



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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Another quote from St Ignatius of Antioch (Feast 17 October)

My dear Jesus, my Savior, is so deeply written in my heart, that I feel confident, that if my heart were to be cut open and chopped to pieces, the name of Jesus would be found written on every piece."

PUBLICATIONS

The Sign ~ Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections

Cost is \$2.50, copies still available from the altar near the font.

God's Word ~ Daily Reflections for 2024

Almost completely gone. A few copies at \$15 still remain. Good gift idea for people who like to pray and reflect on a daily basis for 2024.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Specially designated envelopes will be available from next weekend but other standard envelopes are still ok. All Masses in our two parishes during November will be offered for the deceased family members and friends of parishioners at Camden and The Oaks. Please write name(s) of the deceased on an envelope and drop in the collection bag. Following a decision from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference quite a few years ago, the minimum offering is \$20. However, in cases of genuine financial hardship, smaller amounts are ok.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Now in the process of finalising membership to the PPC. One more meeting is planned for the end of the year. January 2024 begins a new three-year term until the end of 2026. The PPC meets every two months or more often if required.

So what are PPC meetings like? Well if you can imagine a polite and courteous business meeting (on one hand) and a fraternal and social gathering of parishioners (on the other), then the PPC is a kind of blend.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6 December at 7:00 PM.

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Blattman Ave, Oakdale NSW 2570 Oakdale (ring Camden) theoaks@dow.org.au

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE (PFC)

Proposed meeting date set for Wednesday 1st November at 7:00 PM.

Agenda: Summary parish finances and construction costs for the church.

Not expected to take too long, and certainly less than an hour.

FATHER RICK

Father Rick has been struggling and is still quite unwell. He remains in hospital receiving high quality medical care.

THE OAKS AND OAKDALE ~ MASS TIMETABLE

Plans are still in place to reintroduce the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass at Oakdale on Saturday 4th November.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

This week families need to complete every question/puzzle or drawing from pages 18 to 25. Assistance sheets for workshop three will be distributed at all Masses.

Forms for the First Holy Communion ceremony preferences will also be distributed, these forms need to be filled in and handed back to the attendants. **DO NOT TAKE HOME.** Ceremony allocation is completed by Monday morning so forms not handed in at Mass this weekend will not be able to be included in the first selection. Numbers at each ceremony are set and every effort is made to accommodate family requirements, but obviously not every family will be able to receive their first choice. Please mark forms with at least 3 choices. If your family has **SPECIAL** circumstances a short note explaining these will assist in the allocating. Forms with one choice only cannot be accepted.

A leaflet with ceremony allocations will be distributed at all Masses 28/29 October. Advance knowledge of allocations is not available to calls and emails to the parish office. Families who have not submitted their preferences will be asked to complete a renewed form on that weekend showing ceremonies with spaces still available.

ST CLARE'S CHURCH

Architects' plans have been submitted to Bishop Brian for consideration.

REMINDER ~ 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 ~ FLOORING

Hoping to make progress this coming week after meeting with experienced personnel who specialise in floor coverings.

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 22nd October ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 21st October

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	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	TBA

22 nd October	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Maria Kosiak	Toni Sillis	Diane Kennaugh, Trish O'Flynn	Angelina Vecchio, Wal Glynn	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	John Charadia	Deanna David	Kathryn Hampton	Maryann Ace	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	Mark Coleman	Oscar Marimbe	Julie Sligar	Maria Debrincat	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Julie
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Dianne Garland	To be allocated	TBA

Sunday 29th October ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 28th October

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

Sunday 29th 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	Tony Lo Cascio

For our Faithful Departed: Kaye Simpson, Mata Krstin, Rosemary Corso, Peter Garofalo, Alexander Frater, Francesca Raso, *who died recently.* Saveria Grech, Delores Morgan, Edwina Powell, Maureen Ovington, *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: 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