



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 11TH/12TH FEBRUARY 2023

**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**

**From Cyril of Jerusalem
Feast 14 February**

Your accumulated offences do not surpass the multitude of God's mercies:
your wounds do not surpass the great Physician's skill.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Notes for parents will be distributed this weekend. Children to be examined after Mass on being able to recite the Act of Contrition perfectly. This is also a condition for admission into the First Holy Communion programme.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Resources

Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February. Masses will be:

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| St Clare's | 8:00 AM | St Clare's Hall | (no Adoration) |
| St Paul's | 9:15 AM | St Paul's Church with children, Years 3-6 | |
| St Aloysius' | 6:00 PM | St. Aloysius' Church | |
| St Paul's | 7:00 PM | St Paul's Church | |

Please note that the Diocese of Wollongong has again produced a lovely book for Lent. Excellent investment. The name of the book is **Triumph**.

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. The book also features beautiful religious artworks. Cost just \$5.

Lenten Group ~ beginning Thursday 23rd February 9:30 AM

Although not available to most of our younger adults, the opportunity is available to our parishioners to come together to discuss and reflect upon some of the many themes of the Lenten season. Sessions will be followed by morning tea. Quite insightful and very fraternal. Highly recommended.

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Heritage Hall

Progressing slowly but this is not the kind of project that can be hurried. The HH is a special building that stretches back to the 19th century. The remedial work will be undertaken according to engineering standards to ensure all problems are overcome. There's an on-site meeting this week with the engineer to review and discuss all recommendations.

St Clare's Midweek Mass

Because of an early morning meeting at Camden this coming week, it will not be possible to have Mass this Wednesday morning 15th February. Back to normal on Thursday. Apologies for the inconvenience.

St Aloysius, The Oaks

Reminder of the meeting on 2 March at 6:00 PM for parishioners who support the financial operations of the parish.

St Clare's Church

The Project Manager has been busy liaising with architects. There are now just three under consideration. The truth is that all three have strong credentials and extensive experience. Will be hard to make a decision.

Restoration of Chalice and Asperges Bowl

Following the notice in last week's Weekly Message and a little feedback that followed, a decision has now been taken to commission the restoration process.

The process is far from inexpensive but the chalice and the bowl have been part of our parish ceremonies for many, many decades. Indeed, it's hard to imagine any parishioners who haven't been sprinkled from this particular Asperges Bowl at one time or another, especially over the Easter weekend.

The timeline is about six weeks which means completion will, hopefully, be before Easter. Very special! And thanks to our parishioners who shared their ideas by phone and email.

As a Matter of Interest

Around the beginning of each year, there's a large conference in Anaheim with tens of thousands of attendees. It's an awesome experience. Many of the world's best theologians deliver lectures and the sacred music is truly inspirational. The theme for this year's conference is:

Embrace Grace

And BTW, Grace in theological terms can be understood as the spontaneous, unmerited gift of the divine favour in the salvation of sinners, and the divine influence operating in individuals for their regeneration and sanctification. More simply, Grace is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Good theme.

Sunday 12th February ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 11th February

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

Sunday 12th February

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| 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 |

| 12 th Feb | Acolyte | Lector | Lector | Special Minister | Special Minister | PC |
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| Sat 9.00am | Mark Coleman | | | | | |
| Sat Vigil 5.00pm | Pat O'Flynn | Brian Jenkins | Chris Keun | Trish O'Flynn | John Tannous | Kerry |
| Sun 8.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | Warren Johnson | Maria Caridi | Lorraine Phillips | Kathryn Hampton | Cheryl/ Kathryn |
| Sun 10.00am | James McFarlane | Oscar Marimbe | Helen Lanyon | Kylie Crnek- Georgeson | Maria Debrincat | Brad |
| Sun 5.00pm | Mark Coleman | Samantha Vergara | Joseph Hanson | Sharon Picken | Dianne Garland | Craig |

Sunday 19th February ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 18th February

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

Sunday 19th February

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| The Oaks | 9:00 AM | Father Michael | Nicole |
| Camden | 8:00 AM | Father Victor | Maria C & Cheryl |
| Camden | 10:00 AM | Father Victor | Choir |
| Camden | 5:00 PM | Father Michael | Craig |

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: Gail Patrick, Wendy Kiley, Lillian Patterson, *who died recently.* Liam Cantarella, Enzo Dozzi, Barry Cravigan, 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 & Victoria Gauci, *RIP.*

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

Kind Regards

Father Michael