



ST. PAUL'S
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St Leo the Great ~ Feast 10 November

From St Leo: "The works of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians: that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor, are able to play their part.

Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts".

WEEKEND AND MIDWEEK MASSES

Normal midweek Mass schedule now applies.

BUT

On Saturday morning 25 November, the Mass will be at 10:00 AM for the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

in which about 15 adults of various ages will be baptised, confirmed and admitted to the reception of First Holy Communion. Our Saturday-morning 'regulars' are asked to have a presence and on behalf of the parish provide fraternal and prayerful support.

On Sunday afternoon 26 November, our normal 5:00 PM Mass will be brought forward to 4:00 PM as a 'one-off' for the First Holy Communion ceremony. There will be 20 young children celebrating their FHC at this Mass.

NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

During November, all Masses at The Oaks, Oakdale, Narellan Vale and Camden will be offered for our deceased family members and friends, and especially those listed on the remembrance tables.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Will report next week about the seminar in Wollongong. From across the diocese there's almost 150 who have been registered to attend. Should be quite interesting.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME ~ COMING UP

Families with baptised children who are now in Year 2 or higher are invited to enrol them in the Sacrament of Penance Programme that will begin on the weekend of 2/3 December. The programme will be administered from this time until well into the Season of Lent. There will be an extended break during the Christmas holidays.

Our Sacramental Programmes are based on **Mutual Obligation**:

From the parish:

- ❖ The many details are provided in a timely and systematic way, beginning with the programme timeline and then the enrolment form the following week.
- ❖ Then on the designated weekends, other resources are provided that include books, help notes, holy cards, medals and mementos.
- ❖ Parish office personnel and the clergy will be available to assist families as the programme progresses.
- ❖ The administering of the Penance Programme will involve 'follow-up' to ensure all families are well prepared.
- ❖ Records will be retained to assess the readiness of children to progress from the Penance Programme to the First Holy Communion Programme that will be administered later in the year.
- ❖ For FHC and Confirmations, our parish personnel liaise with our highly accomplished musicians and vocalists to ensure all ceremonies are truly sacred and beautiful.
- ❖ Similarly, parish personal also liaise with our school fraternities from St Paul's and St Clare's to involve our teachers who, in the case of FHC and Confirmation, provide a concierge service of the highest quality, and who also help in the marking of the books.

From the families, where each of the following requirements can be regarded as 'non-negotiable'.

- Parents and carers are expected to be motivated and responsive to the programme requirements.
- The obligation of Mass on the weekends with children is an essential component of the programme. Punctuality is important. Children need to have a strong experience of our worshipping community.
- The workbooks contain exercises that should be completed jointly by adults and children working together and sharing their faith.
- Parents/carers need to pray with the children, ensuring that the designated prayers are known exceptionally well in mind and in heart.
- If, on reviewing the programme timeline, that it's discovered that the commitments clash with holidays, please do NOT enrol. Delay until the following year.
- Agree to meet a cost of \$25 which is waived if families are battling.

So in our parishes, the sacramental programmes are built upon a strong foundation of mutual commitment. And on this basis, large numbers of families are very welcome.

If, during the course of the programme, there are adults or carers who are unhappy about the terms of mutual obligation, then these issues must be raised only with myself (Fr Michael). Our parish secretarial personnel are commissioned only for the purpose of providing assistance and guidance. Adults with grievances are welcome to seek a conversation with myself where the starting position will always be mutual obligation.

FATHER RICK

Father Rick is still unwell and struggling with the requirement to remain in hospital. Well wishes from across our parishes are passed on to him, and are always very welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

First Holy Communion workbooks will be available for return this weekend and can be picked up from tables set up in the chapel. Books that have been satisfactorily completed will have a parish stamp on the inside front cover. Should your child's book be stamped but with a coloured tab inside, this indicates that a question/puzzle needs to be either revisited or corrected. Those books (with the stamp) do not need to be returned to the parish office for remarking but can be retained by families.

Those families who have been contacted because the workbooks need further attention are welcome to contact the parish office during normal hours if any help is needed, or further copies of assistance sheets are required.

REMINDER ~ MASS ATTENDANCE COUNT

This week is the second of four counts. Thanks for understanding.

HERITAGE HALL ~ FLOORING AND PAINTING

Painting is progressing well. There's been a one-week delay in the flooring. Also now looking at getting treatment for the brickwork.

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 12th November ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 11th November

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Rachael
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday 12th November

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

12 th November	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Anthony McElhone	Toni Sillis	Diane Kennaugh, Sharon Picken	Chris Keun, Russell O'Brien	Elizabeth
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Sue				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Deanna David	Warren Johnson	Cheryl Carroll	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks Sun 9.00am		Tracy Paul				
Sun 10.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Oscar Marimbe	Helen Lanyon	Maria Debrincat	Cathy Conwell	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Judith Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Samantha Vergara	Margaret Thornton	Lo Cascio family

Sunday 19th November ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 18th November

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

Sunday 19th November

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

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