



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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CATHOLIC PARISH
THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
CATHOLIC
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ YEAR B

Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr
Feast Day 13 December

Those whose hearts are pure, are temples of the Holy Spirit.

REPORT ON THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Once again, our parishes have responded with wonderful generosity to the appeal of last weekend with donations to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal of \$7,795.90.

As reported last week, these funds are dispersed locally in a variety of ways to families who are experiencing obvious hardship. At the very least, we all want to ensure that children in our neighbourhood are properly fed. We'll never be able to assist every person in need, but at least we'll always do our best, remaining mindful of the great need to embrace 'works of mercy' and 'holy charity'.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PROGRAMME 2024

Big response last weekend with 173 families registering. Families who submitted their child's name for the programme last week, this week need to have their attendance recorded and collect the 2024 Enrolment form that needs to be returned with \$25 next weekend. Should families have not been able to attend Mass last weekend and therefore missed submitting their child/children's names, these families should first collect a small form to submit their name then exchange this form for both a Timeline and Enrolment form. Forms will be available at all weekend Masses but should families have any further questions these should be directed to the Parish Office during normal hours on 4655 8797. Please try to be punctual in attending Mass and refrain from eating or drinking, except for water while in the church.

Christmas Ideas

Driving back from Pinegrove Cemetery at Minchinbury a few weeks ago, there was an interview on radio with Danielle Alvarez, an acclaimed restaurant chef.

Danielle has just released a recipe book entitled, *Recipes for a Lifetime of Beautiful Cooking* and is dedicated to her favourite way of cooking: at home, for and with friends and family.

This fully photographed and illustrated hardback, featuring over 110 recipes and a ribbon marker, draws on Danielle's love of Italian and French food.

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With a slight American accent, Danielle talked about her background and how she had spent time in Miami. And having now been in Australia for 10 years, she was then asked about the similarities and difference of recipes between Sydney and Miami.

In a nutshell, she nominated one of the biggest differences in terms of the huge consumption of seafood in east coastal Australia especially at Christmas. And this has been a cultural transition to which she has developed a serious appreciation.

Now if enjoying food from the ocean over the festive period, there may be some interest in a glass of white wine. And this is where I am only too happy to help with a reliable recommendation. The white wine is called 'Mr Mick' from the highly acclaimed Clare Valley, SA. Be sure to serve chilled. The colder the better.

DETAILS OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

	Church	Celebrant	Musicians
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM	Oakdale	Fr Victor	Jo
Christmas Eve 6:30 PM	The Oaks	Fr Victor	Nicole
Christmas Eve 5:00 PM	Camden	Fr Michael	Maria and Rachael
Christmas Eve 7:00 PM	Camden	Fr Michael	Craig, Brian, Colin, Sally
Christmas Eve 9:00 PM	Camden	Fr Victor	Eva and Sarah
Midnight ~ Carols from 11:30	Camden	Fr Victor	Choir
Christmas Morning	Camden	Fr Michael	Ilona and Bill

Please be mindful that the normal Sunday morning Masses at both parishes on Sunday the 24th still apply as these will be for the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Leader in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on Tuesday, 12 December 2023. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to: dow.org.au/position-vacant-diocesan-youth-ministry-leader/ or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

A New Vision for Parishes

Bishop Mascord has supplied multiple copies of **Come and See Go and Make** - A vision for Parishes in the Diocese of Wollongong for distribution amongst the faithful and are available for collection from the magazine tables. Further to this, a short introductory video message from Bishop Mascord may be viewed / downloaded at <http://dow.sh/CSGMvision> Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes resources may be found at <http://dow.sh/CSGMresource>

Pilgrimage of Mercy 11 – 21 June 2024

Father Christopher Sarkis, Parish Priest of Rosemeadow, will be the Chaplain accompanying Harvest Journeys Eastern Europe Pilgrimage of Mercy in June 2024, visiting Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Pilgrimage includes the Shrines of Divine Mercy, the Black Madonna of Czestochowa and the Infant of Prague. It visits places of importance to St John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Maximillian Kolbe, among others. Optional Extension:

There is also an optional 6 night/7-day extension (21 – 27 June) to Bavaria and Austria. It will include the Marian Shrine of Altotting, as well as Marktl in Bavaria; Salzburg of the Sound of Music fame and the hometown of Mozart; and the historic, cultural, and artistic city of Vienna in Austria.

Pilgrims will also visit various other shrines and attractions along with some spectacular churches and monasteries. Enquiries: 4628 1385 or directly at harvestjourneys.com/tour/pilgrimageof-mercy Bookings only through Harvest Journeys.

Summer School of Evangelisation (Sydney): 7-14 January 2024, Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

NSW Summer School is a week-long, live-in, life-changing retreat featuring praise and worship, inspiring talks, engaging liturgy, time to chill & learn and more in the midst of a community of 150+ young people aged 16-35. Registrations opened 31st October. Register by 30th November, to receive early bird rates (concession \$525/adult \$625) these could still be available on enquiry. More info: contact@summerschool.org.au. Bookings: summerschool.org.au

Diocesan News

Get connected with what is on around the diocese Conscious that with many messages to choose from to put in your bulletins every week, we are continuing to include a short message near the top of the message suggestions that captures an opportunity for the faithful to stay connected with what is happening around the diocese.

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 subscribe:

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

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

Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th December ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday

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

Celebrant

Musician/Vocalists

Sunday

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

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Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Wal Glynn	Kerry Todd	Russell O'Brien, Trish O'Flynn	Diane Kennaugh, Sharon Picken	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Sue				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Maureen Grisdale	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll	Lisa McFadzean	Cheryl/ Kathryn
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczek				
Sun 10.00am	James and Michael	Helen Lanyon	Michael Reardon	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Maria Debrincat	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm		Joseph Hanson	Samantha Vergara	Dianne Garland	Jody Musso	Lo Cascio family

Saturday/Sunday 16th/17th December ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed: Des Grissell, Kerry Hudson, Virginia Mackie, Filipo Lo Conte, Barry Jones, Michael Greene, Paul Agius, Nicolina Tallack, Doris Bromfield, *who died recently*. Sam Fenech, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, Harvi Chessell, Josephine Albany, Brett Gray, Peter Cox, Dayne Mackie, Joseph Zoric *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time*. Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Sabas Bolivar, Oliva Bolivar, msgr Pastor Bolivar, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Mary and Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP*.

We Pray for those who are unwell:
Anne Lonsdale, Robyn Shearer,
Betty Thomas, Marie Dunn,
Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina,
Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy
Calarco, Norman Richardson,
John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Fr Michael Williams