



Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 29TH/30TH APRIL 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**

Pope Francis: Easter is the feast of “tombstones rolled away”.

“Why do you think that everything is hopeless, that no one can take away your own tombstones? Why do you give in to resignation and failure? Easter is the feast of tombstones taken away, rocks rolled aside. God takes away even the hardest stones against which our hopes and expectations crash: death, sin, fear, worldliness.”

THE OAKS

Terms for the sale of the land are still under negotiation.

HERITAGE HALL

To ensure that the HH is insurable, and to hedge against future damage from heavy rain, two small pumps need to be installed to remove the build-up of any water. An engineer's plan has been prepared for the necessary scope of works which now need to be costed and then completed as soon as possible.

Since its renovation about a decade ago, the HH has become a wonderful asset for parish and school social gatherings, meetings, group work, displays and other special initiatives. Its restoration is keenly anticipated. Updates will be provided according to developments.

Confirmation Programme

Enrolment forms need to be returned this week with \$25. With books being distributed 6/7 May, no further enrolments can be accepted for the sacrament after this weekend. Thank you.

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Sacrament of Penance Back-up Programme 2022/2023

Notice 1: Please return enrolment forms this week with \$25. As with Confirmation, after this weekend no further enrolments can be accepted.

Notice 2:

Parents and candidates are asked to attend church this coming Thursday 4th May at 5 PM with their son/daughter for the Penance Programme. In the company of parent/carers and one of the priests or one of the teachers or one of the assistants, each candidate will be asked to recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary. These are the foundation prayers of our faith. The ability to recite them is a requirement for entry into our sacramental programmes.

Parents and carers are asked to say these prayers with their children at least a few times each day during the programme as a way of contributing to the children's readiness for the sacrament.

If unable to attend this Thursday night at 5 PM, please contact the parish office to organise a time for a brief interview at the presbytery.

LITTLE EASTER HUMOUR

Question: What do you need if your chocolate eggs mysteriously disappear?

Answer: An eggsplanation!

The Oaks ~ Next Sunday 7 May

On Sunday 7 May there will be morning tea after 9.00am Mass with little delights brought along by the families. All invited, especially the kids. And yes, Father Michael will be present and will indulge but with restraint and moderation. Hard to resist a good custard tart at morning tea! Preferable to lamingtons.

Mass of Anointing ~ Tuesday 2 May 2023

This coming first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 AM Mass, there will be a Mass of Anointing followed by a cup of tea. All who are genuinely unwell are most encouraged to attend Mass for the reception of this healing sacrament along with the reception of Holy Communion. Occasion of grace!

St Joseph the Worker, Oakdale ~ Monthly Rosary

Continuing in May 2023, on the first Saturday of each month after 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Oakdale, the rosary will be said. All welcome to stay back after Mass and join in.

St Paul's School Fete ~ Saturday 20 May 2023 ~ Celebrating World Bee Day

The fete will be on from 9:00am-4:00pm and will have lots of exciting stalls and attractions for a fun family day out! Some of our stalls include the White Elephant Stall, Devonshire Teas, Cakes and Sweets, Corn on the Cob, BBQ, Fairy Floss, Donuts, Fresh Produce and lots more! We will also have 7 fun and exciting rides, the famous St Paul's Chocolate Wheel, a petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, craft and sand art, tattoos, hairspray and nails and our entertainment stage filled with performers from 11:00am. We look forward to welcoming the community to our school for a great day out.

Free Technology Training for Seniors

CatholicCare, will partner with St Benedict's Oran Park and CEDoW to help with the technology that you may be struggling with. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident in downloading apps, sending messages or even using google maps. Beginning Tuesday 9 May, the course will run for 5 weeks. Bookings essential – contact Jane Hollier, CatholicCare on 0417 018 152 or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

Sunday 30th April ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 29th April

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

Sunday 30th April

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

| 30 th Apr | Acolyte | Lector | Lector | Special Minister | Special Minister | PC |
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| Sat 9.00am | Pat O'Flynn | | | | | |
| Sat Vigil 5.00pm | Pat O'Flynn | Chris Keun | Diane Kennaugh | Angelina Vecchio | Russell O'Brien | Kerry |
| Sun 8.00am | Enzeigh Thomas | Deanna David | Kimberley Logue | Lisa McFadzean | Lorraine Phillips | Cheryl/ Kathryn |
| Sun 10.00am | James McFarlane | Maureen Grisdale | Brad McAllister | Peter Grizelj | Michael Reardon | Brad |
| Sun 5.00pm | | Judith Madsen | Margaret Thornton | Joseph Hanson | Dianne Garland | Lo Cascio family |

Sunday 7th May ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 6th May

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

Sunday 7th May

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| The Oaks | 9:00 AM | Father Michael | Nicole |
| Camden | 8:00 AM | Father Victor | Steve & Damian |
| Camden | 10:00 AM | Father Victor | Choir |
| Camden | 5:00 PM | Father Michael | Jenny & Tasha |

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: John Carey, Margaret Baragry, Michele Wrice, Edwin Thurn, Les Thomas, Malcolm Whelan, Victor Dalli, Helen Murphy, Joan Ryan, Carmen Spiteri, *who died recently.* Maria Battaglini, Paul Barry. Fr Whitty, Giuseppe Varacalli, Mary Falconer, George Paparo, *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: Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn, Darryl Ellis, Glenn Murphy, Olivia Toole, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Iona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael