



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

Dear Parishioners at Camden and The Oaks

3rd Sunday in Lent ~ 3rd March 2024

Thoughts about Lent:

"It is not just about giving up our favourite food but it's about going further and giving up things like hatred and unforgiveness. You need to clean your heart and prepare yourself for purity."

Great Opportunity ~ Aged Care ~ Presentation in our own parish

CatholicCare are visiting our parish to help you understand how they (CatholicCare) can provide the services you or your loved one need to continue to live independently with the right support.

Details: Friday 22 March following 9:00 AM Mass.
The meeting will be in the meeting room or possibly in the heritage hall.
CatholicCare to provide morning tea.

So the over 55s at Camden and The Oaks are invited to come along and hear the important information our aged care specialists have to offer. Good investment of time.

Please RSVP to Elizabeth / Cheryl on 4655 8797 or email camden@dow.org.au

Mater Dei Annual Golf Fundraiser

On this coming Friday, 8 March, another huge golf day will be taking place at the picture-postcard Camden Lakeside Golf Course. The annual fundraiser has been a wonderful event in the local area for around 30 years, and attracts widespread support from many of the local clubs, car dealerships, law firms and other reputable establishments. The NSW Police have been patrons from the beginning.

Over the decades, Bishops from our own Diocese of Wollongong have come and gone, Principals of Mater Dei have come and gone, old golfers and other supporters have come and gone. But there's always a new generation of people who really give great support to this most worthy event.

The funds generated are dedicated to improving services and facilities for the children and teenagers at Mater Dei. This school will always have a very special place in our parish and local community.

BTW, on behalf of the parish, Father Michael will be teeing off once again. Father Michael has played in almost every event since its introduction, even before moving to Camden in 2003. Accordingly, it will not be possible to have Mass this coming Friday at St Clare's.

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Piety Stall

About half dozen children's books have been added to the mobile piety in the chapel. The books are a children's version for following Sunday Mass. Prices range from \$15 to \$25. They're quite lovely little publications and suited, especially, to children who will be preparing for FHC.

Come See, Go Make

For a few months, the opportunity has been available to all our parishioners at Camden and The Oaks to take home a copy of the Bishop's pastoral plan entitled, 'Come See, Go Make'. The entire pastoral plan has been presented in the form of three separate booklets.

About 10 days ago, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) began to look at these booklets but it's not the kind of reading that can be covered thoughtfully in an hour or two. Accordingly, this pastoral plan will be a permanent agenda item for the PPC for at least 2024.

A follow-up booklet has now also become available, containing many pages of worksheet activities. These booklets will be situation on the various magazine tables around our churches. Please collect one as many boxes full of booklets have arrived.

The author(s) explain on the inside front cover that working through these booklets is best undertaken as a parish community in a large group over a number of sessions with more than 50 people. Alternatively, it might also be possible to facilitate smaller groups ranging from 8-12 people.

Further developments, initiatives and invitations will be announced in coming weeks and months.

Penance Programme for Children

Few Messages:

Workbooks need to be handed to the attendants this weekend after Masses for review. They will be returned the following weekend with a parish stamp if all the work has been of a satisfactory standard. Parents are requested to look through the books prior to handing in to ensure that the children have completed every question/puzzle, as this will save the books being returned for re-working.

Families who did not attend the 'Prayer Assessment Evening' last week will not be able to move onto the next stage of the programme. However, preparation can be recommenced mid-year in 2024 when enrolment into a back-up programme will be available.

Alternatively, Father Michael will be in the chapel at Camden this Saturday morning from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM if any of these families want to continue in the existing programme.

Please keep in mind that completion of the Penance Programme is absolutely necessary for enrolment into the First Holy Communion programme which begins from the first weekend in September. It a legal requirement in church law.

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 2nd/3rd March ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday

Camden 5:00 PM
Oakdale 5:00 PM

Celebrant

Father James
Father Michael

Musician/Vocalists

Belinda
Jo

Sunday

The Oaks 9:00 AM
Camden 8:00 AM
Camden 10:00 AM
Camden 5:00 PM

Father Michael
Father James
Father James
Father Michael

Nicole
Cheryl
Choir
Jenny and Tasha

3rd Mar	Acolyte	Lector	Lector	Special Minister	Special Minister	PC
Sat 9.00am	John Roberts					
Sat Vigil 5.00pm	John Roberts	Kerry Todd	Toni Sillis	Diane Kennaugh, Chris Keun	Russell O'Brien, Ray Cusack	Kerry
Oakdale Vigil 5pm	Chris Billett	Brian				
Sun 8.00am	Mark Coleman	Cheryl Carroll	Glenn Crawford	Kathryn Hampton	Maryann Ace	Cheryl
The Oaks 9.00am		Jeanette Reid				
Sun 10.00am	Michael Toweel	Maureen Grisdale	Michael Reardon	Joseph Hanson	Kylie Crnek- Georgeson	Brad
Sun 5.00pm	John Marchand	Meaghan Marchand	Maria Kosiak	Jacinta Abernethy	Simon Abernethy	Eugene

Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th March ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday

		Celebrant	Musician/Vocalists
Camden	5:00 PM	Father Michael	Maria and Rachael
Oakdale	5:00 PM	Father James	Jo

Sunday

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

For our Faithful Departed: Ivy Gleeson, Lyn Simich, Marie Dunn, Sime Frkic, Beryl Hankin, Michael Ainsworth, John Davenport, William Burnell, *who died recently.* Juliet Benedict, Brian & Julie Jenkins, Pat Rheinbeger, Faye Humphries, Dorothy Dunn, Margaret Thurn, Thurn family, Sutton family, Dunn family, *whose anniversaries are remembered at this time.* Cath Bourke, Thurn Family, Sutton Family, Dunn Family, John Sammut, Givanni Pittana, Rose Mari, Josephine Sciberras, Keith, Maureen Millar, Bruce Millar, 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: Alexia Nawaling, Robert & Margaraet Roach, Anne Hyeronimus, Dianne Koens, Renee Rutland, Myra Dozzi, Anne Lonsdale, Robyn Shearer, Betty Thomas, Wayne Fletcher, Betty Aquilina, Olivia Toole, Sue Johnson, Nancy Calarco, Norman Richardson, John and Ilona Somoracz.

Kind Regards

Father Michael