



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From St Vincent de Paul (feast day 27 September)

If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts.

Cursillo ~ Diocesan Women's Retreat

5-8 October 2023, Carmel House Varroville

The retreat starts on a Thursday night (6:00 PM) and ends on Sunday night (4:30 PM). During these three days, a small course (cursillo) is given on the fundamental aspects of Christianity and the Christian way of life. This 'course' is not of an academic nature. It is composed of real-life experiences, given mostly by lay-persons, which become the basis for small group discussions.

These testimonies and exchanges are intermingled with songs, laughter, breaks and moments of prayer. The atmosphere is one of warmth, fraternity and respect and before we know it, it is over.

from: <https://www.cursillos.ca/en/faq/f02-description.htm>

The cost of the weekend is \$320. Our parishes will offer a 50% subsidy to any parishioners wishing to attend. Little brochures are available from the magazine tables.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting 4th October at 7:00 PM in the Camden meeting room
Convivium afterwards for those who have time.

FATHER RICK

Father Rick has been struggling since admission to hospital a few weeks ago. After an unsuccessful operation, he has returned to ICU and is under very close monitoring. It's hoped that further medical procedures will improve his condition. At the moment, however, he's seriously unwell.

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THE OAKS AND OAKDALE ~ MASS TIMETABLE

Father Victor is on annual leave and will be returning at the end of October. Over the next six weekends, and with the shortage and aging of priests, it's not possible to provide Mass at both Oakdale and The Oaks during his absence.

However, a retired priest from Figtree is available to celebrate Mass at The Oaks each Sunday morning at 9:00 AM. So it will be Mass as usual.

Parishioners at Oakdale who want to continue to receive Holy Communion – which hopefully is everyone – have at least three obvious choices:

1. Attend a Communion Service at Oakdale which will be available at the normal time of 5:00 PM.
2. Travel to Camden for the 5:00 pm Vigil – a pleasant drive, especially when daylight saving begins.
3. Attend Mass at The Oaks on the Sunday morning.

We'll try to return to normal from the beginning of November.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Because of school holidays, the FHC programme has been paused for two weekends. Parents should still try to bring their children to Mass. Excellent example and good preparation for our youngsters. And it won't cause any suffering. Could be a good idea to read again the quote above from St Vincent de Paul. Children are always deeply blessed when God is the centre of family life.

PUBLICATION ~ LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE

Few copies remaining. Our order from a couple of weeks ago exhausted available supplies. But at least we were able to purchase 150. There're also still a few copies at The Oaks and Oakdale.

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Due to popular demand and a preference from Camden Council, the dominating colour of the church has been changed from white to sandstone. The two architects who have been designing the project are highly accomplished and very receptive to the collective views from our parishioners. Project proceeding quite well. One of the biggest challenges will be the artwork to be included in the form of glass.

BISHOP BRIAN'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Many thanks to our parishioners from The Oaks, Oakdale and Camden. Our target was \$2,000 and an amount of \$2,100 was contributed from Camden and \$300 from The Oaks and Oakdale.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASSES

On Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st, Graduation Masses were celebrated at St Benedict's and Magdalene.

Both Masses were celebrated with the presence of a large number of students, teachers and parents in very modern and very well-appointed halls.

On both occasions, the teenagers especially were noticeably settled, quiet and respectful. It's a great credit to the students, their families and to the teachers that reverence for the Church's sacred ceremonies has found a place in their hearts.

And to all the students who will soon be undertaking the HSC examinations, prayers and best wishes from our parishes.

MASS FOR LOSS OF PREGNANCIES, INFANTS AND CHILDREN ~ 9:00AM, 7 OCTOBER

On Saturday 7 October the 9.00am Mass will be dedicated to those who have experienced the loss of a child, either before birth or soon after. Our community can show love and compassion for those who have experienced this deep sorrow: a presence at this Mass is a very beautiful way of expressing this support.

68th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Last Sunday 17 September Wal and Nell Glynn, well known members of our parish, celebrated 68 years of marriage. Wal and Nell were married at St Joseph's Parish in Rosebery on 17 September 1955. Flowers were presented to Nell with a certificate from the Parish for them both. Father Victor blessed this devoted couple, and remarked to the parishioners in attendance how the happiness they have shared for so long is such a very good example for couples to strive for.

Congratulations to Nell and Wal!

John Therry Catholic High School - 30 Year Reunion

The class of 1993 are holding a 30 year reunion on Saturday 4 November in the Camden Hotel at the cost of \$50 per person. To register please visit <http://www.trybooking.com/CJNCY> before 18 October.

MENALIVE GROWING GOOD MEN ~ 20-22 OCTOBER, APPIN

MenALIVE Growing Good Men Father and Son Camp 20-22 October 2023 / Cataract Scout Camp Appin

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world. Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12–and 16 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE. Register online <https://www.dow.org.au/events/menalive-growing-good-men-weekend/> or contact Jude Hennessy on 4222 2407 jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

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 24th September ~ 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 23rd September

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	TBA
Oakdale	5:00 PM	TBA	Jo

Sunday 24th 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

24 th September	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Chris Keun	Maria Kosiak	Trish O'Flynn, Wal Glynn	Robin Roberts, Sharon Picken	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Rebecca Ward	Lorraine Phillips	Maryann Ace	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Tracy Paul				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Julie Sligar	Michael Toweel	Maria Debrincat	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Margaret Thornton	Dianne Garland	Craig

Sunday 1st October ~ 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 30th September

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

Sunday 1st October

The Oaks	9:00 AM	TBA	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Steve & Damian
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny & Tasha

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