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CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

*Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden*

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### More from St John Chrysostom (Feast day 13 September)

- ❖ The primary goal in the education of children is to teach, and to give the example of a virtuous life.”
- ❖ “The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together.”
- ❖ “Be ashamed when you sin, not when you repent.”
- ❖ “What greater work is there than training the mind and forming the habits of the young?”

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

A new PPC met earlier this year but has since been in recess. The difficulty has been the Heritage Hall which has still to be repaired after torrential rain and local flooding from 18 months ago. After numerous discussions and various reports, a plan to repair the hall has been formulated but developments have been proceeding at a glacial pace.

In anticipation of real progress, an invitation is extended for the PPC to meet again at 7:00 PM on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Parishioners interested in attending are simply requested to advise the parish office. Thanks in anticipation.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Owing to the strong commitment from our families, the FHC programme has begun exceedingly well. Almost 190 families are expected to return enrolment forms this week at Mass. And gratitude is extended to the many parents and carers who have been assisting the children learn their prayers. All very encouraging.

## PUBLICATION ~ LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE

This publication is a social justice statement produced by the Australian catholic Bishops Conference. A limited number are available from the various magazine table. If trying to decide how to vote in the upcoming referendum, this publication may be especially helpful.

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## ST CLARE'S CHURCH

During August, the plans and drawings for the church were submitted to Camden Council for a preliminary meeting before the formal submission of a DA (Development Application). Practical matters such as traffic flow came under consideration with accompanying requirements.

The urban design was also reviewed and included references to landscaping, building materials, colours, and imagery within the stained glass. It was noted, in particular, that "the use of blank walls should be limited and offset with landscaping elements of a complimentary height.

In summary, it appears that the design of the church is moving in the right direction although more work is still to be done.

Further reports will be provided in coming weeks. And thanks to the parishioners who participated in the survey that was open to all. Feedback was really valued.

## BISHOP BRIAN'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As contained in our newsletter from last weekend:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 16/17 September "Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Offering dignified support and care for our retired clergy, who have always cared for us; and a sound and holistic formation of our young seminarians, our future priests, are my responsibilities as your Bishop. I seek your prayers and practical support to help me ensure that I can do this. Your donation to this appeal is very much appreciated." + Bishop Brian Mascord.

Accordingly, there will be a **Leaving Appeal** as an opportunity for parishioners to make an offering after Mass when leaving the church. Also, contributions to the 'tap & go' devices will be devoted to the appeal. It would be helpful if we could raise a few thousand.

## THE OAKS

Progress continues although a little slower than first anticipated. Following the most recent community meeting in which there was most helpful discussion, it soon became apparent that there needed to be a slight realignment of boundaries to ensure ongoing vehicle access to the present cemetery and also to the eventual extension of the present cemetery. Hearses as well as vehicles for stonemasonry and maintenance will forever require proper access. Matters are now being managed by the legal fraternity to ensure a smooth outcome.

## MIDWEEK MASSES

Father Victor will be having a well-deserved break after Masses this weekend.

So until the end of October, the midweek Mass timetable will be:

	<b>Camden (9:00 AM)</b>	<b>Narellan Vale (8:00 AM)</b>
Tuesday:	Mass	
Wednesday:	Communion Service	Mass with Adoration at 7:30 AM
Thursday:	Mass	
Friday	Communion Service	Mass with Adoration at 7:45 AM
Saturday	Mass	

At Camden, Adoration begins from about 30 minutes before Mass.

## 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.

## Glenmore Park ~ Feast day of Padre Pio

Special devotions and Masses have been scheduled including the veneration and blessing by the Relic of St Padre Pio. Interested parishioners can obtain more details from the parish website [www.padrepio.org.au](http://www.padrepio.org.au) or phone 4789 2232.

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September ~ 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 16<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September

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

17 <sup>th</sup> September	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Kerry Todd	Sandra Skarsky	Robin Roberts, Russell O'Brien	Diane Kennaugh, Angelina Vecchio	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Sue				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kathryn Hampton	Warren Johnson	Lorraine Phillips	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Carol Ann Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Brad McAllister	Michael Reardon	Cathy Conwell	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Craig

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September

The Oaks	9:00 AM	TBA	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Trent & Damian
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

*For our Faithful Departed:* Alexander Frater, Francesca Raso, Jean Bardsley, Torjus Linow, John Sammut, *who died recently.* Edwina Powell, Maureen Ovington, Max Baragry, Michael Antalfy, Peter Cox, Marie Becus, Vincent Grech, Colin Lloyd, *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**

**Fr Michael Williams**