



ST. PAUL'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
CAMDEN

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THE OAKS

ST CLARE'S
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ST JOSEPH
THE WORKER
CATHOLIC
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ YEAR B

21 January, Feast of St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

At the age of 13, Agnes had become a beautiful young teenager who committed her life to Christ. She resisted the advances of local noblemen who wanted her hand in marriage. She was accused of being a Christian – of which she proudly acknowledged – at a time when the church was under serious persecution in the early fourth century. It was said by St Ambrose that Agnes went to her execution more cheerfully than others go to their wedding.

FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY ~ AUSTRALIA DAY

Masses will be celebrated as usual at St Clare's at 8:00 AM and St Paul's at 9:00 AM.
Masses will be offered for our nation and for all the peoples who call Australia home.

For those who are planning a trip to Sydney, celebrations are taking place throughout the day at St Mary's Cathedral. Presume more details are available on their website.

PENANCE PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN

The programme recommences next weekend the 27/28 January. Please be mindful that the 'Prayer Assessment Evening' has been scheduled for one month's time, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th February. Children need to be able to recite their prayers to have reached a readiness for their first confession.

The practical reason why a knowledge of prayer is so necessary is because the Sacrament of Penance includes - after the confession by the penitent – an issuing of penance which usually includes the recitation of prayers. Parents, therefore, are asked to start teaching their children the Our Father, Hail Mary and the Act of Contrition. Prayer Cards to assist families will be distributed at all Masses next weekend.

Of course, a deeper reason why children need to know their prayers is so that they can pray. St Mother Theresa of Calcutta was once asked by a person how to pray. She responded: "Say the Our Father, but take an hour to say it"

Sunday 21st January ~ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 20th 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	Steve/Cheryl
Camden	10:00 AM	Father Victor	Choir
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

21st Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Mark Coleman					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Pat O'Flynn	Anthony McElhone	Toni Sillis	Russell O'Brien	Trish O'Flynn	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Jo				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Deana David	Kimberley Logue	Maryann Ace	Lorraine Phillips	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Leslie Meiklejohn				
Sun 10.00am	John Marchand	Wal Glynn	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Debrincat	Peter Grizelj	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	Mark Coleman	Samantha Vergara	Joseph Hanson	Jody Musso	Clare Power	Craig

Sunday 28th January ~ 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 27th January

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Sarah
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father Victor	Jo

Sunday

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

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.

For our Faithful Departed: William Burnell, Christine Blaney-Murphy, Pietro Leto, Yvonne Funnell, Fabio Viola, *who died recently.* Valtin Thurn, Saveria & Toni Grech, Eric Busby, Liam Cantarella, 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.* Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, 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, *Requiescat in Pace.*

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