



## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR A

From Pope Francis

“And who do you say I am?”

In the Gospel this week Jesus asks his disciples “who do you think I am”. Pope Francis has said each and everyone of us must not give a hypothetical answer, but one that involves faith, because faith is life. An answer that demands that we too, like the first disciples, listen to the voice of the Father.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next weekend the 2nd and 3rd of September, names will be taken for families wishing to enrol their children for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Name forms and timelines will be distributed at all weekend Masses, at Saint Paul’s Camden, Saint Joseph the Worker Oakdale and Saint Aloysius The Oaks at their normal Mass times. Saturday morning is not a weekend Mass, it is a weekday Mass and names cannot be taken nor forms picked up.

Attendance at Mass is a very important part of the program and as with all our programmes there is a pause for the school holidays, if your family is booked for an extended holiday outside of the school holidays it would be better for you to consider now being a part of the 2024 Sacrament. A reminder is also offered for the children to revise The Our Father, The Hail Mary and The Act of Contrition these are the pillar prayers of the Catholic Church and will be an important part of the Sacrament.

Families should contact the office if they need further assistance.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2023-2024

There are still a small number of Planned Giving envelopes not picked up but available at the back of the church. After this weekend they will be removed and will need to be collected from the Parish Office during normal hours. Envelopes can be mailed if requested but due to the cost it is much better if they can be collected when families are at Mass.

### Funeral in the Parish Church at Camden

Tuesday 29 August

Jean Bardsley

10:30 AM

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ST. ALOYSIUS  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## ST CLARE'S CHURCH

The office is still receiving a few completed questionnaires for Parish members to offer their opinions on the surfaces, colours and the outside configuration of the new church that is to be built at Saint Clare's. With Father Michael having been on holidays movement on the church has been slowly proceeding in the background but on his return things will start to gather momentum, so this weekend will also be the last that the questionnaires can be submitted.

## ST PAUL'S HERITAGE HALL

In Father Michael's absence the office has been in constant contact with both the Insurance Company and the Insurance assessor following the flood damage to the Heritage Hall. As with all Insurance claims it is slowly working its way through the system, but we are very hopeful of having good news for Father on his return.

## A LITTLE HUMOUR

Q: What was the mathematician's favourite book in the Bible?  
A: Numbers.

## 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/>.

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August ~ 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 26<sup>th</sup> August

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

### Sunday 27<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	Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Craig

27 <sup>th</sup> August	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Ray Cusack					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Maria Kosiak	Diane Kennaugh	Trish O'Flynn	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Deanna David	Rebecca Ward	Cheryl Carroll	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Michael Reardon	Meaghan Marchand	Cathy Conwell	Peter Grizelj	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Judith Madsen	Margaret Thornton	Samantha Vergara	Craig

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

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	Tony

*For our Faithful Departed:* Jean Bardsley, Torjus Linow, John Sammut, Thomas Funnell, Clem O'Brien, Joseph Zoric, *who died recently.* Vincent Grech, Colin Lloyd, John Lock, Giuseppe Alessi, Martin Goes, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Lewis family, Ryan family, Sabas Bolivar, Oliva Bolivar, msgr Pastor Bolivar, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Mary, Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP.*

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Margaret Roach, 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**