



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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Prayer from St Therese of Lisieux

Sometimes when I am in such a state of spiritual dryness that not a single good thought occurs to me, I say very slowly the "Our Father," or the "Hail Mary," and these prayers suffice to take me out of myself.

I take refuge, then, in prayer, and turn to Mary, and our Lord always triumphs.

My strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; they are invincible weapons, and touch hearts more surely than words can do, as I have learned by experience.

YOUTH GATHERING ~CALLED BY NAME

Macarthur Young Adults – aged 17 to 35 are invited to a Gathering at the Campbelltown Catholic Club on Saturday 28 October 6:45pm - 9pm

Only 2 weeks are left to Register.

We live in a chaotic world that often leaves us struggling to understand who we truly are, our purpose, and our calling in life. If you've found yourself contemplating these questions, you're not alone!

This event is the beginning of a regional initiative connecting young adults in the Macarthur. So why not start from the beginning.

Actually, young adults from all throughout the Diocese are most welcome. So register now: dow.sh/cbn23

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Quite Extraordinary. Would you believe that 15 people were present at the PPC meeting on 4 October and there were another three apologies? It's 100% true. As Jesus said to Thomas after his Resurrection: "Doubt no longer but believe".

For the majority, this was their very first time in attending a PPC meeting. So after a little over an hour, participants were invited to reflect upon their experience with the objective of indicating within a few weeks if they would like to be members for a three-year term from the present until the end of 2026.

Normally the PPC would have a pastoral emphasis but this initial meeting was seriously dedicated to discussing the new church at St Clare's and then the next stage of restoration for the HH.

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FATHER RICK

Father Rick is still in hospital. His condition appears to be stable but his recovery will take quite some time.

THE OAKS AND OAKDALE ~ MASS TIMETABLE

The timetable that has applied for the past two weeks is planned to continue until the end of the month.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Distribution of Books this week with accompanying notes for parents to assist their children. Great opportunity for parents and carers to share time with children – a strong expression of love. Parents and carers are required to read their own little section and then children need to complete pages 4 – 8. Every question or activity should be completed not just those with assistance given. Should any further assistance be required please contact the Parish Office during normal hours on 4655 8797.

A form will be distributed in the church during Mass to all those candidates who are enrolled and have completed their Prayer Assessment satisfactorily. This form should then be taken to the Meeting Room and exchanged for a personalised workbook.

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Floor plan has been 99.9% completed. 'Looking very impressive with touches of originality. The big job ahead is the interior outfitting with artwork, and then the selection of colours. Choice of lighting is another huge challenge but that should be quite ok considering that the work and guidance of the two architects have been very accomplished so far.

HERITAGE HALL

Big breakthrough with the installation of the floor. Progress should now be quite steady. Will soon be a blessed relief.

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

<https://dow.sh/stayingconnected> or

visit <https://dow.sh/weeklybulletin> to see a full list of notices sent to parishes weekly.

Sunday 8th October ~ 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 7th October

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

Sunday 8th 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

8 th October	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Wal Glynn	Chris Keun	Diane Kennaugh, Russell O'Brien	Pat O'Flynn, Robin Roberts	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Maureen Grisdale	Cheryl Carroll	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Oscar Marimbe	Nada Simich	Cathy Conwell	Peter Grizelj	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Simon Abernethy	Jacinta Abernethy	Lo Cascio Family

Sunday 15th October ~ 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 7th October

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

Sunday 8th October

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

For our Faithful Departed: Kaye Simpson, Mata Krstin, Rosemary Corso, Peter Garofalo, Alexander Frater, Francesca Raso, Jean Bardsley, Clement O'Brien, *who died recently.* Edwina Powell, Maureen Ovington, Max Baragry, Michael Antalffy, 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,

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