



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 15TH/16TH APRIL 2023

From Pope Francis

You cannot be in a position of power and destroy the life of another person.

EASTER JOY

Gratitude is extended to the huge number of people who embraced a special responsibility from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. So many details required personalised attention, ranging from parishioners involved in jobs behind-the-scenes to those who were involved in the liturgical ministries.

The three churches were very clean and exceptionally well prepared for the celebration of the sacred ceremonies. And the quality of organisation was genuinely first class.

And many thanks to the thousands of people who attended one or more of the ceremonies. Once again, the experience of Easter was really memorable for all the right reasons.

Perhaps the only exception concerns Ray, who has long since been one of our most trusted acolytes. During the Stations of the Cross, Ray was unwell and needed to be taken to hospital. He is now convalescing and we offer our prayers that he will soon be with us once again. The Stations were paused while waiting for the ambulance. And as Ray was assisted from the church, the congregation responded with a round of applause. Gotta love our parishes.

MIDWEEK MASSES AT ST CLARE'S

For this coming week only, Mass will not be celebrated on Wednesday and Thursday. Back to normal on Friday 21st. At Camden. Masses will be celebrated according to normal scheduling.

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Project Compassion and Good Friday Appeal

Thanks to very large number of people who made offerings over the Easter Weekend. Across the season of Lent the Project Compassion Appeal raised near enough to \$4,200 and the Good Friday Appeal raised comfortably over \$2,000. At The Oaks, both appeals raised about \$300 each.

The money is always very well targeted towards meeting practical needs. And so sincere gratitude is extended to all who made contributions, large and small. And BTW, the money counters reported that there were more than 2,000 \$1 and \$2 coins, 1,000 fifty-cent coins, 1,650 twenty-cent coins, 2,500 ten-cent coins and just to finish over 1,000 five-cent pieces.

Sacrament of Penance Back-up Programme 2022/2023

Registration for the back-up programme begins on 22nd/23rd April. Before enrolment into the programme, children need to be able to recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary. These prayers are easy to learn if parents and children pray together for a few moments each day.

Confirmation Programme

Enrolment forms available for collection on 22nd/23rd April. Registration began at the beginning of the month.

LITTLE EASTER HUMOUR

Q: What do rabbits say before they eat?

A: Lettuce pray.

Q: What do you call the Easter Bunny the Monday after Easter?

A: Eggs-hausted.

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Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 15th April

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

Sunday 16th April

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

16 Apr	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Sandra Skarsky	Trish O'Flynn	Chris Keun	Elizabeth
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Nada Simich	Oscar Marimbe	Joseph Hanson	Cathy Conwell	Brad
Sun 5.00pm		Judith Madsen	Margaret Thornton	Samantha Vergara	Sharon Picken	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: Malcolm Whelan, Victor Dalli, Helen Murphy, Joan Ryan, Carmen Spiteri, Barry McMahon, Joan Walsh, *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: Edwin Thurn, 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