



ST. PAUL'S  
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CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

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CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

### Transfiguration of the Lord

From Pope Francis

Pope Francis asks us to see “the beauty on the faces of the people who walk beside us every day. How many smiles, how many wrinkles how many tears reveal love around us”.

### Mary MacKillop Feast Day ~ 8<sup>th</sup> August

This coming Tuesday 8 August is the Feast of Australia’s first saint, Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Father Victor will be celebrating a Mass to honour Saint Mary that is to be held at our normal weekday Mass time of 9.00am. Everyone most welcome to attend and honour this most wonderful lady.

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ 15<sup>th</sup> August

Tuesday 15th August is the Commemoration of the Assumption into Heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a day of Holy Obligation. We have very few days of Holy Obligation now and to enable as many parishioners as possible to attend Mass, Father Victor will be celebrating the normal weekday Mass at 9.00am and then an additional Mass in the evening at 7.00pm.

### THE OAKS ~ MORNING TEA

With the First Sunday of the month, there’s the customary morning tea for those who enjoy a little fraternity. Home-made delights are brought along to accompany the tea and coffee. Plenty of eating, drinking and talking. But it’s reasonable to say – and to say without any fear of contradiction – that people always resist any temptation to gormandize. Very civilised, cultured and convivial. All invited.

### ST JOSEPH THE WORKER OAKDALE ~ ROSARY

This Saturday evening after the 5.00pm Mass the Rosary will be said in the church at Oakdale. Everyone is very welcome to stay and to be a part of these beautiful prayers.

### SCAM WARNING

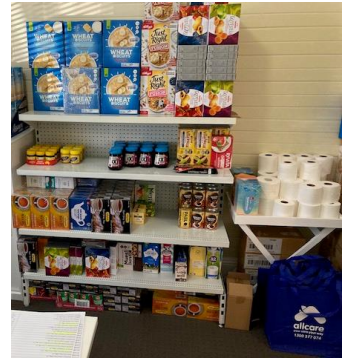
Over the past week a number of parishioners have been approached by scammers who have identified themselves as Father Michael and requested the purchase of Gift cards for which he will reimburse them. Father Michael would never do this and he asks that if you receive one of these texts that you ignore it. Please do not give these people Gift Cards or money!

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## Saint Vincent De Paul Request



Our Saint Vincent de Paul volunteers operate a food Hub at their premises, 38 Elizabeth Street, Camden, where they are supplying food hampers to those in need. They would like to be able to supply meat and frozen items in the hampers, this has not been possible because they do not have a freezer. Vinnies are asking if we could assist with the purchase of a cabinet freezer at a cost of about \$700.00. Parishioners wishing to help, any donation no matter how small can be placed in the Poor Box that is in the Chapel entrance. The Hub is open five days a week from 10.00am to 2.00pm to assist anyone who drops in, contact can be made with the Hub by calling Pat O’Flynn on 0417 463 979. Because of the cost of living crisis we find ourselves in this is a very worthwhile way to assist the poor of our community.



## Funerals in the Parish Church at Camden

Monday 7 August	Clement ‘Clem’ O’Brien	11:30 AM
Thursday 10 August	Thomas Frederick Funnell	10:30 AM

## RAISING FATHERS EVENING ~ MONDAY 28 AUGUST

A special event evening on Monday 28 August 2023 in Campbelltown with Robert Falzon from menALIVE, as he unpacks practical advice and shares stories that are powerfully important, informative and instructional for fathering in today’s world.

In an age where there is training to do almost everything, there are so many fathers who are in desperate need of tips and tools to do one of the most important and impactful tasks on earth – Fathering! – and this evening will be a source of great formation and encouragement for dads.

From 7:00pm–8:30pm at Level 1, Micah House Resource Centre. There is no cost involved.

More information and booking at [www.dow.org.au/events/raising-fathers-evening/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/raising-fathers-evening/).

## Invitation to the Ordination to the Diaconate

The Parishioners of Camden and The Oaks parishes are invited to the Ordination to the Diaconate of Lawrence Burns & Rodney Mackrill. To be held on Saturday 2 September, 10.30am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Light refreshments to follow at the Xavier Centre Conference Rooms. To RSVP please visit <https://www.dow.org.au/ordination-of-lawrence-burns-rodney-mackrill-rsvp/>.

## MENALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND ~ 9-10 SEPTEMBER, CAMPBELLTOWN

Come along menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.

So many men have had their faith transformed and renewed by the experience of menALIVE, and this is an opportunity for men who have attended a menALIVE regional weekend in the past, and men who haven't, to come together to affirm the words of St Irenaeus all over again: "God is glorified when men are fully alive!"

It is being run as a regional weekend by the NSW menALIVE team for the multiple parishes in the Macarthur region and beyond.

Saturday Time: 8:00am–9:00pm | Sunday Time: 8:30am-1:30pm at Level 1, Micah House Resource Centre, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Cost is \$70 per person (\$50 concession). *Please note: the registration cost includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and dinner on Saturday.* To register: [dow.sh/MACampbelltown2023](https://dow.sh/MACampbelltown2023).

### A LITTLE HUMOUR

Q: What's the most important part of the Popemobile?

A: The catholic converter.

### DIOCESAN NEWS

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.

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August ~ Transfiguration of the Lord

#### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 5<sup>th</sup> August

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

#### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August

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

6 <sup>th</sup> August	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Jim Gallagher	Toni Sillis	Trish O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Maureen Grisdale	Maria Caridi	Cathy Conwell	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Eugene

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August ~ 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 12<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Rick	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	TBA
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Tony

*For our Faithful Departed:* Thomas Funnell, Clem O'Brien, Joseph Zoric, Michael Carroll, Clarice Rutledge, Fr Alan Hartcher ofm, Yolande Herisson, *who died recently*. John Lock, Giuseppe Alessi, Martin Goes, Ena Lang, Mary Thurn, Maree Deigan, Cath Burke, Drago Milosevic, Arthur Lang, Eric Busby, Michael Busby, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Lewis family, Ryan family, Sabas Bolivar, Oliva Bolivar, msgr Pastor Bolivar, Maria Irwin, Cath Bourke, Barry Myles, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP*.

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Kerry Hudson, Barbara Brodnik, Chris Yopp, Monica Tattam, Hector Balestri, Glenn Murphy, Olivia Toole, Michael O'Sullivan, Myra Dozzi, Des Grissell, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

**Kind Regards**

**St Paul's Parish Office**