



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

SIXTH SUNDAY EASTER - 21ST/22ND MAY 2022

From Blessed Mary of the Passion ~ Love

Love is the most precious of all things in the world. It is a powerful medium and instrument in our lives. It was out of love that God created the world, and it is because of his love that we came into being and are sustained in this world.

- A tree was created with love to give fruits and shade.
- A river was created with love to give water to all the living.
- The sun was created with love to give light.

They never tire of giving their love and sharing what they are. Likewise, God who created the world never tires in blessing, because he loves us; his love never ends.

We, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, are the branches of the tree planted by Blessed Mary of the Passion— who loved for us to bear many fruits through her mission.

Mary's love was a growing tree, her mission was a running river, her zeal was a shining sun, and her love never ends.

Improvised Mid-Week Mass Timetable 23rd May until 23rd June

St Paul's:	Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
St Paul's:	Holy Communion Services on Wednesday and Friday.
St Clare's	Masses on Wednesday and Friday

Usual times and devotions apply. Thanks

Parish Renewal Programme 2022

Welcome to the **final week** of our Parish Renewal Program – the **Parish Commitment Weekend**.

Last week we considered our **engagement** in parish life. How our involvement in parish groups and ministries is central to building parish community – and central to actively living our faith through service to others.

This week we turn our attention to **parish finances**.

How do we provide the financial resources for the priorities identified in our Program brochure and discussed at our 4 Parishioner Forums last weekend?

Thanksgiving Income is the major source of parish income and has declined 34% over the last decade and 20% in the last two years. This must be turned around to fund our priorities.

We have identified that we need to significantly increase our **Thanksgiving Income** by, hopefully, 25% to 30%. We need ALL parish families to play their role if we are to meet this challenge.

YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT – PARISH PLEDGE

What does my financial support pay for?

- Building our new St Clare's Church, restoring St Paul's Chapel, and upgrading St Paul's Church. These are all the 'big-ticket' items.
- Supporting our pastoral care and outreach programs.
- Meeting the operating costs of the parish – staff wages, insurance, telecommunications, utilities etc. Operating eight a/c units over the weekend is not cheap!

How much should I pledge?

- ✓ We simply ask you contribute to the best of your ability.
How do you use your discretionary income?
Is support of your parish and your priests a priority for you?
- ✓ We unashamedly ask those with the greatest capacity to contribute the most – reserving special thanks for those on restricted incomes whose continued support is very much appreciated.
- ✓ Our emphasis is on discretionary income. After (a) meeting household costs, (b) making full allowance for various other family necessities and (c) committing to the needs for children/teenagers/students/young adults, can I dedicate \$100/month? Can I index my giving by 25%?

THOUGHTS FROM MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Q: Why do you think it is important to support our parish financially through our Stewardship Program?

“We value our parish, its beauty and its stability. It's always there for our family and we want it to always be beautiful and thriving for our children when they bring their own families to church. We support the parish to safeguard that.”

“It is very simple. Our parish community has a financial component just as my family has a financial component. Both need a defined and regular income to meeting outgoing costs and needs.”

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



Confirmation Programme

Two matters:

1. Parents/Carers are able to collect the help sheet for the third chapter in the workbook.
2. Forms will be available to indicate preferred confirmation ceremonies and to advise on the number of people from among family and friends who will be attending. Families are asked to limit the number to 12 but there could be a bit of wriggle room.

The programme offers a wonderful opportunity for children to be assisted by loving adults in their spiritual formation.

Authentic discipleship requires (a) belief in God, (b) belief in God's Church, (c) commitment and (d) humility of heart.

There was once the spiritual mystic who wrote: "*When we come before the altar of God, we come as beggars with nothing to offer except our human need*". That hammers home the point about the relationship between the divine and the human.

Sacrament of Penance ~ Backup programme beginning Weekend Masses 4th/5th June

A large favour is being extended to the families who missed the main programme that was administered from Advent 2021 until Lent 2022. And that large favour is that another programme will soon be on offer.

Parents must be motivated and seriously committed to Mass with their children for the duration of the programme. Please do not enrol if other weekend events and plans have already been scheduled during June and July.

A further opportunity will be available towards the end of the year when the Penance Programme will be administered again from the First Sunday of Advent in late November this year. Thanks

Catholic Enrichment for Adults

After beginning briefly last year, and then being suspended because of the lockdown, our Catholic Enrichment programme will recommence in June. Please contact the parish office and register your interest on 4655 8797.

The programme is especially suited to adults who have not been baptised or who have been baptised into another Christian denomination and would like to be fully initiated into the Catholic faith. The programme is like a journey with other adults, helpful parishioners and local clergy. Those who are interested should also be most regular at Sunday Mass.

Sunday 22nd May ~ Sixth Sunday in Easter

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Andrew	Jo

Sunday

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

22 nd May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
9.00am	Mark Coleman					
5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Diane Kennaugh	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Sr Geraldine	Kerry Todd
8.00am	John Charadia	Leonie Gray	Cheryl Carroll	Lisa McFadzean	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl/ Kathryn
10.00am	James McFarlane	Toni Sillis	Nada Simich	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Julie Sligar
5.00pm	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Brian Jenkins	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Margaret Thornton	Craig

Sunday 29th May ~ The Ascension

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening

Camden	5:00 PM	TBA	Belinda and tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	TBA	Jo

Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	TBA	Leslie / Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	TBA	Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	TBA	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	TBA	Tony

For our Faithful Departed

Pam Simonds, Fr Whitty, Shirley Shipp, Guido Pace, Beryl Bliim, John O'Grady, Emma Patty, Lilian Grech, *who died recently*. Anthony Attard, John Giles, Ilenka, Alfred Simiana, Hans Stomber, Vicki Maree O'Brien, Tina Pereira, Martha Pires, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Michelle Rooney, Tom Rooney, Cath Burke, 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