



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 11TH/12TH MARCH 2023

From Matt Fradd

He was born and raised in Australia. He later moved to Georgia where he married his wife, Cameron. Together they had four children. He is an author, motivational speaker, and podcaster who is known for specialising in religious topics. He remarks:

"You could say that prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back, and that fasting without prayer is, well, dieting."

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Workbooks will be returned to the candidates this weekend. If the work has been approved, a parish stamp will appear on the inside front cover. Additionally, a pink form – with options for families to choose a time for first confession – will have been inserted for completion. Please complete details and give back to the attendants before leaving the church this weekend. Books with sections marked with a tab should be reviewed or corrected with parents assisting their child as directed. Books do not need to be returned a second time unless otherwise notified. The parish office is available should you need any further assistance.

Heritage Hall

No further developments from last week.

Confirmation ~ The Oaks and Camden

The Confirmation programme will begin with the distribution of the timeline on the weekend of **1st/2nd April** at the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Children will need to have been baptised and made their first confession and in at least year 6 at school, before celebrating Confirmation. At this stage, there are anticipated to be:

- 3 ceremonies on Saturday 24th June at 12 Noon, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM, and
- 2 Confirmation Masses on Sunday 25th PM at 10:00 PM and 12:30 PM.

However, if enrolment numbers are below 140, one of the ceremonies or Masses will be axed.

The time of each ceremony has been chosen to fit in with Bishop Brian's numerous administrative, pastoral and ceremonial commitments.

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Auction

Saturday 1 April 2023 in St Aloysius Hall, The Oaks at 11:00 AM

The parish owns a large parcel of land – 16 hectares – on the corner of Silverdale Road and Timothy Lacy Lane. It includes the St Aloysius Cemetery and is a short walk to the parish church.

The parcel of land comprises two different zones:

- The majority of land RU2 (15.19 hectares), and
- The cemetery SP2 plus an adjoining parcel – also SP2 – of about the same dimensions along Silverdale Road (0.81 hectare).

According to the Wollondilly Local Strategic Planning Statement

1. Objectives of RU2

- To encourage sustainable primary industry production.
- To maintain the rural landscape character of the land.
- To support sustainable land management practices and local food production.

Permitted without consent: Extensive agriculture.

2. Objectives of SP2

- To provide for infrastructure and related uses.
- To prevent development that is not compatible with this infrastructure.

The land to be auctioned is the church land zoned RU2. The cemetery and the adjoining parcel that are both zoned SP2 will be retained by the parish.

St Clare's mid-week Mass

This coming Friday 17th March is St Patrick's day. But I won't be drinking Guinness. Too heavy. After a few pints of Guinness, the feeling the next morning is to wake up feeling as though you've swallowed a sheep.

Anyway, Friday 17th this year is also the occasion of the big annual Mater Dei golfing fundraiser. So in keeping with the long tradition, there'll be lots of people from far and wide.

I hope to be playing in this very worthwhile event which, because of the early start, means that Mass cannot be celebrated on Friday. But Mass will be celebrated as usual on Wednesday and Thursday. Thanks for understanding. This is a very important part of pastoral work.

And more seriously, any initiative towards assisting the students at Mater Dei should always receive our support and encouragement.

Parish Finances

If ever wondering about the costs of operating a parish, please remember to think about insurance. The annual premium was paid earlier this week. The amount was a little over \$36,000. When St Clare's church is built and operating in a few years, insurance costs will be over \$1,000/week. Then add in a multitude of other costs.

All parishioners – who aren't otherwise being smashed by heavy loan repayments and rising costs – are asked to provide generous financial support to the parish. Personally, I contribute \$150/month.

Our parish has many wonderful parishioners. There was one, in particular, who comes to mind. He's now deceased but said before dying that the two great loves of his life were his family and his parish. A fine man!

Lenten Group ~ every Thursday at 9:30 AM during Lent

Quite enriching. All invited.

More Humour

How did Joseph make his coffee?

Hebrewed it.

St Clare's Church

Architects have been appointed. First meeting scheduled for Friday 10 March 2023.

Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 11th March

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

Sunday 12th March

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

12 th Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun	John Roberts	Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Wal Glynn	Anthony McElhone	Lorraine Phillips	Kathryn Hampton	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Helen Lanyon	Meaghan Marchand	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Rafael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Dianne Garland	Samantha Vergara	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 19th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 18th March

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

Sunday 19th March

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:

visit <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: Michelle Martin, Merle Arnold, Brian Jenkins, Mrs Antonia Scarcella, Rita Grubisic, John Younes, Christine Pow, *who died recently.* Benito Sabellano, George Cepak, Faye Humphries, Lillian Grech, Dayne Mackie, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Cath Bourke, Barry Myles, Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Daryl Ellis, 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