



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

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ~ 20TH/21ST MAY 2023

When Christians discuss the life of Jesus, they are usually thinking of the period from his birth in Bethlehem to his resurrection from the dead in Jerusalem following the crucifixion at Calvary. The life of Jesus lasted about thirty-three years.

There is, however, a further heavenly life of Jesus, beginning with the **Ascension**, which will last forever.

THE OAKS

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

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC), Rosemeadow will be holding their Annual Procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 11 June at 2:30 PM. The occasion will include Scripture Readings, Rosary, Procession and Benediction.

The sacred ceremony is regarded as regional, meaning that it is intended for all parishes in the Macarthur. Our parishioners from The Oaks and Camden are warmly invited.

BTW, the church at OLHC is very beautiful and well worth a visit.

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.

The floor plan is largely completed but there are still other outstanding matters concerning how the church is to be adorned, as well as the colour blends.

The church is not intended to be overly large. Within the main body of the church, the capacity is planned for about 400 adults which – with two Sunday Masses – will comfortably accommodate prevailing demand.

As a point of reference, Camden holds 550 adults which translates into many more when considering school children.

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The St Clare's church has been designed to be contemporary in style and intended to reflect architectural thinking of the 2020s. But there is one big gamble – that being the size of the narthex (bit like the foyer).

Traditionally, the narthex has been a small dark passageway into a large church. But the narthex for St Clare's has the dimensions of a small-to-medium school classroom to serve a variety of purposes.

Historically, back at the old Smeaton Grange Mass Centre which served this part of the parish for 25 years from 1984 to 2009, there had always been a serious emphasis on hospitality. For a long stretch spanning many years the gentle old friar, Fr Alan Hartcher, encouraged people to remain after Mass for 'coffee and cake'. The new church will try to once again embrace this lovely custom to foster community and fraternity.

All parishioners from Camden and The Oaks are invited to attend the meeting this Thursday for – what promises to be – a very interesting presentation.

Confirmation Programme

Families will need to collect the assistance sheets for the third workshop chapter this weekend, again, all pages in the workshop need to be completed. A second form needs to be collected for ceremony preferences, filled out and returned, pens will be available. Please be mindful, at least four preferences must be listed. Forms with one choice only cannot be accepted. If families have a compelling reason, such as a police, hospital or ambulance roster, please write a short note explaining your needs, and all efforts will be made to assist.

Sacrament of Penance Back-up Programme 2022/2023

Children in our backup programme need to have their attendance recorded, as well as pick up chapter three assistance sheets. Again, all pages in the workshop need to be completed. At the conclusion of every Mass this weekend, children will be examined on their knowledge of the Act of Contrition.

Parents and carers should also be teaching the children how to prepare their consciences. Sins might include:

In terms of our relationship to God:

Faking sickness to avoid Sunday Mass
Using Our Lord's name in vain
Spiritual laziness resulting in the avoidance of prayer.

In terms of human relationships and family responsibilities:

Fighting with others	Harmful words and actions
Disregard to home duties	Selfishness
Temper tantrums	Negligence to family pets
Foul language	Carelessness with the truth
Anti-social behaviour	Sulking

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.



The Camden/Oran Park Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to announce the Blessing and Opening of the Conference Centre, 38 Elizabeth St. Camden followed by the Blessing and Opening of the Vinnies Shop, Cnr. Argyle and Johns St. Camden on Thursday 1st June 2023 from 10am.

These new services present an opportunity for those interested in volunteering with the Society to assist Conference Members in their welfare and social justice work and/or retail activities in the Vinnies Shop.

For more details, please contact Pat O’Flynn, Conference President on 0417 463 979; Tom Gersbach, Social Justice Rep. on 0408 584 782 or Philippe Baier, South West Area Retail Manager on 0404 786 187.

IGNITE CONFERENCE ~ 28 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER

So this high-octane conference is planned to accommodate 2,000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life-changing encounter with God and his church.

The Ignite Conference will provide a great opportunity to see the church fully alive in faith, with numerous sessions to hear national leaders sharing ideas about God’s plan for our lives. Strongly recommended.

More information available from igniteconference.com.au

Great Website

A LITTLE HUMOUR

Question: Why was Noah the best businessman in the Bible?

Answer: He floated his stock while everybody else was being liquidated.

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

21 st May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Kerry Todd	Trish O'Flynn	Russell O'Brien	Kerry
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Deanna David	Cheryl Carroll	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Maureen Grisdale	Maria Caridi	Michael Reardon	Peter Grizelj	Brad
Sun 5.00pm		Samantha Vergara	Judith Madsen	Dianne Garland	Sharon Picken	Craig

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost Sunday

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 27th May

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

Sunday 21st May

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

For our Faithful Departed: Diana Wickett, Darryl Ellis, Marguerite Giles, Francesco Barbaresco, Luisa Pocock, John Carey, Margaret Baragry, Michele Wrice, Edwin Thurn, Les Thomas, *who died recently.* Arthur Lang, Alma Reilly, Annunziata Zinghini, 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.* Sabas Bolivar, Oliva Bolivar, msgr Pastor Bolivar, Maria Irwin, Carol Bannon, Michelle Rooney, Clare Maroussis, Cath Bourke, Barry Myles, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP.*

We Pray for those who are unwell: Hector Balestri, 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