



ST. PAUL'S
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CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ 25TH/26TH MARCH 2023

From the Venerable Fulton Sheen (1895 – 1979)

Fulton Sheen was an American Bishop known for his preaching and especially his work on television and radio.

“Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving? Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service? Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?”

St Aloysius, The Oaks

Auction

Saturday 1 April 2023 in St Aloysius Hall, The Oaks at 10:30 AM

Details have been provided in recent weeks. But please be mindful that the time of the auction is 10:30 AM in the nearby St Aloysius Hall. Big sign at the St Aloysius cemetery.

The Oaks and Camden ~ Masses this week 25th/26th

Because of personal reasons, Father Victor is unable to be with us this weekend. So it's become a time of improvisation! Accordingly:

Father Richard Healey will be the celebrant at Oakdale on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning, Father Michael will celebrate Masses at Camden at 8 AM, The Oaks at 9:00 AM and Camden at 10 AM. Then at 11:15 eight baptisms, then at 12:30 a family church ceremony for an old footie mate, then a luncheon, then Mass at 5:00 PM. The biggest problem is that the bulldogs are playing at 2:00 PM. Could be a quick luncheon.

Please note however, that at the 8:00 AM Mass and the 9:00 AM Mass, the homily will not be delivered during the normal time after the Gospel. Instead, it will be read by one of our parishioners after the final hymn. This will allow Father to make a quick getaway and absolutely avoid speeding.

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Looking further ahead to Holy Week

The Sacrament of Penance will be available to parishioners from The Oaks and Camden in the St Paul's confessional during Holy Week on Wednesday from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM, and then later in the evening from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper	Camden and The Oaks at 7:00 PM
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross	Oakdale 9:00 AM, Camden 10:00 AM
Good Friday: Passion	Camden 3:00 PM
Easter Vigil	Camden 5:00 PM
Easter Sunday	Oakdale 8:00 AM, The Oaks 9:30 AM
Easter Sunday	Camden 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM Camden 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance Programme 2022/2023

Gratitude is extended to the many parents and carers who assisted their children in preparation for their first confession. At the time of this Weekly Message, almost all the children have made a heartfelt confession and shown a good knowledge of their prayers – although some better than others.

Parents should continue to bring them to Mass and to confession every few months. And it's an exceptionally good idea for parents to pray the Our Father and Hail Mary with their children each day. It won't cause any suffering, and children will appreciate such prayerful attention.

Little holy cards can be collected after Masses this weekend.

And please be mindful that the Holy Communion programme begins on the first weekend in September.

Palm Sunday 2nd April

Palms are requested from any parishioners who are able to donate. Over the past few years, there's been just enough. Please contact the parish office on Tuesday/Wednesday this week if able to assist. Every effort is taken to avoid wastage. Thanks in anticipation.

Camden Show

There will be parking problems for the 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Camden this Saturday evening. Parishioners are advised they should attempt to arrive at the church earlier than they would normally as it is possible they will need to walk some distance. Should you have a family member with mobility problems please contact the parish office and leave a voice message no later than Saturday morning as very limited parking can be arranged for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

Confirmations ~ The Oaks and Camden

Reminder that the Confirmation programme for 2023 begins on the weekend of 1st/2nd April. The Timeline will be distributed, providing all the details on a ‘week by week’ basis. Parents/carers are required to be committed and motivated. Wonderful and sacred experience for the children and an enriching time for the families. The programme does pause for the school holidays, and recommences 22/23 April. Please don’t enrol if holidays outside of the school break have been planned that clash with the weekly timetable. There’s always next year.

Parents and carers are also advised that attendance records for the celebration of the sacraments are taken into account when offering places for Magdalene. Currently, there’s an annual intake of about 210 children/teenagers into Year 7. In recent years, there’s been well over 300 applications. So hard!

More Humour

Q: Back in biblical times when someone needed a boat to be made, what did the locals say?

A: We Noah guy.

St Clare’s Church

Moving along. Design almost complete.

Sunday 26th March – 5th Sunday of Lent

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 25th March

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

Sunday 26th March

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

26 th Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O’Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Maria Kosiak	Kerry Todd	Angelina Vecchio	Wal Glynn	Eugene
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Maureen Grisdale	Kathryn Hampton	Lorraine Phillips	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Julie Sligar	Meaghan Marchand	Peter Grizelj	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Samantha Vergara	Simon Abernethy	Craig

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 1st April

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	TBA
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday 2nd April

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	TBA
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	TBA

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: Helen Murphy, Joan Ryan, Carmen Spiteri, Barry McMahon, Joan Walsh, Michelle Martin, Merle Arnold, Brian Jenkins, *who died recently.* George Paparo, Francesco & Antonina Costa, Janelle Clifton, Matthew Dunn, Elizabeth Thurn, Helen Jamieson, 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:
Marie Dunn, Darryl 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