



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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COMMUNITY
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ 13TH/14TH MAY 2023

Easter is the time to rejoice and be thankful for the gift of life, love, and joy.

Earth's most sorrowful afternoon & most glorious morning were less than just a few days apart.

THE OAKS

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 15 June at 6:00 PM

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Meeting details now confirmed for Thursday 25th May at 6:00 PM in St Clare's School Library.

The architect will be providing a presentation, and questions will be welcomed afterwards.

Originally, the meeting was intended for members to the church building committee. However, in the interests of collaboration and consultation, all parishioners are now invited.

The only request is that for organisational purposes those wanting to attend are asked to ring the parish office (4655 8797) to register. With thanks.

PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S DAY ~ BOOK OF PROVERBS 31:25- 29

About Mothers:

She is clothed in strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

When she opens her mouth, she does so wisely; on her tongue is kindly instruction.

She keeps good watch on the conduct of her household; no bread of idleness for her.

He sons and daughters stand up and proclaim her blessed; her husband, too, sings her praises.

Many women have done admirable things; but you surpass them all!

Happy Mother's Day to all the mums in our parishes. We love you with all our hearts.

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PARISH FINANCES ~ CAMDEN

In Church law, provision is included for the Bishop to apply a modest tax upon parishes for the operation of the diocese. This tax is known as Cathedraticum.

In view of the financial hardship experienced by parishes during the pandemic, Bishop Brian generously suspended Cathedraticum. But it's now been reinstated, and retrospectively from mid-2022.

A few weeks ago, an amount of approximately \$20,000 was transferred from our parish account to the diocese for the second six months of 2022. So over a full year, total Cathedraticum is estimated at about \$40,000 or \$800/week.

And with insurance likely to be even more – especially after St Clare's church is built – the first \$2,000 of weekly income will be just for these two very substantial payments. And then there's the addition of utility costs and telecommunications and so on. That's why we're doing our very best to avoid any kind of debt.

Thanks to all our parishioners who contribute so reliably to parish income.

Personally, I feel it's a great privilege and blessing to be in a position of being able to make monthly contributions of \$150 because many families with younger children and teenagers are undoubtedly struggling just to meet the bare necessities.

The operation of a parish is expensive, and as a result smaller parishes are no longer financially viable unless there are sources of income beyond the traditional planned giving. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners for supporting the operation of the parish.

Confirmation Programme

Confirmation candidates Mass attendance will be recorded and assistance sheets distributed by volunteers at every Mass. Workbooks still waiting to be collected will also be available at Camden only, unless advised to the parish office on 4655 8797 prior to 1.00pm Friday. Every question on pages 15 to 23, Workshop Two, should be answered. Any extra assistance required should be directed to the parish office during normal hours.

Sacrament of Penance Back-up Programme 2023

Holy Cards with the Act of Contrition will be distributed along with notes to assist parents/carers with the second chapter in the workbook. Attendance at Mass will also be recorded at this time.

Every question on pages 10 to 15, Workshop Two, should be answered, children should now begin learning to recite the Act of Contrition, along with their parents/carers. Next weekend 20/21 May, children will be examined on their knowledge.

Families with children who are yet to complete the recitation of the Our Father and the Hail Mary are asked to see Father Michael after one of the Masses in which he's the celebrant (Saturday Vigil, Sunday 8 AM and 10AM). Thanks

Funerals in the Parish Church at Camden

Tuesday 16 May	Marguerite Giles	10:30 AM
Wednesday 17 May	Darryl Ellis	10:30 AM
Friday 19 May	Frank Barbareso	10:30 AM

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.

LITTLE EASTER HUMOUR

Question: What did the mummy egg say to her little baby egg on Easter Sunday Morning?

Answer: You're egg-stra special.

Sunday 14th May ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 13th May

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

Sunday 14th May

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

14 th May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Sandra Skarsky	Sandra Skarsky	Robin Roberts	Wal Glynn	Eugene
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Warren Johnson	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Nada Simich	Peter Grizelj	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Margaret Thornton	Margaret Thornton	Dianne Garland	Samantha Vergara	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 21st May ~ The Ascension of the Lord

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 20th May

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

Sunday 21st May

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	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:

<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: Darryl Ellis, Marguerite Giles, Francesco Barbaresco, Luisa Pocock, John Carey, Margaret Baragry, Michele Wrice, Edwin Thurn, Les Thomas, Malcolm Whelan, Victor Dalli, *who died recently.* Eric Busby, Michael Busby, Keith & Maureen Millar, Maria Grech, Maria Battaglini, Paul Barry. Fr Whitty, Giuseppe Varacalli, Mary Falconer, *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:
Bruce Millar, Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn, 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