



ST. PAUL'S
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THE OAKS

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THE WORKER
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

PENTECOST ~ 27TH/28TH MAY 2023

From Pope Francis

Looking at his global audience, Francis said, “dear sister, dear brother, if you feel the darkness of solitude, if you feel that an obstacle within you blocks the way to hope, if your heart has a festering wound, if you can see no way out, then open your heart to the Holy Spirit.”

The Pope recalled that St. Bonaventure, speaking of the Holy Spirit, said, “where the trials are greater, he brings greater comfort, not like the world, which comforts and flatters us when things go well, but derides and condemns us when they do not.”

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT BY ST AUGUSTINE

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be **holy**.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be **holy**.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is **holy**.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is **holy**.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be **holy**.

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.

MEETING ABOUT ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Quite a lovely meeting took place on Thursday night, 25 May in St Clare's school library. The architect and the project manager were both present to provide a presentation and respond to questions. The floor plan of the church is now 99% complete.

Work is well advanced on the furnishing of the sacristies. But there is still a need to (1) further discern the way in which the church is to be adorned and (2) to finalise the kind of artwork to feature in the windows.

At this time, there are plans for five major artworks which will include the crucifixion, Mary and Clare. The other two are yet to be determined but will most likely have reference to creation which is a strong biblical theme that has a serious place in Catholic teaching and Franciscan spirituality. 'Should be very beautiful.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? PARISH'S CATHOLIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

From one year to the next, there are invariably many adults – not Catholic – from a variety of different backgrounds who express an interest in the Catholic faith. Some have been baptised into another Christian denomination while others have been without any type of Christian initiation.

From the months of June to November this year, our own parish in Camden will provide a five-month programme for adults to progress towards full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Entry into the programme does need to take into account marital status, and those interested do need to have an understanding of the great importance of Sunday Mass.

Within the Catholic Church, the commitment to Sunday Mass is taught as a serious obligation because it immerses the *Christifideles* – Christ's faithful – more deeply into the life of the Lord, and helps to build up and give added vitality the church.

All adults within our parishes of The Oaks and Camden are most welcome to ring the parish office during business hours to register interest (Ph: 4655 8797). An initial gathering will be organised for Wednesday 14 June at 7.00pm, where a timeline will be distributed outlining the programme.

PARKING AROUND THE CHURCH

Very easy to observe how our church congregations are a big mixture of the young, the middle-aged and the elderly. Equally easy to observe how with the passing of years, many of our older parishioners are sometimes seriously limited in their mobility.

Accordingly, discussions have been initiated with Camden Council about the possibility of including parking spaces around the church for those who are most in need.

Council personnel have been most helpful. An assessment will be undertaken by Council in coming months, and it is hoped that specially designated parking spaces for those with limited mobility will be completed before the end of the year.

Sacrament of Penance Back-up Programme 2022/2023

Families are asked to collect the final workshop assistance sheet. As every week, each question in the chapter must be answered – pages 24-30. In accordance with the timeline, a coloured sheet for the ceremony times will be distributed for when the children will celebrate their First Confessions. Please fill in and return, do not take home. Pens will be available.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Owing to an issue with a burst pipe in the Vinnies shop, the blessing and opening is delayed. The blessing will be will be rescheduled to some time in July. The retail store should be open in the coming week or two. More information will provided as it comes to light – stay tuned!

Confirmation Programme

Very Important Notice

There's been a change to the times of the Saturday afternoon Confirmation ceremonies.

Saturday Vigil Confirmation Mass at 5:00 PM is still **5:00 PM**

Sunday Confirmation Masses at **10:00 AM** and **12:30** remain unchanged.

However

The Saturday afternoon ceremonies – originally scheduled for 12 Noon and 2:00 PM - are **now at 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM.**

Apologies for any inconvenience.

Because of the ceremony changes, we are distributing a **tentative** sheet of the allocations made to date. Families wishing to move between the 1.00pm and 3.00pm ceremonies will only need to contact the parish office on 4655 8797 during office hours.

Families yet to make their selection can still pick up a sheet, fill it in and return. Pens are available. Sheets should not be taken home. Saturday 1.00pm and 3.00pm are the only times still available. Please note **all** allocations are dependent on the satisfactory completion of the workbooks.

For this week, notes will be distributed for the final chapter in the workbooks. As every week, each question in the chapter must be answered – pages 35-42. Confirmation bookmarks will also be distributed.

Parents/carers: please complete the reading in the workbooks that has been provided for the adults. This little exercise will only take a few moments and won't cause any suffering.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

A Catholic priest announces at church one day, "I will be in Rome next week. If any of you have a wish, I will light a candle in Rome so that the wish will come true."

A woman announces, "My husband and I have been married for a few months and we're planning to have children. Can you light a candle so that I will conceive?"

"I will do that," says the priest.

Five years later, the woman says to the priest, "Since you went to Rome and lit that candle, I have given birth to two pairs of twins and a set of triplets, and now I am pregnant with quadruplets!"

She then gives the priest a plane ticket to Rome.

"You are too kind," says the priest. "You don't need to thank me."

"I'm not thanking you," says the woman. "I just want you to blow out that candle."

Sunday 28th May – Pentecost Sunday

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 27th May

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	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

28 th May	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Pat O'Flynn	Maria Kosiak	Sharon Picken	Diane Kennaugh	Eugene
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Cheryl Carroll	Rebecca Ward	Lisa McFadzean	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Julie Sligar	Meaghan Marchand	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Craig

Sunday 4th June ~ Trinity Sunday

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 3rd June

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

Sunday 4th June

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

For our Faithful Departed: Bruce Millar, Carmen Fenech, Diana Wickett, Darryl Ellis, Marguerite Giles, Francesco Barbaresco, Luisa Pocock, John Carey, Margaret Baragry, Michele Wrice, *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, *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, 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