



ST. PAUL'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
CAMDEN

ST. ALOYSIUS  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
NARELLAN

ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From St Therese of Lisieux (feast day 1 October)

Do you realise that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone?  
He burns with the desire to come into your heart... don't listen to the demon, laugh at him,  
and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..."

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00 PM in the Camden parish meeting room  
Convivium afterwards for those who have time.  
Would be helpful to advise the parish office if planning to attend. Thanks

### FATHER RICK

Father Rick's condition has stabilised and he may have even improved a little. But he remains far from full strength. He expects to be in hospital for at least another week and during this time is hopeful of further progress. We continue to remember Fr Rick in our prayers.

### THE OAKS AND OAKDALE ~ MASS TIMETABLE

The same as last week with a Holy Communion service at Oakdale and Mass at The Oaks. No other option available at the moment but to improvise.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

On pause again this weekend and will resume on the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October with the distribution of workbooks. Please try to remain committed to Mass with the children. Further enrolments cannot be accepted after this weekend, forms will be available at all Masses. A very few children have yet to be either assessed on their knowledge of the Our Father, Hail Mary and Act of Contrition, or still need to be reassessed. These children will not be able to collect their workbooks until this very important assessment is done. Further information can be obtained by contacting the office on 4655 8797.

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## MIDWEEK MASSES AT CAMDEN ~ PENITENTIAL ACT

All our parishioners – especially those who are retired – should consider occasional attendance at Midweek Mass. Perhaps select a day like Wednesday and come every week. The Word of God and Holy Communion are daily treasures. Suggest re-reading the quote at the beginning of the Weekly Message from St Therese of Lisieux.

So our parish assembly will be further enriched by an especially strong familiarity with this version of the Penitential Act.

Celebrant: Have mercy on us O Lord.  
Assembly: For we have sinned against you.

Celebrant: Show us O Lord you mercy  
Assembly: And grant us your salvation.

## ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Now moving to within a few months of formally submitting a Development Application to Camden Council. The drawings are looking more impressive with every version. The architects are doing a great job.

## HERITAGE HALL

A substantial amount of work has been completed this week with the installation of a floor. The next stage could be – internally – another coat of paint of exactly the same colours. Have a question for people who know a little about painting:

The existing paintwork was applied about 10 years ago. It still looks quite reasonable and may not require a coat at this very moment. However, before new carpet is laid, would this be a good time to apply another coat? Please offer advice to me after any of the Masses this weekend or contact the parish office by phone (4655 8797) or email. In our parishes we try to be genuinely consultative.

The restoration process is as follows: 1. Install new floor 2. Coat of paint (maybe) 3. Carpeting or other quality floor covering (see footnote) 4. New chairs 5. Externally, a concrete path around the perimeter to ensure that rainwater runs away from the building, 6 Landscaping.

We're hoping that the HH will be available for business during Advent and leading up to Christmas.

Footnote: The two large carpet squares that were part of the HH have been rolled up and stored in the kitchen. It may be possible – instead of laying new carpet – to lay a high-quality vinyl that imitates polished floorboards, and then reuse the large carpet squares. Once again, please communicate thoughts to me at Mass this weekend or contact parish office.

## TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER ~ HEALING MASS

This Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October being the first Tuesday of the month our normal morning Mass is a Healing Mass. All parishioners who are unwell and wishing to have extra blessings are extended a most heartfelt invitation to attend. A cup of tea is offered in the Meeting Room adjoining the church afterwards. If you are unwell please consider joining in, the fraternity is uplifting.

## WHITE WINE ~ COOKOOTHAMA

Among the various blends and varietals, there's a very good option from the Nugan Estate, called 'Cookoothama', an aboriginal word meaning 'fertile land'.

The wine is available from Dan's over at Macarthur, and possibly other outlets as well.

The discerning connoisseur likes to know the valley from which the grapes were grown and the wine produced. Well, locating the Nugan Estate was a bit tricky. The local shop assistant was asked about the location and needed to reach for her mobile to find the answer. Even then, it was hard to nail the exact whereabouts of the vineyard.

The label on the bottle describes Cookoothama in the following way:

"Vibrant aromas of snow pea, passionfruit and lemongrass lead to a lively palate of guava, kiwifruit and lime zest. A small portion of Semillon, fermented in seasoned barrels, brings additional complexity and texture to the blend."

Could be worth a try. Serve chilled.

## THE OAKS ~ MORNING TEA

With it being the First Sunday of the month, there is the customary morning tea for those who enjoy a little conversation and community after Mass. If you are able to join in, please bring along a plate and enjoy the company and celebration.

## ST JOSEPH THE WORKER OAKDALE ~ ROSARY

This Saturday evening, the first of the month, the Rosary will be said in the church at Oakdale after the Saturday evening Communion service. Everyone is very welcome to stay and to be a part of these beautiful prayers and to enjoy the company of other parishioners.

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October ~ 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 30<sup>th</sup> September

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

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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

1 <sup>st</sup> October	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Kerry Todd	Diane Kennaugh	Chris Keun, Trish O'Flynn	Angelina Vecchio, Pat O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Warren Jones				
Sun 10.00am	TBA	Nada Simich	Maria Caridi	Cathy Conwell	Peter Grizelj	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Meaghan Marchand	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October ~ 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 7<sup>th</sup> October

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Rachael
Oakdale	5:00 PM	TBA	Jo

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

The Oaks	9:00 AM	TBA	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Michael	Choir
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Michael	Eva & Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tony

*For our Faithful Departed:* Alexander Frater, Francesca Raso, Jean Bardsley, Clement O'Brien, *who died recently*. Edwina Powell, Maureen Ovington, Max Baragry, Michael Antalfy, Peter Cox, Marie Becus, *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**