, Kerri Haughton, Diana Lee, Betty Aquilina, Stephen Goonan, Ralph Sawyer, Tarnia Pisano, Michael O'Sullivan, Nell Glynn, Abbey Kohler, Brian Ovington, Bernardine Hagan, Les Lugowski, Alexia Nawaling, Margaret Roach, Dianne Koens, Myra Dozzi, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards, Saint Paul's Parish Office