



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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Teaching from St Ignatius of Antioch (Feast 17 October)

We recognize a tree by its fruit, and we ought to be able to recognise a Christian by his/her actions.

The fruit of faith should be evident in our lives, for being a Christian is more than making sound professions of faith. It should reveal itself in practical and visible ways.

Indeed it is better to keep quiet about our beliefs, and live them out, than to talk eloquently about what we believe, but fail to live by it.

PUBLICATIONS

The Sign ~ Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections

This delightful little pocket-size handbook contains thoughtful and prayerful reflections for each day of Advent and Christmas. Will easily fit into the glove box or a handbag. The publication is produced by the Diocese of Wollongong and includes a healthy number of local contributors from among clergy, religious and the people of God. Excellent value at just \$2.50.

God's Word ~ Daily Reflections for 2024

This publication from [St Paul's Book and Media](#) provides in booklet form the liturgical calendar for 2024 with inclusion of all the feast days. It's an A5 size booklet with each page dedicated to the readings and an accompanying reflection. Very easy to use, and ideal for those who might be housebound. For parishioners who have a love of daily prayer, this publication – at a cost of just \$15.00 – can be regarded as a high quality investment.

REMINDER ~ 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 1 week left to register.

This event is the beginning of a regional initiative connecting young adults in the Macarthur. So why not start from the beginning. All are encouraged to register now: dow.sh/cbn23.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Families may recall that a Christmas concert was held in our church on the Sunday evening before Christmas in 2020. Our musicians provided a great variety of carols and festive music. And during the intermission, there was the arrival of Mr Santa Claus who offered the children little treats.

Consideration is now under way for another such concert. Parishioners are welcome to express their thoughts to the parish office.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Next meeting – and final meeting for the year – scheduled for Wednesday 2 December at 7:00 PM

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE (PFC)

Proposed meeting date set for Wednesday 1st November at 7:00 PM. Duration is expected to be less than an hour. Please advise as soon as possible if unable to attend. It might be necessary to change the date if more than a few are unable to attend.

FATHER RICK

Father Rick is still in hospital. Slight improvement but not without complications

THE OAKS AND OAKDALE ~ MASS TIMETABLE

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

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Major building projects always require consultancy reports. The latest is entitled 'Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Assessment'. At a cost of around \$5,000, the contents should make for interesting reading. As a parish, there's a 100% commitment to total compliance to every aspect of the project. No cutting corners.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Gratitude is extended to the overwhelming number of adults and children in the FHC programme who were present last weekend to collect their books. Our sacramental programmes are based on mutual obligation. And so it's been very reassuring that about 90% of families are always meeting the various requirements.

The accompanying notes for parents to assist their children will again be distributed this weekend. Parents and carers need to assist the children read and complete every question or puzzle on pages 10-16.

Attendance needs to be recorded and the second week assistance sheet collected.

Some books are still to be collected. If not collected this weekend, families will be presumed to have withdrawn from the programme. First week assistance sheets are included with the books which can be collected from the musicians area.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

Bishop Brian has requested a head count of those attending Mass for the November period. This applies to all the parishes in the diocese. The purpose is to collect up-to-date information for planning and for further assessing the impact of the pandemic.

HERITAGE HALL

No progress from last week but, hopefully, there'll be further developments before the end of the month.

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 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

15 th October	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Anthony McElhone	Stephen Barrett	Angelina Vecchio, Sharon Picken	Robin Roberts, Chris Keun	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Sue				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Rebecca Ward	Kathryn Hampton	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Melissa Duck				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Michael Toweel	Joseph Hanson	Michael Reardon	Cathy Conwell	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Judith Madsen	Dianne Garland	Samantha Vergara	Simon Abernethy	Craig

Sunday 22nd October ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 21st October

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

Sunday 22nd October

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: 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: Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Kerry Hudson, Barbara Brodnik, Chris Yopp, 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