



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

FIFTH SUNDAY EASTER - 14TH/15TH MAY 2022

From Pope Francis

I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life. Even if the life of a person has been a disaster, even if it is destroyed by vices, drugs, or anything else - God is in this person's life. You can - you must - try to seek God in every human life.

Confirmation Programme

The first chapter should be completed. Parents and carers are asked to commit an hour a week to the children in assisting with the activity pages. And kindly follow-up on the reading for the adults. This kind of dedication is a beautiful expression of love. Please don't leave our precious sons and daughters as spiritual orphans. Invest in this opportunity while it's still available. Thanks

If attending Mass at Oakdale or The Oaks, please notify the parish office today before 1:00 PM today. Help sheets will be available after all Masses from the chapel.

Because numbers have been a little lower than expected, there number of ceremonies has been reduced from 5 to 4. The originally scheduled ceremony for Friday at 5:00 PM has been axed.

However, even with four ceremonies, families will still be able to have 12 people present inclusive of candidate and sponsor. If there's any families who require a slightly larger quota, please advise the parish office. Might be able to work out something.

Consequently, in the coming week there's a need for each family to assess how many people might be coming along. There'll be a question on the 'Preference Sheet for Ceremonies' to write down the number.

Heritage Hall

The HH at St Paul's was seriously affected by the recent wet weather. The floor buckled quite substantially and has now been removed altogether. Experts will try to determine the exact cause of the problem so that remedial work can be undertaken to avoid any future reoccurrence. Fortunately, the job will be covered by insurance.

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Welcome to the **Parish Engagement Weekend** of our Renewal Program!

This week celebrates the role of St Paul's Parish as a welcoming community of faith - a place of care, support and outreach – with a clear mission to live the values of the Gospel.

This means we all have a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefit of others. So please be involved in one of our Groups and Ministries – either for the first time or in a continuing role. Your involvement will be personally rewarding and a great contribution to our vibrant parish.

Copies of the 'Groups and Ministries' form will be distributed at all Masses and also available on the parish website. This weekend we will hear from some of the members of the Parish Finance Council, who will share with us the impact of faith that St Paul's Parish has had in their lives. We thank them for doing so!

PARISH FORUM

A special reminder of the special **Parishioner Forums** this weekend. These are a key part of the Renewal Program, and we are providing four opportunities for you to contribute to the discussion about the future of our great parish – a parish which has brought great enrichment to the lives of an extraordinarily large number of people spanning many generations and 164 years.

The forums will commence immediately after each of the four Masses in the church and run for 30 minutes. There's an interesting slide show and an opportunity for questions and discussion. Please join us.

THOUGHTS FROM MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Q: *Why is it important to be actively engaged in parish Groups & Ministries?*

"I like being active in the communities I am a part of, which includes the parish. The St Paul's parish and its community has provided a lot to me and my family over the years, so for me it's a way to give back. I've met good people along the way, and I always walk away from parish meetings a little more fulfilled and enriched."

"It gives life to our faith and builds parish community – we are the parish – the parish is more than buildings."

"When I fully participate in my faith through a parish ministry, I feel more connected to God and my fellow parishioners."

POPE FRANCIS SAYS



***"It is not enough to say we are Christians.
We must live the faith, not only with our words,
but with our actions."***

Sunday 15th May ~ Fifth Sunday in Easter

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tasha and TBA
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Andrew	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Maria and Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

15 th May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Brian Jenkins	Sr Geraldine	Robin Roberts	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Valentina
8.00am	Mark Coleman	Maria Caridi	Warren Johnson	Lucy Aquilina	Denise Carney	Cheryl/ Kathryn
10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Helen Lanyon	Michael Reardon	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Cheryl
5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Samantha Vergara	Brian Jenkins	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Craig

Sunday 22nd May ~ Sixth Sunday in Easter

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Quiet Mass
Camden	5:00 PM	TBA	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	TBA	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	TBA	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	TBA	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	TBA	Trent and Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	TBA	Craig

For our Faithful Departed

Pam Simonds, Fr Whitty, Shirley Shipp, Guido Pace, Beryl Bliim, John O'Grady, Emma Patty, Lilian Grech, *who died recently*. John Giles, Ilenka, Alfred Simiana, Hans Stomber, Vicki Maree O'Brien, Tina Pereira, Martha Pires, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Pat Friend, Mary, Nere & Patrick Walton, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll. *RIP.*

*We Pray for those who are unwell
John and Ilona Somoracz.*

Kind Regards

Father Michael