

# Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden



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

## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December ~ Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Masses at Oakdale, The Oaks and Camden to be celebrated according to the normal weekend schedule.

## Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 ~ Solemnity Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass to be celebrated at Camden at 9:00 AM. Celebrant Father Victor.

**Need to read the following paragraph slowly and reflectively:**

On Calvary, the dying Jesus gave his Mother to all of humankind to be their spiritual Mother, so that through her they might come to God, as through her He came to them.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Back to Normal. Tuesday to Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

## WRAP-UP OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Gratitude is extended to the huge number of people who were part of our Christmas celebrations. It's reliably estimated that more than 3,000 people were at Camden and well over 100 people at Oakdale and The Oaks.

A wonderfully large number of people dedicated their own resources to the celebrations well in advance. Organisation was first class, and the sacred music was highly accomplished and greatly appreciated. How can anyone not love the beautiful sacred music at Christmas?

And finally, sincere thanks to the large number of parishioners who offered personal cards and gifts to the clergy. There are times when priestly ministry can be testy and heavy going. But the outpouring of Christmas best wishes makes everything truly worthwhile.

Indeed, within our own parishes, the concern for clergy has been inter-generational. 'Can recall a few old mates reaching back to the early 1980s who always spoke about parishioners as being warm and supportive towards their priests. 'Was true then, and it's still true today. Many thanks.

PS: Many of the little children who came to Mass over Christmas were very excited by the crib, Christmas tree and lights at St Paul's. Very pretty.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

Very best wishes to all our parishioners in 2024. Would encourage two thoughts for the new year.

1. Personal happiness is inseparably linked to the quality of our relationships, and especially our relationship with God.
2. Our health is our wealth – spiritual health, emotional health and physical health.

## 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.

## Saturday/Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> /31<sup>st</sup> December ~ Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### Saturday

		<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Musician/Vocalists</b>
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Tasha
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

### Sunday

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

31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Sandra Skarsky	Pat O'Flynn	Angelina Vecchio	Wal Glynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Kimberley Logue	Cheryl Carroll	Lisa McFadzean	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		TBA				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane	Nada Simich	Oscar Marimbe	Cathy Conwell	Peter Grizelj	Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Joseph Hanson	Meaghan Marchand	Jody Musso	Dianne Garland	Lo Cascio family

## Saturday/Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> January ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

### Saturday

		<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Musician/Vocalists</b>
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Belinda & Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jo

### Sunday

The Oaks	9:00 AM	Father Michael	Nicole
Camden	8:00 AM	Father Victor	Steve
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Jenny & Tasha

*For our Faithful Departed:* Yvonne Funnell, Fabio Viola, Marcia Apap, Giacomo Favot, Terrence Belleville, *who died recently.* Wayne Stephenson Campbell, Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Michele Furlanetto, Robert Sinclair, Laurence & Alex Rooney, Sam Fenech, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, Brett Gray, Peter Cox, Dayne Mackie, Joseph Zoric *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Keith, Maureen Millar, Bruce Millar, Cath Bourke, George Apap, Apap family, Joyce family, Maria Irwin, Barry Myles, Mary and Nathan Giles, Therese Carroll, Louis & Victoria Gauci, *RIP.*

*We Pray for those who are unwell:* Myra Dozzi, 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**

**Father Michael**