



ST. PAUL'S
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CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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THE WORKER
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 2ND/3RD FEBRUARY 2023

From St John Paul II

The greatest deception and the deepest source of unhappiness is the illusion of finding life by excluding God, of finding freedom by excluding moral truths and personal responsibility.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

At this stage there are over 150 children who have been enrolled in the programme, the very large and overwhelming majority were at Mass last weekend to collect the holy card with the Act of Contrition. Thank you. This most important penitential prayer needs to be known perfectly by children and their parents.

Those who have not collected the card will be presumed to have been withdrawn from the programme by their parents if away again this weekend.

The books, personalised with the children's names, will be distributed this weekend along with notes for parents to help them more easily assist their children work through the activity sheets.

Heritage Hall

The Engineer's Report has been received. The recommendations are now under consideration.

St Aloysius, The Oaks

A commercial real estate agent has now been appointed to advance those plans that were formulated in 2022 by our local community towards ensuring the financial vitality of the parish. Earlier, these plans had been submitted to Bishop Brian Mascord and were subsequently approved.

The strategic plan is to develop an income stream for restoration work on the five buildings in the parish.

Accordingly, a meeting has been scheduled at The Oaks for Thursday 2 March at 6:00 PM to discuss the latest developments. The meeting is intended for parishioners from The Oaks who are current contributors to parish finances.

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St Clare's Church

An architect is expected to be appointed in coming days. A contract will be negotiated. Design work will then begin asap.

Any Ideas?

At St Paul's there's an older chalice and an old 'asperges bowl' and an 'aspergillum'.

Translation: An asperges bowl is a brass holy water bowl.

An aspergillum is the brass handpiece that's used to throw holy water about, especially at times like Palm Sunday to bless the palms. Need to have a long range.

A new asperges bowl and aspergillum have been purchased though not as large as the originals. The original aspergillum is in good condition plus we also have another reasonably new one.

Question One: Do we pay for the professional restoration of the asperges bowl which has been quoted at \$1,210. This would provide a back-up set that could always be used in St Clare's new church or vice versa.

Question Two: Do we pay for the restoration of the chalice which has been quoted as \$2,200? The work involves chemical clean, scratch brush, remove dents, straighten, reshape, other necessary work, gold inside, light external polish.

The work would be undertaken by WJ Sanders who a few years ago restored one of our chalices very beautifully. On the occasion of St Paul's 150th Anniversary in 2009, this particular chalice was purchased by our four schools – St Paul's, Mater Dei, St Clare's and Magdalene – with each school chipping in a \$1,000.

The chalice is very beautiful but, after continuous use at Mass for about eight years, it began to fade. The restoration of the \$4,000 chalice was most worthwhile.

WJ Sanders also manufactures the Melbourne Cup which is awarded every year on the first Tuesday in November.

So we now have another chalice that has been removed from circulation because it's so discoloured. It's probably been in the parish for 100 years. As a matter of interest, the purchase price of a new chalice locally will range from \$1,400 for the cheapies to \$7,000 for sterling silver, so \$2,200 to restore this beautiful chalice seems reasonable.

Please feel most welcome to advise the parish office or Father Michael of your thoughts.

Joke:

Question: How many heritage architects does it take to change a light globe

Answer 10. One to make the change and nine to mourn the passing of the old globe.

Triumph Lenten books from Diocese of Wollongong

Triumph is an 88-page full colour book (240x170mm) containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading in addition to the longer-form Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings. These books will be available to purchase from next weekend 11/12 February, for the discounted price of \$5.00.

Weekly Lent programme beginning Thursday 23 February

Commencing after the 9.00am Mass on Thursday 23 February, and for the period of Lent, there will be a group of parishioners participating in an Advent programme. The programme will be held in the parish meeting room, adjacent to St Paul's church. All invited and encouraged to attend, an enhancement to this very spiritual time of the year. Everyone welcome to stay for a cup of tea and fraternity afterwards.

Mass of Anointing ~ Tuesday 7 February

This coming week, the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM Mass, there will be a Mass of Anointing followed by a cup of tea. All who are genuinely unwell are most encouraged to attend Mass for the reception of this healing sacrament along with the reception of Holy Communion. Occasion of grace!

Sunday 5th February ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 4th February

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

Sunday 5th February

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

5 th Feb	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Stephen Barrett	Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun	Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Wal Glynn	Maria Caridi	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Joseph Hanson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Meaghan Marchand	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

Sunday 12th February ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 11th February

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria & Rachael
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday 12th February

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony Lo Cascio

Diocesan News

Get connected with what is on around the diocese. Conscious that with many messages to choose from to put in your bulletins every week, we are continuing to include a short message near the top of the message suggestions that captures an opportunity for the faithful to stay connected with what is happening around the diocese.

Every week, there are many great opportunities to be part of special events, courses, free resources and to nurture and encourage you and your family in your faith. A simple way to stay informed and connected is to invite the faithful to subscribe:

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

For our Faithful Departed: Wendy Kiley, Lillian Patterson, Denis Hehir, Liam Cantarella, Sam Fenech Maria Irwin, *who died recently*. Diane Vella, Dorothy Dunn, Anne Garofalo, Dorothy Jones, Joseph Ellul, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Barry Myles, Denise Grissell, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Cath Bourke, Louis Gauci, *RIP*.

We Pray for those who are unwell: Olivia Toole, Brian Jenkins, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Anne Hyeronimus, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael