



ST. PAUL'S
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OAKDALE

Dear Parishioners at The Oaks and Camden

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B ~ 28th January 2024

Lots of feasts coming up this week:

27 January St Angela Merici, Virgin	(known for charity and prudence)
28 January St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	(truly great theologian)
31 January St John Bosco, Priest	(father and teacher of the young)

Father Victor

News was communicated last Saturday evening that Father Victor will be soon departing our parish to take up residence and ministry at Holy Spirit, Vincentia which is a parochial district within the parish of Nowra.

Vincentia is a delightful area and a very popular holiday resort. It's about 3ks from Huskisson with both townships positioned on the picture-postcard Jervis Bay.

Father Victor's predecessor in Camden was Father Joseph Pothenparampil who departed Camden in 2021 to become the parish priest of St Michael's Nowra with its many station churches – Bomaderry, Berry, Culburra, Vincentia and Kangaroo Valley. Beautiful part of the world and the standard of roads has improved enormously over the past few decades. Quite a delightful drive! And a brief stopover at Berry for a coffee has always been a little treat.

After almost three years, Father Victor's final commitments in the parish will be on Sunday 4th February. However, during the transition time, Father Victor will also celebrate Masses at Oakdale and The Oaks the following weekend, of 10th/11th February.

- ✓ For this weekend, Father Michael will celebrate the four Masses in Camden
- ✓ For the following weekend 3rd/4th, Father Victor will celebrate the four Masses in Camden – a kind of public farewell.
- ✓ And on the weekend after 10th/11th really got no idea what's happening, but confident that the fog will clear.

Friday 26th January ~ Australia Day

Masses for our nation at Narellan Vale at 8:00 AM and Camden at 9:00 AM

From the Opening Prayer at Mass:

Grant, we pray O Lord, that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,
So may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new,
And by saving grace, transform our lives.

And from the Preface before the Holy Holy:

For from ancient times you made this land a home for many peoples,
And became their rock of strength.
When they were hungry you gave them food, and when thirsty, water even from the desert.

Midweek Mass ~ Tuesday 30 January

The normal 9:00 AM Mass will be replaced by a special **8:15 Mass** in which teachers and ancillary personnel from our four schools will be present. Principal celebrant will be Father Michael. There will be sacred music and a homily.

All are regulars are warmly invited to attend. We're an inclusive parish. The apostolate of Catholic schools in our own parish can be best described as 'huge'. Almost 2,400 children and teenagers will be enrolled in 2024 in one of our four Catholic schools.

Mass will be offered for our schools that they may be places of intellectual, spiritual and physical formation with the highest quality of pastoral care.

Penance Programme for Children

Programme recommences this week with the distribution of holy cards. These cards are intended to assist parents in helping their children to learn their prayers.

Got an idea:

When getting into the car and driving away from home, why not say all the prayers together?

Quite simply, the prayers must be known for children to be assessed as 'ready' to make their first confession. Parents are entrusted with this serious responsibility. Thanks in anticipation.

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

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 27th January

Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria & 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 & Darko
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Craig

28th Jan	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	Pat O'Flynn					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	Ray Cusack	Maria Kosiak	Diane Kennaugh	Angelina V, Pat O'Flynn	Trish O'Flynn, Sharon Picken	Eugene
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Suzie				
Sun 8.00am	Enzeigh Thomas	Anthony McElhone	Kimberley Logue	Lucy Aquilina	Cheryl Carroll	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Robyn Bielaczak				
Sun 10.00am	James McFarlane & Peter Grizelj	Helen Lanyon	Maria Caridi	Kylie Crnek-Georgeson		Raphael
Sun 5.00pm	Andrew Watson	Dianne Garland	Judith Madsen	Joseph Hanson	Samatha Vergara	Craig

Sunday 4th February ~ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

Vigil ~ Saturday Evening 3rd February

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

Sunday

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

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: Renee Rutland, 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