



Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Pope John Paul II

“In that little Host is the solution to all the problems of the world.”

CATHOLIC ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

There has now been three evenings in which adults have gathered for the Catholic Enrichment programme. All adults – especially those who are interested in full initiation into the Catholic church – are invited to come along with the next meeting scheduled for 26 July. This is the final opportunity to be part of this year’s programme.

ST CLARE’S CHURCH

On the weekend of 22nd and 23rd July, Father Michael will be celebrant at the Saturday evening Vigil Mass in Camden, as well as the three Sunday Masses. During the time of the homily, there will be a short display of images of the design of the new church at Narellan Vale. Parishioners will be invited to take home a short questionnaire to complete and return to the parish office by the following Wednesday

ST PAUL’S HERITAGE HALL

There hasn’t been too much progress in recent months. But with the completion of the confirmation programme, time and attention are now being directed towards a solution.

Problems began about 18 months ago with torrential rain resulting in the river breaking its banks on three occasions. And it was at this time that there seemed to be – under the flooring of the HH – a dampness rising from the earth itself. Couldn’t find any leaks above floor level.

Hopefully, a solution will be found very quickly, and work can commence as soon as possible.

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THE OAKS**

**ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN**

**ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE**

FATHER ALLAN HARTCHER OFM RIP

Father Allan's Requiem Mass was offered a few days ago on Wednesday 12 July at St Francis of Assisi Paddington. When a person has reached the venerable age of 90, funerals are generally not so large because the deceased has long since retired and outlived most of his/her contemporaries. But there were more than a dozen friars who were among the congregation along with about 15 of Father Allan's dear friends from our own parish, and other parishes nearby.

In keeping with Father Allan's wishes, Mass included beautifully sacred and traditional church music that was provided by about 20 accomplished choristers and a very fine organist.

Those who were present will long remember the sacred and solemn celebration of the Mass, the beautiful words from the celebrant as well as one very lengthy eulogy.

CAMDEN AND WOLLONDILLY HOUSING FORUM

Homelessness, social housing and Domestic violence are very big issues for all sections of society in the current cost of living crisis.

Camden and Wollondilly electorates are coming together to hold a forum to be held

Wednesday 26 July 2023 from 1pm to 4pm
At The Camden Valley Inn, Remembrance Drive, Cawdor.

Saint Paul's has been invited to be a part of these discussions and would like to send a volunteer from the Parish. If you are interest in offering to be our representative, please contact the Parish Office during the usual hours on 4655 8797.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The FHC will begin on the first weekend in September. As advised previously, the programme will include a Prayer Assessment Evening in September in which children will be asked to recite the Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Contrition. In addition – and by mid-November – the children will also be expected to be able to recite the Glory Be.

Within the programme, a new component will be added. It will be called '**Rosay Night**'. A few opportunities will be available and the duration of the evening will be from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

Each candidate for FHC will need to be present along with a parent/carer/elder sibling. Both should have a set of rosary beads, possibly borrowed so as to leave the option of rosary beads as a gift for FHC. Other family members may also come along. Please, no negativity. The occasion will be most enriching.

The evening is expected to include two Marian hymns – one at the beginning and one at the end. So in preparation, parents/carers and children might like to begin familiarising themselves with the first of the two hymns:

As I Kneel Before You

There are numerous versions. But one of the lovelier ones is by **St Francis Xavier SG Choir**.

A LITTLE HUMOUR ~ WITH A SERIOUS MESSAGE

Notice found in French churches:
translation:

It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the Call of God.
On the other hand, it is not likely that he will contact you by phone.
Thank you for turning off your phone.

If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to him.
If you would like to see him, send him a text while driving.

Sunday 16th July ~ 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 15th July

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

Sunday 16th July

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Rachael & Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

16 th July	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Angelina Vecchio	Ray Cusack	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Warren Johnson	Anthony McElhone	Lisa McFadzean	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Maureen Grisdale	Brad McAllister	Joseph Hanson	Cathy Conwell	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Maria Kosiak	Samantha Vergara	Margaret Thornton	Dianne Garland	Craig

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Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

DIOCESAN NEWS

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visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

For our Faithful Departed: Michael Carroll, Clarice Rutledge, Fr Alan Hartcher ofm, Yolande Herisson, Alana Vella, Cynthia Agius, Barry Deitz, Durda Vokovic, *who died recently*. Maree Deigan, Cath Burke, Drago Milosevic, Arthur Lang, Alma Reilly, Annunziata Zinghini, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Lewis family, Ryan family, 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: Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Kerry Hudson, Barbara Brodnik, Chris Yopp, Monica Tattam, 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