



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME ~ 18TH/19TH FEBRUARY 2023

**ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN**

**From St Polycarp
Feast day 23rd February**

**ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS**

Let us, therefore, forsake the vanity of the crowd and their false teachings,
and turn back to the word delivered to us from the beginning.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

**ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN**

Notes for parents will be distributed this weekend. Names will be recorded for attendance. Children to be invited to consider ways of observing the penitential season of Lent.

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023 ~ Backup

**ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE**

Families who have inadvertently missed the present programme are advised that there will be a back-up programme administered from the weekend of 22nd/23rd April. Families are required to be committed and motivated.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is this coming week, 22nd February. Masses will be:

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	

Lenten Resources

The publication, **Triumph**, sold out last weekend. The parish is provided with 100 copies. By the end of the 10:00 AM Mass, just 12 remained. And these were sold at the 5:00 PM Mass. Good investment.

And the special edition of the Catholic Weekly featuring Cardinal Pell also sold out.

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Project Compassion

This appeal has been taking place during the season of Lent for many, many decades. It's been a most worthy tradition in the life of parishes across Australia. Boxes and envelopes are available for collection from the various magazine tables in the three churches. Project Compassion Boxes are ideally suited as a family activity. Could aim towards having a box filled with \$1 and \$2 coins.

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

Reminder that a Lenten group will be operating in the parish meeting room in Camden during the Thursdays of Lent. Participants are encouraged to have a presence at the 9:00 AM Mass and join the group afterwards. Parishioners from The Oaks are also very welcome.

Old Palms

Parishioners are invited to bring old palms to any of the churches this weekend and leave in a designated clothes basket or box. These palms are burnt with the ashes then used for Ash Wednesday. If susceptible to forgetfulness, could be a good idea to draw a palm on the back of your hand.

Heritage Hall

An on-site meeting with the engineer and the builder took place a few days ago to review and discuss all recommendations. A 'Scope of Works' will be prepared by the engineer. Building works will then be scheduled to begin as soon as possible.

St Clare's Midweek Masses

Masses will be disrupted this week. Ash Wednesday which still begins at 8:00 AM but be taking place in the St Clare's Hall. Morning Mass on Friday 24 February at St Clare's will be cancelled for this week only.

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.

Mass changes and Funerals in the Parish this coming week

Owing to Friday's bookings for the parish, morning Mass on Friday 24 February at St Paul's will be cancelled and replaced with a Communion Service.

Tuesday 21 February	Christine Pow	10:30 AM
Friday 24 February	Brian Jenkins	10:00 AM
Tuesday 28 February	Rita Grubisic	10.30 AM
Wednesday 1 March	Antonia Scarcella	10.30 AM

Restoration of Chalice and Asperges Bowl

There's been further developments. The cost of restoring both the asperges bowl and the chalice were quoted at just over \$3,000. And what do you think could ever have happened?

Without knowing of each other's intentions, two parishioners offered to assist in offsetting the cost. One donated \$2,000 and the other \$1,000. Gotta love our parishioners!

BTW: Gold and silver *vessels* and a beautiful *altar* are signs that something very important is about to happen. The priest (well, most priests) wears quality *vestments*. And the addition of flowers – outside of Lent and Advent – gives grace and dignity to the sanctuary.

Sunday 19th February ~ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 18th February

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

Sunday 19th February

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

19 th Feb	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	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	Peter Grizelj	Maria Debrincat	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Sharon Picken	Dianne Garland	Craig

Sunday 26th February ~ 1st Sunday of Lent

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 25th February

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

Sunday 26th February

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Victor	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	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: Brian Jenkins, Mrs Antonia Scarcella, Rita Grubisic, John Younes, Christine Pow, 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: Glenn Murphy, Olivia Toole, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael