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ST CLARE'S  
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ST JOSEPH  
THE WORKER  
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COMMUNITY  
OAKDALE

## Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

### 2ns Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ 14 January 2024

17 January, Feast of St Anthony, Abbot

This outstanding father of all monks was born in Egypt about the year 250. After the death of his parents he gave his worldly goods to the poor and went into the desert to live a life of penance. Many became his followers. He died in the year 356. He provided the following words of reflection:

1. *The days are coming when men will go mad and when they meet a man who has kept his senses, they will rise up against him, saying, "You are mad because you are not like us"!*
2. *"Reject pride and consider everyone more righteous than yourself."*

The first of St Anthony's reflections might well seem to have a contemporary application. Who knows?

### Weekend Masses ~ 13/14 January

Reminder that this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a Holy Communion Service at Oakdale at 5:00 PM. Apologies for the inconvenience.

### Parish News ~ Heritage Hall

Life around the parish is still rather quiet but that's a welcomed change of pace from the normal and very demanding routine that applies for almost the entire year. Having made that observation, it's worth noting that the phone still rings dozens of times a day, and there are numerous knocks at the door. All are welcome.

And it's good to be able to report that the HH is again open for business, well almost. This is about the oldest building on the site with a history that stretches back to much the same time as the original church, now known as the chapel. 'Will continue to be a valued resource for parish and school functions. Now awaiting delivery of 100 new chairs that are expected to arrive before the end of the month.

### St Clare's Church

Plans are in progress to submit a Development Application (DA) to Camden Council this month or by the end of February at the latest. Bishop Brian has assessed the project and provided approval.

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## The Oaks

An exact time of settlement has yet to be determined regarding the sale of the land. However, all conditions have been met. Our Project Manager will be able to 'follow-up' in coming weeks.

## Beautiful Music

'Was presiding at a few weddings last weekend. Both very beautiful. The Saturday wedding was at St Mary's Cathedral in the crypt which has its own pipe organ. Very beautiful.

The Bride processed to [Gloria in D Major by Vivaldi](#). Worth listening to on YouTube. Choral versions with orchestral accompaniment are quite magnificent. And just love the strings.

Like Handel's Alleluia Chorus, this music must surely have been divinely inspired.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> January ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 13<sup>th</sup> January

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Maria & Rachael
Oakdale	5:00 PM	<i>Communion Service</i>	Jo

### Sunday

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

14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Enzeigh Thomas					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Jim Gallagher	Diane Kennaugh	Wal Glynn	???	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Albino				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Maureen Grisdale	Rebecca Ward	Maryann Ace	Lorraine Phillips	Kimberley
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	James & Peter	Nada Simich	Helen Lanyon	Maria Debrincat		Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Joseph Hanson	Judith Madsen	Jody Musso	Samantha Vergara	Lo Cascio family

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 20<sup>th</sup> January

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:* Christine Blaney-Murphy, Pietro Leto, Yvonne Funnell, Fabio Viola, *who died recently.* Sammy Fenech, Alenka Zuvella, Marika Freeman, Wayne Stephenson Campbell, Rino & Assunta Zanatta, Pasquale Zanatta, Michele Furlanetto, Robert Sinclair, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* John Sammut, Givanni Pittana, Rose Mari, Josephine Sciberras, 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**